

RICHARD III SOCIETY BOARD MEETING.

June 10th 2012

PRESENT: J. Bloomquist, J. Hayes, D. Hoffman, W. Ingalls, A. McVey, J. Szechtman, N. Musgrave

The meeting was opened at 4:08pm by Vice-Chair J. Hayes as Jacqueline had been delayed.

MINUTES: J. Hayes moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion seconded and passed.

There was a question for Diane about the Paypal fees we have paid to the UK society. Are they really 5 ½%? Diane will check this with Paypal,

AGM: Nita has checked with the Canadians and they say we may pay them with checks drawn on American banks.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Wayne has sent out emails to chapter contacts and also put out information on the discussion site. He will send an email to Amber for William to try to send out to all members who have an email address.

Joan will put the nomination/voting forms together and said they must be out by mid-August. In case no nominations or volunteers are forthcoming we should be thinking of people we can ask to serve. We need a larger pool of members, so we should be checking with Universities where there are medieval studies to try to encourage membership.

TREASURER: Diane said that the new treasurer would most likely want to set up their own system and probably want us to reincorporate in a state without income tax, to avoid filling out the 990 form. Jonathan suggested Nevada or Washington as states without income tax.

We would need to check the rules for non-profits in any new state and it

should also be a state where we had several members. Most of our members are in the NE.

There was discussion on an audit committee. The treasurer would be ineligible to serve as a member but could be a witness. We could ask for volunteers or the Board could appoint members. Jacqueline said she thought she could ask Peggy Allen for suggestions.

Diane pointed out that we use the same small group of people over and over again.

Jacqueline told us that Judy Pimenthal has given the books to Friends of the Library that she had discussed giving to us. She also told us that she would contact Bonnie Battaglia and ask her if she would consent to be nominated for treasurer.

We wondered if anyone in the NE chapter would consent to run for office. Sally Keil is the Chair, perhaps she would agree to be part of the nominating committee or even run for office herself.

WEBSITE Nothing has been done since the last meeting. William needs to send the information to Diane so she can pay with the society debit card.

DUES It appears that we will need to raise the dues to \$60. As of 1st October the gap between expenses and income was about \$2600. We are dependent on gifts to make our budget. Publishing and shipping are most of our costs. Although the Register is as cost effective as possible, the cost for all printing and publishing, both US and UK is about \$20,000 per year.

We are close to \$14,000 for UK publishing and shipping alone. We feel the expenses need to be detailed in the Register.

Jonathan mentioned that several societies he belongs to have switched to electronic publications.

It was asked if this matter could be brought up again at the UK AGM.

Joan will try to bring the topic up again on the google discussion group.

She also asked if we could put a survey in the Register to see how

people would feel about electronic publications.

Jonathan agreed to contact Richard or Phil Stone and say we need to revisit electronic publications again or ask if they will send us a PDF file for publishing here.

Joan questioned whether we could have a two-tier membership, electronic versus print. Jonathan thought this would get us into the problem of a small base with rising costs for printed Registers.

According to Joan, digital printing does not change the cost of the individual copy as it would with off-set printing.

(At this point Amber had to leave the meeting)

Nita said she would contact Victoria and see what arrangements could be made for copying reports to be handed out at the AGM.

Nita felt it would be easier to do the copying there rather than carry the copies with her.

At this point the board went through all the suggested revisions to the bylaws. Wayne said that after he had them all corrected he would send them out to the Board. Joan asked that the changes only be sent to her for the Register.

Wayne told us that the Medieval Academy is not keeping Laura up to date. She will contact them and ask for all the new information.

Wayne was asked to ask Laura if she has the original documents which showed our agreement with the Medieval Academy.

It was suggested that the “White Hart” money be put into a separate account or returned to the White Rose Society.

The meeting was closed at 6:17pm ET.

The next meeting will be held on July 15th at 4pm ET.