

**XLI Annual Byzantine Studies Conference  
CUNY, Fordham University, and Columbia University**

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

**Session I**

Le Monde, New York City

Thursday, October 22, 2015

8:35 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Present: Christina Maranci, Elizabeth Bolman, Vasileios Marinis, Christian Raffensperger, Warren Woodfin, Sarah Brooks, Scott Johnson, Teresa Shawcross, Georgia Frank, Amy Papalexandrou, Stratis Papaioannou, Marica Cassis

Excused: Glenn Peers, Alexander Angelov, Alice-Mary Talbot

1. President Christina Maranci called the meeting to order at 8:35 PM
2. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Mistakes noted by Warren Woodfin and discussed
  - b. Question raised whether to include in the necrology Francois Bovom, who died in 2013; it was decided that he be included next year.
  - c. President Christina Maranci entertained a motion to approve the Board meeting agenda.
  - d. Motion to approve made by Georgia Frank, seconded by Vasileios Marinis. Approved by acclamation.
3. Approval of 2014 Minutes from Governing Board Meetings at Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, British Columbia.
  - a. Vasileios Marinis moved to approve the Minutes; he was seconded by Georgia Frank; the motion carried.
4. President's Report (Christina Maranci)
  - a. The president issued formal thanks to the hosts of the conference, especially Jen Ball, Eric Ivison, George Demakopoulos, and Warren Woodfin, Helen Evans, Holger Klein, and Kostis Smyrlis.

- b. The president also extended her thanks to the nominating committee, consisting of out-going board members Alice-Mary Talbot, Warren Woodfin, Vasileios Marinis, and Scott Johnson, for their work in identifying an excellent slate of new members for the Board.
- c. The president acknowledged and thanked Vasilis Marinis for work on the website.
- d. The president reported that, contrary to reports last year, the Netherlands Institute is now doing well.

5. Secretary's Report (Amy Papalexandrou)

\* The Secretary's written report is incorporated by reference.

- 6. Discussion ensued as to how to increase membership in BSANA. The Secretary reports that emails are typically sent out at the beginning of the year inviting membership. Reminders to become members at the time of registration was also suggested. Warren Woodfin reminded that the Vice President is actually tasked with being liaison between program committee and speakers to make sure everyone is paid-up in advance. It was decided to table the discussion for the Saturday evening board meeting.
- 7. Social Media was discussed, in particular Facebook communications. Marica Cassis has offered to be Social Media Coordinator and post announcements on Facebook.

6. Treasurer's Report (Scott Johnson)

The Treasurer thanked Jenn Ball and Warren Woodfin (Local Arrangements) for working with the plenary speaker for the New York conference. It was explained that funded plenary speakers was a possibility for our organization only through the largesse of the Tousimis fund, and that this practice will not typically continue. It was emphasized that in the future, officers should communicate with Local Arrangements Chair(s) as early as possible, so that there is an understanding that we will not be funding plenary (or keynote) speakers. Jenn Ball will be producing a Local Arrangements Committee document that will clarify this.

The Treasurer emphasized that our organization is financially healthy. Donations to the organization are not urgent, but that they are important, especially as this is the first budget that has not included Tousimis money in some time. We should focus on our priorities, and also encourage giving.

7. Future BSCs

The BSC in 2016 will be held at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

The 2017 BSC will be held at the University of Minnesota.

8. Program Committee Chair for 2016: Brenda Llewellyn Ihssen

9. Nominating Committee Report:

The following slate of proposed board members have indicated their willingness to serve if elected: Jenn Ball, CUNY; Darlene Brooks Hedstrom, Wittenberg University; Bissera Pentcheva, Stanford University; Roland Betancourt, UC Irvine; Elena Boeck, DePaul University; and Elizabeth Williams, Dumbarton Oaks.

10. Further New or Continuing Business

None was discussed.

11. Motion to Adjourn made by Marica Cassis and seconded by Christian Raffensberger.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Papalexandrou