

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

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

Session II

**Pasha Restaurant,
70, West 71st Street, Manhattan
Saturday, October 24, 2015
6:00 pm**

Present: Teresa Shawcross, Christian Raffensberger, Darlene Brooks-Hedstrom,
Christina Maranci, Elizabeth Williams, Jenn Ball, Amy Papalexandrou, Marica Cassis

Excused: Stratis Papaioannou, Elizabeth Bolman, Georgia Frank, Stephen Reinert,
Dimitri Angelov, Glenn Peers

Outgoing President Christina Maranci called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

I. Announcement of New Officers, to be posted on the website and sent to the
membership on the BSANA listserv:

President: Sarah Brooks (replacing Christina Maranci)

Vice President: Teresa Shawcross (continuing)

Secretary: Amy Papalexandrou (continuing)

Treasurer: Christian Raffensberger (replacing Scott Johnson)

Marica Cassis was appointed as Director of Social Media.

II. Program Committee for 2016 Conference at Cornell University:

Brenda Llewellyn-Ihssen, Pacific Lutheran University (Chair)

Christina Christoforatos (CUNY)

Craig A. Gibson (University of Iowa)

Leonora Neville (University of Wisconsin)

Matthew Savage (Louisiana State University)

III. Local Arrangements Committee:

Ben Anderson

Kim Haines-Eitzen

Suzann Abrams-Rebillard

IV. Review of the process of nominations to the Governing Board

- V. Refining Handover of Responsibilities of Governing Board
 - Chris will use Google Docs for defining Treasurer responsibilities
 - Sarah Brooks will take responsibility for Dropbox and collecting contributions from each officer and creating folders for the various positions (BSC and also governing board).
- VI. Discussion of visibility and accessibility of the BSC Governing Board
- VII. Discussion of Acceptance Numbers and Rates of Rejection
- VIII. Discussion of convoluted process (at present) in accepting abstracts (Vice President): Fields and Google docs could streamline the process.
- IX. Discussion of surveying the membership following the 2015 Conference in NYC - Jenn Ball will work on this to collect data for future conferences.
- X. Discussion of the possibility of a separate graduate student reception at future conferences. The Local Arrangements Committee could be charged with this.
- XI. Discussion of the Jaharis Center possibly partnering with graduate students; It was decided that continuing support at the BSC would be more effective, and that perhaps a member of the Board could supervise this.
- XII. Discussion of including two nominees from the body of PhD students to represent students at the BSC conference in the future. David Heayn was suggested as a possible candidate.
- XIII. Discussion of extending or encourage officers to serve two years, if a candidate can serve for this length.
- XIV. Future BSCs- Scott Johnson said Pacific Lutheran is very interested and could do it relatively soon. That is, if the University of Minnesota does not work out for 2017. This should be pursued.
- XV. Need for clear statement of the organization of BSANA and how it runs.
- XVI. Discussion of BSANA/AIEB relations

XVII. Discussion: Need for up to the minute reporting on membership. That is, when you purchase a membership through PayPal there is no automated system that updates the website. It is exported as an excel spreadsheet from PayPal's website and then send it to Secretary who then collates the names and then sends them onto Website technician Amanda who then updates the website. Need for a more efficient mechanism.

XVIII. Final words of thanks given to Jenn Ball and the Local Arrangements Committee for a great conference. The Board was especially grateful for Jenn Ball for raising funds for the special events surrounding the conference in New York.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Papalexandrou
Secretary