

RICHARD III SOCIETY BOARD MEETING
JULY 15TH 2012

Excuses received from Amber McVey and Jacqueline Bloomquist.

Present: Jonathan Hayes, Wayne Ingalls, Diane Hoffman, Joan Szechtman,
Nita Musgrave.

The meeting was opened at 4:04pm ET by Vice-Chair Jonathan Hayes.

Minutes: Approved as altered.

Nominations: So far no nominations have been received for the positions of secretary, treasurer and membership chair.

Suggestions were made to ask former board members to serve in a different position from the one they previously held; to take nominations from the floor if no names are forthcoming; to amend the bylaws to keep present officers in place if no names are forthcoming.

Joan mentioned that she has had no articles submitted for the Register so for September she has received permission from the UK to reprint an article.

Diane brought up that Laura Blanchard had once suggested that we hold our AGM at the Medieval Conference in Kalamazoo, MI. It would give us exposure so maybe we could recruit new members and there would be no need to recruit people to give talks. We could consider it for 2013 , although maybe 2014 would be better. This would be a one year trial.

Modifications of the bylaws will be needed to allow for any change to the date of the AGM.

Change is also needed to allow for current office holders to stay on until replacements are found.

References to mailing ballots will be changed to “send” to allow for other forms of delivery. Updates to the bylaws will be sent to Lisa by Diane so that they may be posted on the website. Diane will also send them to the Board.

Bylaws amendments will be sent to members with the ballots. Bylaws changes will not be printed for AGM attendees as they will be on the website.

Wayne Ingalls asked that any comments on the bylaws changes be sent to him by

email only. He will collate the responses and bring them to the AGM. Joan asked for everything (email, mail and fax) to be sent to Wayne and then he will send on the counts to Nita.

Questions were brought up about the need to raise 10,000 pounds very quickly for the archeological dig which is to take place in Leicester. Apparently a major backer had to reduce their pledge due to economic difficulties. Diane requested that we update the website with the reason for the shortfall. Pledges must be emailed by 20th of this month.

Diane received a message from Maria Torres asking if she should go ahead and post the obituary notice in the New York Times. Probable cost is \$400.

A motion was passed rejecting the idea of the New York Times obituary. Wayne will check the cost of a Google ad instead. Although it is probably too late for magazines we could check how much it would cost in History Magazine and also in the Medieval Academy of America website. Joan will contact the Academy.

With regard to shipping from the UK to individual members, a motion was passed unanimously. Diane will contact Stephen and notify him of the change.

Nita had checked costs of printing documents for the AGM at the Staples in Oakville, ONT. They seemed reasonable and consistent with prices here, so Nita will do the printing there.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm ET. The next meeting will be held on August 26th at 4pm ET.

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