

Richard III Society –American Branch Board Meeting – November 18, 2012

Present: Jonathan Hayes, Sally Keil, Joan Szechtman, Lisa Holt-Jones, Wayne Ingalls, Diane Hoffman, Amber McVey, Nita Musgrave, Mary Retallick

Call to Order : 1:06PM EST

After discussion, the minutes were accepted as amended.

Chairman's Report: Jonathan has started writing a Chairman's Letter to the Register. He has emailed Phil Stone to work on getting notice of UK events and getting more Richard III books in electronic format. Approval for this is on a country by country basis, so we cannot get books that you can get in Britain. Authors are resistant to having electronic versions. Jonathan says that he personally has sold more e-books than paper books.

Sally remarked that we have to prepare a membership report for the Parent Society. A discussion followed about the difficulty of determining at any given time how many active members there are due to the fact that members can sign up at any time. The Parent Society wants an annual report, not reporting people as they join. Amber and Joan said they would look in the database (currently 312 members) to determine who is not current on their dues. It was suggested that we ask the Parent Society if we can report the number of members quarterly. New members have joined because of the publicity surrounding the Leicester archeological project.

Jonathan reported that the Canadian Branch ended the AGM with a deficit and suggested that we should offer to give the money to cover their expenses. Amber seconded this. It was agreed to send \$200 to the Canadian Branch.

There was discussion of the current state of the Schallek fund and the need for someone to take care of it.

There was a discussion of the Society's website. The domain name [www.r3.org](http://www.r3.org) is up for renewal in March. It was suggested that the website be changed to reflect that no invoices are being sent for renewals. Lisa has been working on the website to try to simplify and redesign things. There was a suggestion that a Richard III in the Media section be added with news about the dig and the discovery of a new site for Bosworth. Also, it was suggested that a new contact section include contacts for regional chapters, that the Princes in the Tower section be rewritten to show alternate theories for their disappearance.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42PM EST.

Next meeting: January 13, 2013 – 4PM EST

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Retallick, Secretary

