



2026 Open Business Meeting of the RGME



At the 61st International Congress on Medieval Studies (ICMS)
Thursday, 14 May 2026 12:00–1:00 pm EDT (GMT-4)
Student Center 2207 & via RGME Zoom

Agenda & Report (See “Who We Are”*)

- I. **People:** Our nonprofit educational organization (sans “Members”) is powered by volunteers.
“Where There’s Good Will, There’s a Way”
— Funds, Donations in Kind, and Pro-Bono Contributions pave the way. Join our *2026 Annual Appeal*.

Board of Trustees, Officers, Honorary Invited Associates, Volunteers, Donors, Sponsors, Friends

Committees:

Fund-Raising, Editorial, Website Advisory, Oversight, Task Force for RGME Library & Archives, etc.

RGME Production Team: Registration & Zoom Management, In-Person & Onsite Backup; etc.

— Responsibilities include pre-, mid-, and post-production for activities, publications, projects

Interns: Executive Associate/Assistants; Plenipotentiary; Students; Archivists; WebEditors

Friends of the Research Group on Manuscript Evidence (for our whole community; free to join)

- II. **Management & General:** Running our **Nonprofit Educational Corporation**, with low overheads, no employees, slim endowment, and donations (in funds and in kind). (*See Item I.*)

Corporate Functions:

— Co-ordinating operations, funding, and activities; fulfilling official Tasks, Filings, Accounting, etc.

- III. **Funding:** By Appeals, Donations, Named Funds, Sponsorships, Grants Pro-Bono Contributions, etc.

Events, Appeals, (e)Mailings, and Online (Social Media, etc.); Special Purposes (Occasions, Projects, etc.):
via our Website, Fundraisers (MightyCause, Giving Tuesday, etc.), checks, cash, Bequests, etc. **Yes, Please!**

Responses to Appeals, Donations for Endowment, Named Funds, specific Events/Functions, etc. **Donors?**

Grants: Occasional, for specific Projects (e.g. 2023, 2024 grants). *Help to identify and apply for grants.*

Needs:

— Urgent (since 2024) are RGME running costs, RGME website hosting & management (subscriptions for hosting, management, services, backup, etc.), part-time help for overworked Director, support for activities/projects (research, publications), sources of income:

Increase endowment and revenue; appeals, fund-raising campaigns, admission fees, sales?

- IV. **Program Activities:** Our Mission in Action, Mentoring Included

Symposia, Conferences, Workshops, Episodes, Etc. Online/Hybrid/In Person; Backlog of Recordings

— ***Need Video-Editing for Recordings and Channel for hosting them***

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



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Symposia & Colloquia, Etc. (e.g. 2023–2026), with published Booklets, Etc. **Support, Please!**
The Research Group Speaks (2021–) in Episodes with lectures, roundtables, interviews, etc. **Subjects?**
RGME Workshops on “The Evidence of Manuscripts, Etc.” (2024–). **Requests?**
Meetings of the Friends of the Research Group on Manuscript Evidence (2024–). **Join!**
Conferences: ICMS (Kalamazoo MI in May); IMC (Leeds UK in July). **2027? Send Proposals**

Future Events: Hosts, Funds, Subjects, Organizers, Presentations, Presiders, ‘Back Up’. **Help Wanted**

Leeds Congress (July 2026), Autumn Symposium (October?), Episodes, Workshops, Master Classes,
Interviews, Project Reports, RGME Friends’ Meetings, Etc. **Other?**

Choices: 2027 ICMS (13–15 May) & IMS (5–8 July, Congress Theme “Communities”). **Proposals?**
Proposals due: ICMS Sessions by 1 June; IMC by 31 August (Papers) / 30 September (Sessions)

Publications (Traditional & Digital) as nonprofit educational publisher: Section 501(c)(3) organization.
— **Submissions, Advice, Expertise & Help Welcome**

WordPress *Website*: Archiving, Site Migration to BlueHost Management, Upgrade, Spam cleanup;
Redesign; Providing, Editing, and Updating Content; Improving Navigation. **Help Wanted**
Blogs for 1) *Manuscript Studies*; 2) *ICMS Activities*
— Guest Bloggers, Research Discoveries, Editors, Copy-Editors, Reviewers, & Contributors Wanted.

Printed/Printable:

Ephemera (Posters, Award Certificates, etc.)

RGME Booklets (Event Booklets, Research Reports, Conference Papers, Drafts for Comment)

RGME e/Newsletter ShelfMarks. Contributions, Notices, News for Issue 3 requested

Books, Volumes:

ShelfLife Bulletin/Anthology (Highlights and Discoveries)

RGME Friends’ Favorite Recipes Cookbook, etc.

Multi-Lingual Digital Font Bembino (©RGME and free for use)

— with Launch (25 March 2026) for new Variant for Word-Processing for everyone: *BembinoWP*

More scripts/languages are added by request. Most recent: Devanāgarī, Tibetan, and Tenguar (Elvish)

Social Media:

— *Facebook* (Page & Group), *Bluesky*, *X/Twitter*, *Instagram*, *LinkedIn*, *Eventbrite Collection*

Audio-Video Recordings of our Events (2021–). Tech Support (editing etc.), Hosting, Access. **Help**

V. *RGME Library & Archives* (Manuscripts, Books, Papers, Correspondence, Photographs, Ephemera, etc.)

— partly Digitized. **Help Wanted** to assemble, process, catalogue, archive, provide access

Online Exhibition, Booklets, and a Future Home?

VI. *Projects* (also *Items IV–V*): Research, Photography, Conservation, Library & Archives, Publishing,
Distribution, Circulation, Promotion, etc. **Contributors and Interns Wanted, Mentoring included.**

VII. *Business Arising & Further Discussion*

VIII. *Date for next Meeting: 2027 Congress?*