



# Business Meeting of the Research Group on Manuscript Evidence



At the 52nd International Congress on Medieval Studies (ICMS)

Thursday, 11 May 2017, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in Fetzer 1030

All are welcome, including newcomers

## Agenda

1. Welcome and Thank You: Our organization is powered by Volunteers, Donors, Contributors
2. Our Activities for 2016 & 2017: “The Research Group on Manuscript [*and Other*] Evidence”  
now 18 years as a nonprofit educational corporation & 28 years as a scholarly organization
  - A. Annual Appeal & Beyond: **2016 Trustees’ Letter** with report of activities and specific requests
    - Donations in funds (cash, check, credit card, PayPal, Razoo) and in kind (materials, time, expertise)
  - B. Events & Conference Sessions, with thanks to our hosts, sponsors, organizers, and contributors
    - ICMS Sessions (4 or 5 per year), 2016 Symposium (Princeton), 2016 M-MLA Panels (St. Louis)  
— with WebPages, Posters, Abstracts, Program Booklets, Reports, Published Papers, etc.
  - C. Upgrades, Launches & Publications (mostly FREE, as the result of donations)
    - Upgraded RGME website (2014–) in position and expanding, with more and more materials
    - Our multilingual digital font **Bembino** now in **Version 1.4** (April 2017), plus updated **Booklet**  
— Additions: Runes, Armenian, Thai, Japanese Kanji, etc. Requests for more?
    - New version (2016) of our **Style Manifesto** ([manuscriptevidence.org/wpme/style-manifesto](http://manuscriptevidence.org/wpme/style-manifesto))
    - **ShelfMarks: The RGME newsletter** in email and printed versions, each with its own ISSN
    - Our blog on **Manuscript Studies** (2015–), our Image **Galleries** & the **Illustrated Handlist**
    - New webpages (2016–) for some **People** (starting with a newly retired Trustee and our Director)
    - New series of **Interviews** (2016–), so far in **Library Café** radio program, Booklet & blogpost
  - D. Promotional Offer for the **Illustrated Catalogue**, with distribution transferred fully to the RGME
3. Plans for Future Activities: *For Suggestions, Discussion, and Choices*
  - A. 2018 ICMS: Suggestions for Sessions (sponsored & co-sponsored), Reception(?), and Business Meeting
    - Subjects for Sessions, Panels, or Workshops, Their Organizers & Participants, and Calls for Papers
  - B. Other Venues & Subjects: What, When, Where? (M-MLA Convention now included)
    - Locations & Hosts for RGME Symposia, Colloquia, Workshops, Seminars, Exhibitions, etc.
  - C. Volunteers, Staff, Officers: Help Wanted, Intern(s) now included, with training opportunities
    - Fund-Raising, Accounting, Designing, Producing, Advertising, Distributing, Researching, etc.
    - Organizational, Secretarial, Editorial, Archival, Technical, Authorial, Advisory, etc.
4. Activities for 2017, 2018 & Beyond: *Contributions Wanted*
  - A. Our WordPress website: blog posts, image galleries, event registrations, editing, admin, support
  - B. RGME **Facebook Page** & **LinkedIn Group**: posts, contributions, comments, moderation
  - C. RGME-newsletter **ShelfMarks**: contributions, news, reviews, editing, proof-reading, layout, etc.
  - D. **MailChimp** circulars for news & announcements: address lists, preparing & issuing circulars, etc.
  - E. Research, Conservation, Photography: **Handlist of MSS, Documents & Early Printed Materials**, etc.
  - F. Publications: Book(let)s, Papers from Sessions, etc., produced by the RGME and/or other publishers
  - G. Promotion and Recruiting: Event Hosts, Organizers, Speakers, Panelists, Editors, Bloggers, et al.
5. Business Arising: Other Desiderata (researching, digitizing our archives, improving internet presence, etc.)
6. Adjournment: Please remember to present your completed forms for Donations, Orders, etc.

Reminder about our Sessions 41, 262, 321, and 515 during this Congress and  
Invitation to our co-sponsored Reception on Friday at 5:15 – 7:30 p.m. at Bernhard G10, with hosted bar