

**47th Annual Byzantine Studies Conference
Cleveland, Ohio**

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

Saturday, December 11, 2021, 6:30-7:30 PM EST

Hybrid, Tinkham Veale University Center, 1st Floor Senior Classroom
AND via Zoom

Minutes

Present (in person and virtual): Lynn Jones, Tia Kolbaba, Brad Hostetler, Byron MacDougall, Fotini Kondyli, Leonora Neville, Ruma N. Salhi, Roland Betancourt, Christina Christoforatu, Alice Lynn McMichael, Jordan Pickett, Alice I. Sullivan (minutes).

1. **Call to Order** (Lynn Jones)
2. **Election of Executive Officers** (slate approved at Thursday's board meeting):
 - President: Lynn Jones
 - Vice President: Byron MacDougall
 - Secretary: Alice Isabella Sullivan
 - Communications Officer: Brad Hostetler
 - Treasurer: Ruma Salhi

Motion to approve new executive board: Leonora; seconded, Roland. Motion passes.
Introduction of new members.

3. **Introductions of New Board Members**
 - Christina Christoforatu, Literature, Baruch College, CUNY
 - Alice Lynn McMichael, Digital Humanities, Michigan State
 - Jordan Pickett, Classics, University of Georgia
 - Shaun Tougher, History, Cardiff University

4. **Establish post-conference attendee Survey questions, set date to send out.**

See 2020 Survey, attached as Appendix

The survey should include MJC-related questions; Brad, in conversation with Dar/Betsy can devise the survey questions.

Good turnout at the Saturday Business lunch. We need to encourage this in the future!
For the survey, keep emphasis on these questions – Did you attend the lunch? Why? Why

did you not attend in the past? What made you attend this year? On program: “BSANA lunch – all welcome” keep this wording.

Keep survey similar to last year’s; keep question of Virtual element? Consider: How much are you willing to pay for a hybrid option? It costs a lot to organize a hybrid option.

Need for more identifying categories: adjunct; independent scholar; museum professional; k-12 educator, “other” (please specify) OR “Not listed above” (please specify)

Consideration of adding a question about BSANA’s advocacy. Would the DEI committee like to set up questions?

Add “additional comments” after every question we ask so that participants can contribute thoughts/comments.

Funding: Graduate Students and Contingent Scholars have access to funding (not just Byzantinists of Color). This year, BSANA used Byzantinists of Color Funds to support several graduate students. The Byzantinists of Color fund will be replenished. Keep getting the word out about this BSANA support!

5. Recruit for 2023 and 2024 BSC

Need to recruit host for BSC in 2023 and 2024; UC Irvine would be an option, but may not be favorable to have the conference on the west coast two years in a row. Boston or Princeton would also be an option.

6. Confirm to continue 20-25% limit on graduate papers accepted for 2022 BSC with Program Committee Chair.

Decision to limit graduate student papers to 25% at future conferences, including the GSC-sponsored session. Will communicate with Galina Tirnanic as she will continue serving as Chair of the Program Committee for 2022.

7. Job descriptions by Executive Committee Members

Each Executive Committee member will draft and file for review a complete and thorough job description for their position, to be discussed and approved at the Thursday Board Meeting.

It would be ideal to establish other liaisons between BSANA and other scholarly organizations.

8. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to approve: Lynn Jones; seconded Leonora Neville. Motion passes.