

**45th Annual Byzantine Studies Conference
University of Wisconsin, Madison**

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

Saturday, October 19, 2019

6:40 – 7:15 PM, Capital View Room

Minutes (Approved 10/22/2020)

Present: Ben Anderson, Hannah Ewing (minutes), Cecily Hilsdale, Brad Hostetler, Lynn Jones, Young Richard Kim, Tia Kolbaba, Fotini Kondyli, Byron MacDougall, Alice Isabella Sullivan, and Galina Tirnanic.

Regrets: Darlene Brooks Hedstrom, Leonora Neville, Stephen Rapp, Meredith Riedel, Alexander Riehle.

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of new executive board:

President: Ben Anderson

Vice President: Galina Tirnanic

Secretary: Hannah Ewing

Treasurer: Tia Kolbaba, already approved on Thursday Oct. 17

Motion: Cecily; seconded, Tia. Motion carried.

3. Announcement of Christian Raffensperger as Program Committee chair for 2020 (Ben Anderson)
4. Ad Hoc Committee Business (Ben Anderson):
 - a. IT Committee: Reminder of Thursday discussion of website quote, which generated queries to send to Emmanuel. However, committee has basically disbanded.
 - b. Call for Additional Policies: Hate speech policy and/or comparative study of how our current discrimination policy compares to those of other organizations, in light of AIA last year (Fotini)
5. New Business:

- a. Program Committee: Christian Raffensperger seeks advice on inclusion of undergraduate abstracts, size of program committee, percentage of graduate student papers.

Motion to oppose undergraduate submission of abstracts. Proposed, Galina; seconded, Lynn. Motion passed.

Size of Program Committee: Current policy = 5 people, but had recently grown larger. Board affirmed that policy should be followed. 5 people on committee.

Graduate student papers at BSC: percentage cap considered, given financial considerations (Ballard/Jones report), combined with encouraging post-graduate scholars to submit more abstracts.

Board proposal: graduate student cap of 20-25 papers to be accepted any given year. Abstract submission to include a question: Do you have a PhD at the time of submission?

Adjustments to EZ-Chair to allow submission of panels approved.

- b. Surveys

Dar to handle Mary Jaharis graduate survey.

Hannah to handle BSC survey. Use template from 2018. Include question on Friday-Saturday vs. Friday-Saturday-Sunday morning. Include question on preference of 8AM to 6:40PM two Friday/Saturday vs. 9AM-5PM Friday/Saturday with 9AM-Noon Sunday. To circulate answers in two weeks.

6. Meeting adjourned. Motion: Tia; seconded, Cecily. Motion passed.