

## Minutes

Saturday Business Lunch Meeting  
XLII Annual Byzantine Studies Conference  
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

The Byzantine Studies Association of North America, Inc.  
Saturday, October 8, 2016  
12:00-2:00 pm

Prepared by Marica Cassis

1. President's call to order and approval of agenda

Moved: Jenn Ball

Seconded: Heather Badamo

2. Appointment of Parliamentarian

Derek Krueger

3. Necrology

Walter Hanak

Frank Trombley

Charalambos Bouras

Elizabeth Ettinghausen

Evangelia Hadjistryphonos

John Stephens Crawford

Michael Jaharis

Francois Bovon

4. Formal appreciation to our host institution, Cornell University; to the 2016 Local Arrangements committee members, Ben Anderson, Kim Haines-Eitzen, and Suzanne Abrams Rebillard; and to the sponsors: the Department of History of Art and Visual Studies; the Departments of Classics and Near Eastern Studies and the Jewish Studies, Medieval Studies, and Religious Studies Programs, as well as the Johnson Museum of Art and the Corning Glass Museum.

Deep gratitude to this year's program committee, chaired by Brenda Llewellyn Ihssen, Pacific Lutheran University. These program committee members include: Christina Christoforatu, of the City University of New York; Craig A. Gibson, The University of Iowa; Leonora Neville of the University of Wisconsin at Madison; and Matthew Savage, of the Louisiana State University.

5. Discussion and approval of the minutes from the Business Lunch of the Forty-First Annual Byzantine Studies Conference, CUNY, Fordham University, and Columbia University Saturday Business Lunch Meeting of Saturday, October 24, 2015.

Moved: Jenn Ball

Seconded: Betsy Williams

6. Balloting: Election of 4 new members of the BSANA Governing Board to serve 2016-2020

Darlene Brooks Hedstrom,

History Department, Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio

Young Richard Kim,

Classics Department, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Stephen Rapp,

History Department, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas

Galina Tirnanic,

Art & Art History Department, Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan

7. President's Report (Sarah Brooks)

- a. Advocacy: In this past year BSANA has advocated on behalf of Ashgate Publishers, a topic mentioned in the publishing panel; on behalf of the Lyons Museum of Textiles and Decorative Arts; and in support of our academic colleagues in Turkey. We welcome your suggestions for such important efforts in support of institutions and causes that are important to Byzantine studies, and to our members far and wide.
- b. Following last year's conference, BSANA undertook its first online survey of members, both those in attendance and absent for the year. This important effort was led by Jennifer Ball. We will be conducting a like general survey of membership following this meeting. The Board warmly welcomes your feedback in the survey, or in person, or by email.
- c. We are pleased at the attendance and participation at this year's two events funded by the Mary Jaharis Center for Byzantine Art and Culture, in support of Graduate Student Development: the Publication Panel organized by Ben Anderson and the lunch time panel for graduate students related to the job market and professional development. Thank you for everyone in involved in both of these events. We will survey graduate students especially on these experiences, and submit our grant report to the Jaharis Center, for possible renewal of like funding in 2017.

- d. The Call for Papers for the 2017 BSC will be posted shortly for a February 1, 2017, deadline. Look for our Call on the BSANA List-serv, Facebook, and the BSANA website.
8. Treasurer's Report (Christian Raffensperger)  
Attached
  9. United States National Committee for Byzantine Studies, Annual Report for 2016 (Charles Barber, President, USNCBS)
    - a. The 23<sup>rd</sup> International Congress of Byzantine Studies met from August 22-27, 2016 in Belgrade. It was well organized and enjoyable. The Serbian Committee should be congratulated.
    - b. With the passing of this Congress your current U.S. National Committee rotates off: thanks to Nancy Sevchenko, Annemarie Weyl Carr, and Walter Kaegi for their service.
    - c. The General Assembly of the International Association for Byzantine Studies met on 8/26/2016. The following were made:
      - i. The Commission for Art History is being revived and a Commission for Historical Geography is being formed.
      - ii. National Committees from Argentina and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia were admitted to the International Association.
      - iii. The new Bureau will consist of: John Haldon as President, Athanasios Markopoulos will continue as Secretary, and Béatrice Caseau will assume the role of Treasurer.
      - iv. The next meeting of the International Congress (the 24<sup>th</sup>) will take place in 2021 in Istanbul.
      - v. Our Viennese colleagues have already signaled their interest in hosting the 25<sup>th</sup> Congress in 2026.
      - vi. Financial report attached
  10. Election of 3 new members of the USNCBS to serve 2016-2021.  
  
Betsy Bolman, Art History  
Tyler School of Art, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
  
Derek Krueger, Religion  
Religious Studies Department, University of North Carolina at Greensboro  
  
Alicia Walker, Art History  
Art History Department, Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania
  11. Report from Dumbarton Oaks (Elena Boeck, Director of Byzantine Studies)
    - a. Online Catalogue of Seals is up and running.

- b. Scheduled Lectures of the year: October 13, 2016: Florin Curta, An Uneasy Relation: Byzantium and the Nomads; Nov. 4, 2016 : Byzantine Studies Colloquium, Ivan Drpić and Tolga Uyar, Colloquiarchs: Monumental Painting in Byzantium and Beyond: New Perspectives
  - c. April 21–22, 2017: Byzantine Studies Symposium: Rethinking Empire
  - d. Seals and Coins Summer School went well this past summer.
  - e. Language Schools in Syriac and Greek also did well. There is also hope of an Armenian language program.
  - f. New fellows installed for the year and Dr. Paul Magdalino is at DO as a Visiting Scholar.
  - g. Dumbarton oaks is looking to get in touch with all former fellows.
  - h. New publication list will be coming out soon.
12. Report for the Canadian Committee of Byzantinists (CCB) (Marica Cassis)
- a. Graduate Conference at Queen’s (3-4 November). This is the result of collaboration between graduate students and postdocs at Queen’s and University of Toronto.
  - b. Conference on Collectivities and Communities in the early and Middle Byzantine periods at Simon Fraser University in early February, organized by Dimitris Krallis.
  - c. Syriac Conference - Canadian Society for Syriac Studies, November 12, Toronto on Syriac legal literature
  - d. Prize in Byzantine History given out by CCB.
  - e. Newsletter will be out in early New Year.
13. Announcement of the winners of the 2015 BSANA Graduate Student Prizes (George Demacopoulos)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Mary Farag  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Alex Miller  
1<sup>st</sup> – Lora Webb
14. Invitation to BSC 2017 (extended on behalf of Matthew Canepa and Andrea Sterk, University of Minnesota at Minneapolis)
15. New Business  
16. Announcements  
17. Adjournment

Moved: Marica Cassis  
Seconded: Christian Raffensperger