

Forty-First Annual Byzantine Studies Conference
CUNY, Fordham University, and Columbia University
Saturday Business Lunch Meeting
The Byzantine Studies Association of North America, Inc.
Saturday, October 24, 2015
12:00 - 2:00 pm

1. BSANA President Christina Maranci called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.
2. The Appointment of the Parliamentarian was completed and the meeting agenda was approved.
3. Necrology:

The President noted the deaths of the following Byzantinists since last year's Conference and called for a moment of silence in their memory:

Patricia Crone; Gilbert Dagron; Ned Keenan; Leslie S. B. MacCoull;
Felix Ter-Martirosian
4. The Local Arrangements Committee of CUNY, Fordham, and Columbia Universities was thanked: Jenn Ball, Helen Evans, Eric Ivison, Holger Klein, Kostis Smyrlis, and Warren Woodfin for their efforts to welcome us to the conference. Thank you to Program Chair George Demacopoulos. A sustained round of applause followed.
5. Discussion and approval of the minutes from the Business Lunch of the XL Annual Byzantine Studies Conference (Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, British Columbia). The President invited discussion of the Minutes; none followed.

The motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. The motion carried unanimously; no emendations were offered.
6. Election of four new members of the BSANA Governing Board

The Vice President (Teresa Shawcross) was called to the podium to announce the slate of nominees and their academic affiliation: Jenn Ball, CUNY; Darlene Brooks Hedstrom, Wittenberg University; Emmanuel Bourbouhakis, Princeton University; Bissera Pentcheva, Stanford University; Roland Betancourt, UC Irvine; Elena Boeck, DePaul University; and Elizabeth Williams, Dumbarton Oaks. Ballots were distributed on the tables, and the membership cast their ballots.

7. President's Report (Christina Maranci)

The President thanked the members of the Board, and especially those rotating off after four years of service: Alice-Mary Talbot, Vasileios Marinis, Warren Woodfin, and Scott Johnson.

Over the past year, BSANA was involved in a letter writing campaign supporting the Netherlands Institute in Turkey. BSANA also sponsored a reception at Kalamazoo together with the Mary Jaharis Center for Byzantine Art & Culture.

The president thanked the Mary Jaharis Foundation and the International Center for Medieval Art (ICMA) for sponsoring the conference coffees; the Mary Jaharis Foundation and the ICMA for sponsoring sessions at the 2015 BSC. Thanks were also offered to the Cloisters and the Metropolitan Museum of Art for their sponsorship and the Byzantine Evening. The Jaharis family underwrote the Business Lunch today.

8. Secretary's Report (Amy Papalexandrou)

The Secretary's written report is incorporated by reference.

9. Treasurer's Report (Scott Johnson)

The Treasurer's written report is incorporated by reference.

Scott Johnson reports that BSANA is in a healthy state financially. Membership is up (again). In addition, money is reserved in case of a notional collapse so that BSANA can continue. Donations from the membership are encouraged. He reports that Paypal worked well and he thanks the membership for embracing this new means of payment. He is cycling off as treasurer, with Christian Raffensberger taking over. (New Treasurer roundly applauded.)

Some remarks on the future of BSANA finances: Money is saved in some of the following (new) ways: Abstracts are no longer mailed; Keynote speaker expense doesn't extend beyond this BSC; Expenses are within our budget. It is possible to increase graduate stipends to \$500.

Future recommendations include publicizing member donations more actively, in addition to our membership fees. BSANA does not have endowments -- we operate solely on dues and donations from members.

The President thanked Scott Johnson for his two-year service; a warm applause followed.

10. Report from Dumbarton Oaks (Michael Maas, Rice University)

Greetings were extended from Dumbarton Oaks and Alice-Mary Talbot.

Ten fellows are currently in residence; nine summer fellows attended the coin/seal program under Vasso Penna. Visiting Fellows included Claudia Rapp (public lecture on Mt. Sinai), and Jonathan Shepherd in Spring.

11. Report from the Canadian Committee of Byzantinists (CCB)

Prepared by Geoffrey Greatrex (University of Ottawa), and delivered by Cecily Hillsdale (McGill University): Hillsdale reports that the newsletter will be out in January; all other activities are available on the CCB website.

12. Report from the United States National Committee for Byzantine Studies (USNCBS) (Charles Barber, Princeton University).

An update on preparations for the 23rd International Byzantine Congress (Belgrade) was provided. Report on the website, language routes (French, English, and Serbian), program, registration/submission guidelines and accommodation promised. Fees for the conference are 120 Euro if before December 1st. The Serbian Committee will send updates. National committees will be invited to send a proposal if they wish to host.

13. Announcement of the Winners of the 2014 BSANA Graduate Student.

Prizes were announced and distributed by Program Committee member Christina Maranci:

Third prize - Norman Underwood (Berkeley)

Second prize - Tara Lee Hedrick, (SUNY Binghamton)

First prize - Christopher Timm (Florida State University)

14. Invitation to BSC 2016 (Benjamin Anderson, Cornell University)

On behalf of the Local arrangements committee--Ben Anderson, Kim Haines-Eitzen, and Suzanne Abrams-Rebillard--Anderson was invited to the podium and extended an invitation to all members to attend the conference at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY, October 6-9, 2016.

15. New Business

Tia Kolbaba moved that the BSANA recognize the contributions of John Smedley, senior commissioning editor and publisher at Ashgate Publishing, upon his retirement, for helping to shape the discipline by commissioning and editing manuscripts and seeing through many projects in Late Antique, Byzantine and Medieval and Crusader Studies. He has been a great friend of Byzantine studies. Lynn Jones made the motion, and it was seconded by Sarah Bassett. John was warmly applauded by the membership.

16. Announcements:

David Hayes invited all graduate students to go out drinks as a show of support for the graduate student community.

17. Election Results:

The following slate of proposed candidates were elected to serve on the BSANA Governing Board 2015-2019:

Jenn Ball (Brooklyn College/The Graduate Center, CUNY)

Elena Boeck (DePaul University)

Emanuel Bourbouhakis (Princeton University)

Betsy Williams (Dumbarton Oaks)

President Christina Maranci welcomed the new Governing Board members, accompanied by applause from the floor.

18. Adjournment

The meeting ended with recognition by applause of the efforts of outgoing President Christina Maranci. She made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.