

**Thirty-Seventh Annual Byzantine Studies Conference  
DePaul University, Chicago, IL**

**Governing Board Meeting  
of the  
Byzantine Studies Association of North America, Inc.**

**Session I: Thursday, October 20, 2011**

**Minutes**

1. Robert Ousterhout, President of BSANA, called the meeting to order at 8:12 pm in the Conference Room of the Belden-Stratford Hotel, Chicago, Illinois
2. Present: Elena Boeck, Elizabeth Fisher (Treasurer), Linda Jones Hall, Cecily Hilsdale, Dimitrios Krallis, Derek Krueger, Eunice Dauterman Maguire, Kathleen Maxwell (Secretary), Margaret Mullett, Robert Ousterhout (President), Claudia Rapp, Nancy Ševčenko, and Ann Marie Yasin (Vice President)  
  
Excused: Sharon Gerstel, Kostis Kourelis, and Ida Sinkevic
3. Discussion and approval of minutes for the Governing Board Meetings (Session I and II) with minor changes.
4. Robert Ousterhout's agenda was presented and approved.
5. Mr. Tas Tousimis' Support of the BSC
  - Last year Tas Tousimis gave \$15,000 to the BSC and he has indicated that he will also support the BSC in the future. The board agreed to form two subcommittees. The first will meet annually with Mr. Tousimis for lunch at D.O. to discuss the best way to allocate Mr. Tousimis' funds. This committee is comprised of Margaret Mullett, Director of Byzantine Studies at D.O., Robert Ousterhout, past president of the BSANA, and Derek Krueger, the current President of BSANA. A second committee would be responsible for the administration and disbursement of these funds.
6. Annual Tas Tousimis Lecture and Oriental Institute (The University of Chicago) Reception
  - Prof. Maria Mavroudi (History, University of California, Berkeley) was the first recipient of this grant. Mr. Tousimis paid for the honorarium, the reception, and the \$1300 bus fee to transport attendees from downtown Chicago to Hyde Park. The Oriental Institute kindly donated the building.

Annual Tousimis Lecture Arrangements:

- Name a subcommittee of three to work with the Local Arrangements and Program Chair to select a speaker.
- Select an individual who can engage both scholars and the public.
- Could be someone outside the field but dealing with issues of mutual interests
- Could be someone from abroad
- Could be an Islamic scholar.
- Select an individual who makes us sit up and think
- Could these lectures be recorded and put on the website?

7. BSC 2013 will be held:

1-4 November, 2012 Mary Jaharis Center for Byzantine Art and Culture Board at Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

8. BSANA Website

A variety of proposals were made concerning the website:

- Should be more links to other organizations
- Should be more information about related conferences (there is a British website that is good for conferences; it would serve as a good model)

9. Credit card payments on-line

- The desire to make membership dues payments on-line was raised again; we will address this issue at the second Board meeting on Saturday evening

10. Archeology website

- BSANA pledged \$1000 last year, but the project has not moved forward due to illness and other issues
- Needs to be designed and launched; somebody would have to be responsible for getting it up and maintaining it (once a week or more)
- Collaboration of people in the field to make links with blogs, etc. would be necessary for its success

11. Treasurer's Report by Elizabeth Fisher

- In response to low interest rates, BSANA funds were taken out of CD.

12. Wording for thematic sessions proposal (Derek Krueger and Nancy Ševčenko)

An *ad hoc* committee was asked to address this at the last meeting of the Governing Board. They solicited concerns from those serving on the Program Committee and developed a resolution for panels and a way to welcome them that was in keeping with the policy there. Will be raised again at the Board's Saturday evening meeting once we have procured a copy of the proposed rewording of the *ad hoc* committee's proposal.

11. ICMA sponsored sessions at the BSC (Nancy Ševčenko)

The ICMA is very progressive and has significant funding from the Kress Foundation. Kress funding will cover travel expenses up to \$500 for those presenting conference papers at the BSC from the U.S. and up to \$1000 from those abroad. This evolved into a discussion about the BSC and fostering relations with other professional organizations, such as the Society for Late Antiquity. It was suggested that we review our agreement with Kalamazoo for possible guidelines

12. Kostis Kourelis has agreed to be 2012 BSC Program Committee Chair

13. BSC and the American Disabilities Act

The BSC needs to be in compliance with the American Disabilities Act and we have not given this enough thought.

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Maxwell  
Secretary, BSANA