

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

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

Session II: Saturday, October 22, 2011

Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 8:15 pm at the Hotel Belden Stratford, Chicago, IL

Present: Elena Boeck, Elizabeth Fisher, Cecily Hilsdale, Scott Johnson, Kostis Kourelis, Dimitrios Krallis, Derek Krueger, Kathleen Maxwell, Margaret Mullett, Leonora Neville, Robert Ousterhout, Nancy Ševčenko, Alice-Mary Talbot, and Warren Woodfin.

Excused: Sharon Gerstel, Vasileios Marinis

1. New Officers, Byzantine Studies Association of North America

President: Derek Krueger (replacing Robert Ousterhout)

Vice President: Cecily Hilsdale (replacing Ann Marie Yasin)

Secretary: Kathleen Maxwell (continuing)

Treasurer: Leonora Neville (replacing Elizabeth Fisher as of January 1, 2012)

2. Transfer of signatory duties of Treasurer from Elizabeth Fisher to Leonora Neville

Elizabeth Fisher says Leonora should take the signatory duties as of Jan 1st. Call for renewal of membership dues for 2012 should begin on December 1 not on January 1. Change membership dues form on December 1 to count for 2012 dues.

3. Program Committee

Kostis Kourelis, Chair

Sarah T. Brooks

Scott Johnson

Eunice Dauterman Maguire

Christian Raffensperger

4. Tousimis Annual Lecture Committee

Derek Krueger, President

Dimitrios Krallis

Kostis Kourelis

Alice-Mary Talbot

5. Tas Tousimis Committee

Derek Krueger
Margaret Mullett
Robert Ousterhout

6. Payment via Credit Card for Dues, Conference Fees, etc.

Dimitrios Krallis researched the possibility of allowing members to use credit card payments for membership dues and conference-related payments. At this time the bank fees appear to be too high for this to be feasible. Board members were urged to investigate how other small scholarly associations have made such arrangements possible.

7. ADA Compliance

BSANA needs to do everything possible to be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. BSANA needs a contract with each host institution in which ADA responsibilities are clearly stated. Derek Krueger asked Robert Ousterhout to discuss this with BSANA lawyer, Segundo J. Fernandez (sfernandez@ohfc.com). Appropriate language regarding ADA should also be formulated for BSANA's website.

A graduate student required transcription services at this year's BSANA conference. DePaul University picked up the tab (circa \$2500), but BSANA needs to be in compliance with the ADA in future BSANA conferences.

8. FACEBOOK Page for BSANA

86 people "liked it" for Sarasota, FL conference (2009)

This is an ideal way for BSANA members to communicate more informally. This is also an appropriate way for members to post their latest publications, etc. No twitter capacity.

9. Archeological Web Site

Margaret Mullett suggested that the website should be housed at Princeton University with a link on BSANA's website. Princeton would lend prestige and technological support to such a website. Amy Papalexandrou could carry on there with limited support from BSANA. Robert Ousterhout indicated that perhaps a graduate student might be able to help out as well.

10. USNCBS:

At the business meeting of BSANA during the Byzantine Studies Conference at De Paul University in Chicago in October of 2011, the participants from the United States chose three officers to direct the USNCBS: Prof. Charles Barber (University of Notre Dame) became President; Prof. Annemarie Weyl Carr (Southern Methodist University, emerita) became Vice President; and Dr. Nancy Sevcenko (independent scholar) became Secretary/Treasurer. They, along with Prof. Walter Kaegi (University of Chicago), as an ex-officio member from the previous Committee, constitute the executive committee of the USNCBS. They will serve a five-year term to include the next International Congress of Byzantine Studies scheduled to meet in Belgrade, Serbia, in 2016.

USNCBS Officers 2011–2016

- President: Charles Barber (University of Notre Dame)
- Vice President: Annemarie Weyl Carr (Southern Methodist University, emerita)
- Secretary–Treasurer: Nancy Ševčenko (independent scholar)
- Ex officio: Walter Kaegi (University of Chicago)

11. Byzantine Studies Conference 2012: Date and Location

Date and location for next year's meeting Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, MA: Nov. 1-4, 2012

Yale University will host in 2013.

12. Policy for submission of whole session panels for the BSC

Proposed policy (submitted by Derek Krueger, Nancy Ševčenko, and Kostis Kourelis) for submission and acceptance of whole session panels for the BSC was unanimously approved. The new policy ensures that if a panel is turned down, individual abstracts for that panel would still be considered for other panels.

Final heartfelt thanks were extended to Elena Boeck and members of her Local Arrangements Committee for a great conference and compliments, too, on a great conference website.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Maxwell
Secretary