

Richard III Society –American Branch Board Meeting – March 17, 2013

Present: Jonathan Hayes, Sally Keil, Joan Szechtman, Wayne Ingalls, Diane Hoffman, Mary Retallick, Susan Higginbotham, later Lisa Holt-Jones

Call to Order : 1:11PM PDT

After discussion, the minutes were accepted as presented.

There was a discussion of matters relating to the AGM. It will be held in Richmond, VA from September 27th to 29th. Jonathan brought up the topic of honorariums for speakers. He said that they had been \$100-\$200 in the past. He suggested that, if we get a speaker from the University of Virginia, we should ask how much they usually get. Jonathan said that the contract for the hotel had been signed. Diane asked if we get a discounted rate. Jonathan said the rate would be \$114 per night. It was suggested that we ask if there are any special provisions for non-profit organizations. John Ashdown-Hill was suggested as a speaker. Jonathan said he would approach Dr. Ashdown-Hill. There was a discussion about giving speakers gift certificates. There will be a tentative schedule for the AGM in the Register. Jonathan mentioned that basic registration in the past has been \$75 and we should look at the contract to decide how much it should be and how many people have been coming. Wayne said that he thought there would be between 25 and 40 people coming this year.

There was a discussion of the meal costs at the AGM. The minimum food and beverage expense is \$1,000. Recent meals have been around \$40.

There was a discussion of other attractions in the Richmond area: Williamsburg, Monticello. A panel discussion about comparing the Wars of the Roses to the American Civil War was proposed. It was suggested that we contact the Society for Creative Anachronism in the area.

Jonathan and Sally went to the Leicester meeting. The voting in the Leicester Mercury was overwhelmingly in favor of a tomb. The attitude of Leicester Cathedral staff toward the project and the suitability of a small cathedral for Richard were discussed.

Lisa Holt-Jones joined the discussion. Sally discussed the recent membership figures. She said that plans were underway to make the Register available as an e-book and to consolidate the print version into one yearly publication. The Parent Society is in favor of keeping print runs going.

Lisa said that the website migration was completed. The need for a webmaster was discussed. Lisa said that we needed to repoint [www.r3.org](http://www.r3.org) to the new website.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:36PM PST.

Next meeting: May 19, 2013 – 1:00PM PST

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Retallick, Secretary