Business Meeting of the Research Group on Manuscript Evidence

[INTENDED for the 55th International Congress on Medieval Studies on 7 May 2020]
NOW RESCHEDULED — Date To Be Determined

All are welcome, including newcomers

Agenda

1. Welcome and Thank You: Our organization is powered by Volunteers, Associates, Trustees, Donors, Contributors

   — now 21 years as a nonprofit educational corporation & 31 years as an international scholarly organization
   A. Annual Appeal & Beyond: Agenda with report of activities & requests, online appeals, etc.; updates?
      • Donations in funds (cash, check, credit card, PayPal, etc.) and in kind (materials, time, expertise, etc.)
   B. Events & Conference Sessions, with thanks to our hosts, sponsors, organizers, and contributors
      — with WebPages, Posters, Abstracts online and in print, Program & Symposium Booklets, Reports, etc.
      • ICMS Sessions, sponsored (1993–) and co-sponsored (2006–): 5 or 7 per year in 2019 & (cancelled) 2020
      • M-MLA Permanent Panels (2016–): Chicago in 2019; more?
      • Symposia at Princeton University in April 2019 and (cancelled or postponed) 2020
      • Masterclasses & Guided Tours: Symposia 2019 and 2020, and “Gutenberg” Exhibition 2019
      • Business Meetings: Annually at ICMS (not 2020); also elsewhere (as in 2020), perhaps online too
   C. Upgrades, Launches, and Publications (mostly free, according with our nonprofit mission)
      • Upgraded RGME website (via WordPress 2014–), regularly updated and expanded; editors wanted.
      • Our multilingual digital font Bembino (2011–) now in Version 1.6 (2019), plus updated Booklet
         — Now with Ethiopic, Old Rus, more Chinese, etc. Requests for more? Consultations sought.
      • Research Booklets, Interviews & Photo Galleries. More in place, more to come. Help & advice wanted.
      • ShelfMarks: The RGME newsletter in email & printed versions. Resuming in 2020 with new editor.
      • Distribution of the Illustrated Catalogue by the RGME (2016–)
      • Reports as an Affiliate (2016–) to CARA (Committee on Centers and Regional Associations) of the MAA
      • Our blog on Manuscript Studies (2015–), The Illustrated Handlist (2015–), and Photo Galleries (2014–)
   D. RGME library & archives: Donations (1990–) continue to flow, with books, ephemera, original resources, etc.

3. Plans for Future Activities: For Suggestions, Discussion & Choices
   A. More Activities: Masterclasses, Rescheduling the 2020 Symposium or Its Parts, etc. Dates & Subjects?
   B. 2021 ICMS? Suggestions for Sessions (sponsored & co-sponsored), plus the Business Meeting & Reception
      • Subjects for Sessions, Roundtables, or Workshops, Their Organizers & Participants, and Calls for Papers
   C. Other Venues & Subjects: What, When, Where
      • Conferences and Hosts for RGME Symposia, Workshops, Seminars, Masterclasses, Exhibitions, etc.
   D. Methods & Coordination for Virtual Meetings
   E. Volunteers, Staff, Officers: Help Wanted, Intern(s) included.
      • Fund-Raising, Designing, Producing, Advertising, Distributing, etc.
      • Organizational, Editorial, Archival, Technical, Authorial, etc.

4. Activities for 2020 & Beyond: Contributions Wanted
   A. Our WordPress website: blog posts, photo galleries, event registrations, editing, admin, archiving, 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 & activities: updating address lists, preparing & issuing circulars, fund-raising
   E. Research, Conservation, Photography: Handlist of MSS, Documents & Early Printed Materials, etc.
   F. Publications: Book(lets), Papers from Sessions, Online Facsimiles (IIIF?), etc. Other publishers too?
   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, with Suggestions about Date & Venue for Next Business Meeting