

Richard III Society – American Branch
Board Meeting
June 4, 2017; 5:00 PM, est

Call in 1 (888) 296 -6500
Code 749 8876

Meeting attended by: Deborah Kaback, Emily Ferro, Cheryl Greer, Joanne Smith, Jonathan Hayes

Absent: Compton Reeves, Bob Pfile, Joan Szechtman

- I. Notes from February meeting approved by board.
- II. Jonathan – Schalleck Awards
 - a. Application numbers have been declining.
 - b. Spoke with Lisa at the Medieval Academy to brainstorm ideas for renewed interest in applying.
 - i. Revise eligibility.
 - c. Jonathan can't find current eligibility conditions, but discussed the following options:
 - i. Allow registered PhD students in the US to apply
 1. Formerly only allowed US PhD students to apply
 - ii. Expand range of eligible study topics
 1. "Late Medieval Britain" topics (discouraged; too broad)
 2. 1350 – 1650 (preferred)
 - d. Jonathan will circulate the proposed revisions via email.
- III. Jonathan – Bob Phile
 - a. Bob has disclosed health concerns.
 - i. Acknowledged the possibility of replacement
 - ii. Board will consider replacement at a later date, but not currently
 1. (Cheryl) We will wait for Bob to confirm he's ready to resign
 - iii. Deborah will respond to Bob's email; ask to be kept informed
 - b. Bob has arranged for storage in Virginia, but we are unsure of how long.
- IV. Leicester Cathedral – Theatrical Performance of *Richard III*
 - a. General agreement that the performance is in bad taste.
 - b. Would like to see an educational introduction or seminar offered to attendees.
 - c. Strong feelings among board members.
 - d. Secular plays within a cathedral is a questionable choice.
 - e. Caused a stir within the UK parent society.
 - i. RIII Society UK will take the lead and the US branch will consider actions and follow suit
- V. Joanne - Taxes
 - a. Federal and NY state taxes have been filed.

- VI. Joanne – Membership Cards
 - a. Has received more requests for membership cards than expected (received 12–15).
 - b. Cards are being mailed and process is going well.
 - i. The UK branch is very responsive and members are getting their cards within 4 weeks

- VII. Deborah – Event Notice
 - a. The English-speaking Union in New York hosts excellent events
 - i. Notify board in advance of upcoming events members may be interested in attending
 - 1. We look forward to hearing about any event we might be able to partner with

- VIII. Jonathan – Next Board Meeting
 - a. Emily to send a reminder email 3–4 days in advance.

Meeting concludes. 5:29 PM, est.

Next quarterly call September 17, 2017 at 5:00 PM, est.