



# 2025 Open Business Meeting of the RGME

At the 60th International Congress on Medieval Studies (ICMS) on Thursday, 8 May 2025  
12:00–1:00 pm EDT (GMT-4) at Student Center 2205 & via Zoom for Congress Registrants

## Agenda & Report (See “Who We Are”\*)

- I. People: Our organization (sans “Members”) is powered by volunteers. “Where There’s Good Will, There’s a Way”.  
— Funds, Donations in Kind, and Pro-Bono Contributions are welcomed. Please help our *2025 Annual Appeal*.

Committees: Fund-Raising, Editorial, Website Advisory, Oversight, Task Force for RGME Library & Archives.  
Interns (subject to funding). Executive Associate/Assistant; Student Interns; WebEditor?  
Friends of the Research Group on Manuscript Evidence (community for donors, contributors, volunteers, anyone)

- II. Running our Nonprofit Educational Corporation (**Management & General**), with low overheads (see *Item I*). *Help!*  
Corporate Functions: Co-ordinating operations, funding & activities; fulfilling official Tasks, Filings, Accounting, etc.

- III. Funding: By Appeals, Voluntary Donations, Named Funds, Pro-Bono Contributions, etc. *Name us in your Will!*

Events, Appeals, Mailings, and Online (emailing, Social Media, etc.); Special Purposes (Occasions, Projects, etc.):  
via our website (PayPal), Fundraisers by Giving Tuesday, FaceBook (Birthday Fundraisers), checks, cash, etc. Bequests?  
Responses to Appeals, Donations for Endowment, Named Funds, specific Events/Functions, etc. **Donor Tiers?**  
Grants: Occasional, for specific Projects (e.g. 2023, 2024; 2025 applications still in limbo). *Help to Identify and apply.*  
Needs: Urgent are RGME running costs, remedy for RGME website crisis in hosting & management since 2024  
(subscriptions for hosting, management, backup, etc.), part-time help for overworked Director, support for  
activities/projects (research, publications), sources of income: **Increase endowment, charge admission, sales?**

- IV. Program Activities: Our Mission in Action.

See <https://manuscriptevidence.org/wpme/2024-and-2025-activities/>

Symposia, Conferences, Workshops, Episodes, Etc. — Online/Hybrid/In Person & Recordings (Need Video-Editing)  
*Symposia Etc:* Spring & Autumn Symposia + 2025 Autumn Colloquia, with published Booklets, Etc. *Help!*  
*The Research Group Speaks* (2021–): Episodes online with lectures, roundtables, interviews, etc. **Subjects?**  
*RGME Workshops on “The Evidence of Manuscripts, Etc.”* (2024–). **Requests? MS Fragments you know of?**  
*Meetings of the Friends of the Research Group on Manuscript Evidence* (2024–), with own Logo. **Join!**  
*Conferences:* 2022–2025 ICMS (Kalamazoo MI in May); 2024–2025 IMC (Leeds UK in July). **2026?**  
Future Events: **Wanted:** Hosts, Funds, Subjects, Organizers, Presentations, last-minute ‘Back Up’.  
Leeds Congress (July); Autumn Symposium (Oct); Autumn Colloquium (Nov); Workshops; Etc. **Other?**  
**Choices** for 2026 ICMS (8–10 May); IMS (6–9 July; Congress Theme “Temporalities”). **(Co-)Sponsored?**  
Due: ICMS Session Proposals by 1 June; IMC Papers / Sessions Proposals by 31 August / 30 September.

Publications (Traditional & Digital). Feedback, Suggestions, Advice, Expertise & Help Welcome.

WordPress *Website:* Archiving, Transfer, Upgrade, Spam cleanup; Editing, Content, Updating. **Help Wanted**  
Blogs for *Manuscript Studies / ICMS Activities* — Guest Bloggers, (Copy-)Editors & Contributors Wanted.  
Printed/Printable: *Booklets* (Events, Reports, Drafts for Comment), e/Newsletter *ShelfMarks, Anthology*, etc.  
Multi-Lingual Digital Font **Bembino** (© RGME and free for use) and new Variant for Word **BembinoWP**.  
More scripts/languages are added by request: Most recent, Devanāgarī, Tibetan, and Tenuar (Elvish).  
*Social Media:* Facebook (Page & Group), *Bluesky, Instagram, LinkedIn, Eventbrite Collection*  
*Video Recordings* of our Episodes, Sessions & other Events (2021–). Tech Support (editing etc.), Hosting. **Help.**

- V. *RGME Library & Archives* (Original Materials, Books, Papers, Correspondence, Photographs, Ephemera, etc.)  
— partly Digitized. **Help Wanted** with assembling, processing, cataloguing, archiving, **Also, a Future Home?**

- VI. **Projects** (also *Items IV–V*): Research, Photography, Conservation, Library & Archives, Publishing, Promotion, etc.

- VII. Business Arising & Further Discussion

- VIII. Date for next Meeting: **2026 Congress?**

\* See <https://manuscriptevidence.org/wpme/profile/who-are/>