

**Thirty-Fifth Annual Byzantine Studies Conference
Sarasota, Florida**

**Governing Board Meeting of the Byzantine Studies Association of North America, Inc.
Session II
Saturday, November 7, 2009**

Minutes of the Meeting

Adam Schor, Vice President of BSANA, called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm.

Present: Elena Boeck, Elizabeth Fisher, Sharon Gerstel, Linda Jones Hall, Eunice Dauterman Maguire, Kathleen Maxwell, Margaret Mullett, Robert Ousterhout, Claudia Rapp, Adam Schor (Vice President), Nancy Ševčenko, Ida Sinkevic, Alicia Walker, and Ann Marie Yasin.

Regrets: Stratis Papaioannou and Linda Safran.

1. Agenda: A. Schor announced the following agenda items: 1. Proposal to write guide for BSC abstract writing; 2. BSANA session sponsorship of APA/AIA panel; 3. Board participation in fundraising; 4. BSANA officer elections; 5. Program Committee nominations.
2. A. Schor opened discussion on the question of whether or not a more detailed guide to preparing an abstract for the BSC should be prepared. E. Boeck stated that in her opinion the information about abstract preparation that is already included with the Call for Papers is sufficient. L. Jones Hall added that the panels that were proposed for this year's conference worked quite well. E. Dauterman Maguire suggested that next year the Program Committee consider defining more specifically what is meant by and expected from a BSC panel. A. Schor offered to draft guidelines for the proposing of panels to be circulated to the Board for discussion.
3. A. Schor opened discussion on the question of whether or not the BSANA should sponsor a session at the APA/AIA. C. Rapp raised the issue that sponsoring an APA/AIA panel involves becoming an affiliated society and a three-year commitment. E. Dauterman Maguire noted that it is important for the BSANA to make people in other fields aware of work going on in Byzantine studies. E. Fisher noted that the BSANA does its members a service by advertising other conferences on its listserv and website and could do more of this. S. Gerstel remarked that she and K. Kourelis have organized an AIA session on Byzantine archaeology this year and that it has been scheduled for the early slot on the first day of the conference in January, 2010. A. Walker noted that there has been significant Byzantine presence at the CAA conference of Art Historians. She and L. Jones Hall added that as a gesture of goodwill, the BSANA could offer financial support to members who organize Byzantine-related sessions at other conferences. E. Boeck responded that this is problematic given the current state of the BSANA budget and our need to curb spending. A. Schor called the question, and it was agreed that the Board would not pursue organizing a session at the APA/AIA.
4. A. Schor raised the issue of the role the Board might play in fundraising. R. Ousterhout suggested that the issue is a particularly important one as the Board considers venues for future BSC

meetings. A. Walker suggested that the Board was ill-equipped to assist with local fundraising for the BSC conference but that it might do more to raise funds for the organization as a whole. S. Gerstel suggested that it would be useful for the Board to work toward finding a donor or donors to fund seed money for the BSC. A. Walker proposed adding a gift category to the annual membership form that specifies "gifts for the continuation of graduate travel reimbursement." It was agreed to ask our pro bono lawyer about the means for setting up endowments/fund specifically to support grad student attendance or other matters. Suggestions about raising dues were left to consideration at next year's board meeting.

5. Governing Board Members and Election of new officers: The following members cycled off the Governing Board in 2009: S. Bassett, A. Gonosová, H. Maguire, and R. Mathisen.

The following new Board Members (for terms ending in 2013) were elected at the Business Lunch (7.XI. 2009): Elizabeth Fisher, Kathleen Maxwell, Robert Ousterhout, and Claudia Rapp.

The following officers were elected by acclamation to serve during the 2009-2010 year: Claudia Rapp, President; Kathleen Maxwell, Secretary; and Elizabeth Fisher, Treasurer. Adam Schor agreed to continue his service as Vice President (uncontested).

6. Nomination and election of the Program Chair and members of the Program Committee for BSC 2010. As reported in Session I of the 2009 Governing Board Meeting (section 3.b.i), S. Bassett accepted Alice Christ's self-nomination to chair the 2010 Program Committee, and continuing members of the Program Committee are: Linda Jones Hall, Sarah Brooks, Georgia Frank, and Kostis Kourelis.

The following individuals were nominated by unanimous acclamation for service on the Program Committee for a two-year cycle, to be invited to serve by the President: Sharon Gerstel, Stratis Papaioannou, Anthony Kaldellis, and Heather Grossman.

L. Jones Hall motioned that the nomination of Alice Christ to Chair of the Program Committee be put to a vote, A. Schor seconded, and the vote was passed by unanimous acclamation.

7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Yasin
Secretary, BSANA