

Minutes of the
Sixteenth Annual Byzantine Studies Conference
Business Meeting

26 October 1990

President Kathleen Corrigan opened the meeting with thanks to Nancy Ševčenko, Program Chair for the 1990 conference, and Gary Vikan, head of the Local Arrangements Committee. Minutes of the 1989 business meeting were approved, and the Conference elected four new members of the governing board: Jeffrey Anderson, Jacqueline Long, David Olster, and Marios Phillipides. Sadly, the Conference also elected a fifth new member, Christine Kondoleon, to complete the term of the late Kathleen Shelton.

Reports of the Officers and Standing Committees followed.

Leslie Brubaker, Secretary/Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report, noting that, unlike last year, and despite the high legal fees that accompanied the finalization of the Conference's shift to tax exempt status as a non-profit organization, the BSC was in the black for fiscal year 1989/90. Due to circumstances beyond his control-- notably the state of the Massachusetts economy-- David Grose had been unable to submit the final reports on the 1989 Amherst conference until after the Treasurer's Report had gone to press, so the Treasurer delivered the figures orally: Amherst returned \$571.00 to the BSC.

George Dennis, Secretary of the BSC - Dumbarton Oaks Liaison Committee, asked for comments on his report of the 1990 meeting. As there were none, the President reported that Thomas Dale had received the 1989 Graduate Student Prize, and thanked the anonymous donor who contributed the numismatic prize itself. She also noted that 32 graduate students were attending the 1990 BSC, and that nine of them were presenting papers and were thereby eligible for the 1990 prize, again provided by our generous anonymous donor.

President Corrigan announced that the 1991 meeting would be held from 7 - 10 November at Hellenic College, and that the 1992 meeting will be hosted by the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana sometime in early October, probably around the Columbus Day weekend.

The Director of Dumbarton Oaks, Angeliki Laiou, then reported on current and upcoming events in Washington. She noted that Robert Browning and Alexander Kazhdan were running a seminar at DO in the Fall term, while Nancy Ševčenko and Kazhdan would run one in the Spring semester. Director Laiou indicated that the search for a Director of Studies was proceeding on schedule, and that an appointment would be made in the near future. She reminded the conference of the Bliss Prize Fellowship, the upcoming fiftieth anniversary celebrations on 3 November at the National Academy of

Sciences and 29 November at Dumbarton Oaks, and the 3 - 5 May Symposium on "Byzantine Civilization in Light of Contemporary Scholarship." She concluded by welcoming suggestions for future Symposium topics.

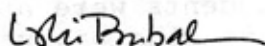
Sidney Griffith spoke about the upcoming symposium on Syriac studies, "Odessa from the fourth century to the Arab conquest," which he coordinated with Sebastian Brock. This symposium, the first on the topic ever held in North America, will convene at Brown University from 27 - 29 June 1991.

Ihor Ševčenko and George Majeska recounted the saga of the International Congress of Byzantine Studies, to be held in Moscow from 7 - 14 August. Ševčenko informed the conference that excursions to Kiev and the Crimea, and to Leningrad and the Golden Ring, were planned for 15 - 20 August, and reported on the cost and availability of rooms: 100 at \$20, 200 at \$50, 200 dorm rooms, of which half are reserved for foreigners, and luxury hotels in the \$120 - \$145 range. Majeska added that the circular should be out in November or December.

Leslie Brubaker reported briefly on the double session sponsored by the BSC at Kalamazoo (9 - 12 May) as part of an ongoing attempt to make Byzantium a more visible part of medieval studies, which she will chair with Robert Ousterhout. Speakers in "The Sacred Image: East and West" include Barbara Abu-el-Haj, Annemarie Weyl Carr, Kathleen Corrigan, Anne Derbes, Cynthia Hahn, and Gary Vikan.

It being time for the next sessions of the Byzantine Studies Conference to begin, President Corrigan adjourned the meeting shortly after 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Leslie Brubaker
Secretary/Treasurer