

Minutes of the Seventeenth Annual
Byzantine Studies Conference

Business Meeting: 8 November 1991

President Sidney Griffith opened the meeting by thanking His Grace, Bishop Methodios, for his hospitality and Dale Kinney, Program Chair, and Nomikos Vaporis, Local Arrangements Chair, for their efforts. Minutes of the 1990 conference were amended to reflect the organization of the Brown Syriac Symposium by Susan Harvey; the minutes were approved as amended. Four new members were elected to the board of governors: Timothy Miller, John Nesbitt, Lucille Roussel and Nancy Sevckenko.

The Reports of the officers and standing committees were presented and followed by announcements from the floor.

The Treasurer's report, presented by Jeffrey Anderson, was accepted.

Kathleen Corrigan presented the report of the Dumbarton Oaks Liaison Committee; she noted that among its highlights were the new Bliss Fellowship for young byzantinists and concern for the documentation and conservation of monuments at risk. She urged those attending the conference to bring to the Committee Chair any issues in need of ventilation at next year's meeting.

President Griffith announced the winner of the Graduate Student Prize, Dorothy Verkerk of Rutgers University; her paper was entitled "Liturgy and Narrative in the Exodus Cycle of the Ashburnam Pentateuch."

Robert Ousterhout, Local Arrangements Chair of the 1992 BSC, extended an invitation to the conference. President Griffith noted that the 1993 conference would be held at Princeton and the 1994 conference at Ann Arbor.

The Director of Dumbarton Oaks, Angeliki Laiou, presented the news from Dumbarton Oaks. She said that D.O. was interested in publishing Greek texts, and that it continued to support Library acquisitions. She announced the topic of the May Symposium, and reminded the attendees of the Bliss Fellowship. Under new matters she noted internal symposia given by Phillip Grierson and Hélène Ahrweiler, as well as the creation of a data base from Byzantine hagiographic sources. Finally, she said that Alice-Mary Talbot was studying the possibility of offering a corpus of select saints' lives in translation. At this time a list of translations finished and in progress was being compiled. Those working on translations were urged to contact Alice-Mary Talbot.

Susan Harvey reported on the publication of the papers of the Brown Syriac Symposium in a new journal to be edited by David Bundy. She also announced the second Syriac Symposium to be held at Catholic University, Washington, D.C.

John Fine raised the issue of the acute financial need of our Eastern European colleagues; the crises, he said, have affected the publication of scholarly journals and curtailed library acquisitions. He suggested that complimentary copies of journals be made available to institutes and libraries in Bulgaria and Yugoslavia. Prof. Fine also solicited ideas for finding publication grants and subsidies.

Dion Smythe announced the St. Andrews Symposium topic, "New Constantines and the Rhythm of Renewal," to be held at St. Andrews, Scotland. He also announced the publication of the first volume (Michael Synkellos) of the series Belfast Texts and Translations.

Robert Ousterhout noted the need for a continuing Byzantine presence at the Kalamazoo conferences, and he urged those attending to volunteer ideas and speakers to bring Byzantium to this medieval meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50.

Respectfully submitted,

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