

AIA Medieval and Post-Medieval Archaeology Interest Group

12:45–1:45 PM, Friday, January 3, 2020

LeDroit Park Room, Meeting Level 3, Marriott Marquis Washington DC

Members Present

Effie Athanassopoulos

Ian Begg

Glenn R. Bugh

Amelia R. Brown

Bill Caraher

Jon Frey

Fotini Kondyli

Michalis Lychounas

Justin Mann

Kaelyn McAdams

Amy Papalexandrou

Becky Seifried

Alan Stahl

Lucie Stylianopoulos

Agenda and Minutes

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Report on member activities in the past year
3. Panel ideas for the 2021 Annual Meeting
4. Nomination for the AIA speakers' program
5. Nomination and election of new chairperson

1. Welcome and introductions

Becky (chair, 2018–2020) called the meeting to order at 12:45 pm. We welcomed two new members: Alan Stahl and Kaelyn McAdams.

2. Report on member activities in the past year

Becky gave an update on the 24th International Byzantine Studies Congress, to be held in Istanbul on 23–28 August 2021 (see <http://aiebnet.gr/>). Organized panels have already been finalized, but individual papers can still be submitted. Deadlines are coming up: funding (March 31), free communication, poster, and VR sessions (April 15), and plenary session papers and abstracts (July 15). Archaeology has featured prominently at past congresses, and members are encouraged to attend in order to meet colleagues from other parts of the world (e.g. the Balkans). Michael and Amelia are organizing round tables, and Amy and Fotini are also presenting papers.

Lucie introduced the Open Greek and Latin project (<http://www.opengreekandlatin.org/>), which features plenty of medieval materials. Contact Lucie for more information.

Alan discussed a collection of Byzantine coins that The Princeton University Numismatic Collection has acquired (see the [announcement](#) and the [online collection](#)). They will be looking for a postdoc (preferably with a specialty in Palaeologan coins) to assist with developing a linked

open database for Byzantine coins, similar to the Online Coins of the Roman Empire (<http://numismatics.org/ocre/>).

Amelia announced that she is the newly elected President of the Australasian Association for Byzantine Studies. Volumes 1–20 of *Byzantina Australiensia* are now available through Brill as an online resource (<https://brill.com/view/package/9789004353220>) or as print-on-demand. Amy also has some copies that she is willing to mail for the cost of shipping – contact her for more details.

Becky recapped the correspondence between MAPMA and Jane Carter, Editor-in-Chief of the *American Journal of Archaeology* (AJA), that began in March 2018. In short, articles with a chronological focus postdating “Late Antique times” will not be considered for publication in the journal (see <https://www.ajaonline.org/submissions/editorial-policy>). Despite our request, Carter decided not to expand the AJA’s editorial scope to accommodate such papers. At last year’s meeting, the group agreed to write a response letter and organize a workshop on the topic of “Medieval Archaeology at the AIAs.” Neither the letter nor the panel were completed last year, in part because Becky wanted to wait to see if a new editor was appointed at the AJA in January 2020. At this year’s meeting, it was clear that many members were unaware of this ongoing issue. The group agreed that MAPMA should continue to lobby for our interests with the AJA and that we should consider organizing the workshop at the 2021 meeting.

3. Panel ideas for the 2021 Annual Meeting

Despite the energy from the AJA discussion and the agreement that a workshop would be appropriate, no one committed to organizing a panel at next year’s meeting. Volunteers are welcome!

4. Nomination for the AIA speakers’ program

The group voted to nominate Marica Cassis (University of Calgary) for the 2021/2022 season. Nominations are due in November and the incoming chairperson will be responsible for notifying Laurel Sparks (Lecture & Fellowship Coordinator) about our choice.

5. Nomination and election of new chairperson

Becky’s three-year term as chairperson is coming to an end. She pointed out the difficulty of chairing an interest group as an early career researcher (she has changed affiliation twice since taking on the role). Two nominations for the post were put forward: Fotini Kondyli and Jon Frey. Jon agreed to take on the role of chairperson for the next term (2021–2023 Annual Meetings) and Fotini agreed to take on the role for the following term (2024–2026 Annual Meetings).

Minutes submitted by Rebecca Seifried, January 19, 2020.