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).

   — Episodes; 2023 Autumn Symposium (“Between Earth & Sky”) on 21 October by Zoom; 2024 Spring.
   — Choices for 2024 ICMS (9–11 May); IMC (Theme “Crisis”). ICMS Session Proposals Sponsored/Co-Sponsored due 1 June; IMS Papers and Session Proposal due 31 August / 20 September.

   WordPress Website upgrade & redesign (April 2021–); spam cleanup (Winter 2022); WebMaster Wanted (1 June)!
   Blogs for Manuscript Studies & ICMS Activities — Guest Bloggers, Editors & Contributors Wanted.

Printed & Printable: Booklets (Events, Reports, Drafts for Comment), eNewsletter 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. MUIF-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?)