



Business Meeting of the Research Group on Manuscript Evidence



Pre-Congress Business Meeting on Wednesday, 19 April 2023

1:00–2:30 pm EDT/GMT-4 (with a Pause at about 45 minutes) via Zoom

Agenda

See also the **2023 Report** (Business Meeting)

- I. People: Our organization is powered by volunteers. Help Wanted, with Thanks.
— Funds, Pro-Bono Contributions, and Donations in Kind are welcomed. (See the **Report**.)
- II. Running our Nonprofit Educational Corporation (Management & General), with low overheads (see *Item I*). Help?
Organizational Functions: Co-ordinating activities & operations; fulfilling Office tasks, Accounting, Filings, etc.
- III. Funding: By Appeals, Voluntary Donations, Named Funds, Pro-Bono Contributions, etc.
Fund-Raising: Events, Appeals (Annual, etc.), Mailings, and Online; also Special Purposes (e.g. Equipment/Services) via our website (PayPal), Fundraisers by Giving Tuesday, FaceBook (Birthday Fundraisers), checks, cash, etc.
Responses to Appeals, Donations for Endowment, specific Events/Purposes (Zoom subscription, now for Website), etc.
Named Donations “in Honor of Giles Constable” († 2021), our Honorary Trustee. More? Purposes?
- IV. Program Activities, on-going and new (also *Item VI*). Year Themes: “Materials & Access” 2023 / “Bridges” 2024
Symposia, Conferences, Workshops, Masterclasses, Interviews, Episodes, Etc. — Online/Hybrid/In Person (Recordings)
2022–2024 Spring & Autumn Symposia — Return (2022–) to our Symposia (× 2) and published Booklets
The Research Group Speaks (2021–): Episodes online with lectures, roundtables, webinars, etc. Ten to date.
Conferences: 2022–2024 ICMS (Kalamazoo MI in May; 2024 IMC (Leeds UK in July).
Future Events: Some in view; More? Wanted: Hosts, Subjects, Organizers, Presentations, last-minute ‘Back Up’ aid.
— Episodes; 2023 Autumn Symposium (“Between Earth & Sky”) on 21 October by Zoom; 2024 Spring.
— Choices for 2024 ICMS (9–11 May); IMS (Theme “Crisis”). ICMS Session Proposals Sponsored/Co-Sponsored due 1 June; IMS Papers and Session Proposal due 31 August / 20 September.
Publications (Traditional & Digital). Feedback, Suggestions, Advice, Expertise & Help Welcome.
WordPress *Website* upgrade & redesign (April 2021–); spam cleanup (Winter 2022); **WebMaster** Wanted (1 June)!
Galleries: *Watermarks & the History of Paper* (2020–), Digital Facsimiles (IIIF in view), etc. Additions, please.
Blogs for *Manuscript Studies & ICMS Activities* — Guest Bloggers, Editors & Contributors Wanted.
Printed & Printable: *Booklets* (Events, Reports, Drafts for Comment), *e/Newsletter ShelfMarks*, *Anthology*(?), etc.
— also RGME Business Cards and Institutional Affiliation for Independent Scholars, Volunteers, et al.
Multi-Lingual Digital Font *Bembino* (© RGME and free for use): Next Version in view (either **1.7** or **2.1**)
— Next Step: Compatibilities between current PUA (“Private Use Area”) codepoints *vs.* MUFI-compliance?
Social Media: RGME on *Facebook*, *Twitter* @rgme_mss, *Eventbrite* for *Event Registrations*, etc.
Video Recordings of our Episodes, Sessions & other Events (2021–). Tech Support (editing etc.), Hosting?
- V. **RGME Library & Archives** (Original Materials, Books, Papers, Correspondence, Photographs, Ephemera, etc.)
— partly Digitized. Help Wanted with assembling, processing, and cataloguing. Also, a Future Home?
- VI. Projects (also *Items IV–V*): Research, Photography, Conservation, Library & Archives, Publishing, etc. Interns?
- VII. Business Arising & Further Discussion
- VIII. Date for next Meeting: **2023 Congress Business Meeting** 11 May 2023 (in person); **2024 Pre-Congress** (April?)