Richard III Society – American Branch Board Meeting July 14, 2019; 5:00 PM, est Call in 1 (888) 296-6500 Code 749 8876

## Meeting attended by: Emily Newton, Compton Reeves, Joan Szechtman, Deborah Kaback, Cheryl Greer, Susan Troxell

- I. Vote for Legal Status
  - a. Vote for company limited by guarantee.
    - i. Send additional email blast to membership.
      - Cheryl wants to check with the parent Society to find out if they plan to send an additional reminder, so we don't "spam" members with reminders.
    - ii. Important to take advantage of the written ballot because we've pushed for it in the past.
- II. Budget GMM
  - a. Registration would pay for attendance, speakers, lunch.
    - i. Cost to attend will increase by \$50 from Detroit.
      - 1. Cost increase is resulting from increased costs based on location.
  - b. If we can afford it, the branch should cover the excursion to see the Edward IV scroll.
    - i. We are comfortable using branch funds to cover the bus excursion.
      - 1. Approved.
  - c. Approval of the proposed budget with the additional note that the American Branch will cover the bus excursion and certain speaker costs.
- III. Speakers
  - a. Should we offer a stipend for the speakers?
    - i. Is there money set aside for this purpose? The McGee fund?
    - ii. Little Schalleck Fund?
  - b. We may have lost speakers because we only offered to cover airfare.
  - c. We can pay from the general fund.
    - i. Let's research the average for speaker stipends.
    - ii. We will pay speaker fee and for hotel fees for speakers.
    - iii. If speaker is a member of the society, no monetary compensation can be given, expenses would be covered. A gift may be given.
  - d. Who could the speakers be?
    - i. Peter and Carolyn Hammond.
    - ii. Philippa Langley.
    - iii. A few authors Susan has considered.
    - iv. Local professors in PA.
    - v. Sally Keil.
      - 1. Committed to speaking.
    - vi. Gilbert Vaugner.

- 1. Researching medieval toys, local to PA.
- vii. Compton has volunteered to speak.
- IV. Reporting to parent Society
  - a. Many branches are reported in the UK publications. US does not often get mentioned.
  - b. Should we be sending regular reports?
    - i. Who would be responsible for sending those reports?
    - ii. Members/board members will write the text, and Joan will put it together.
      - 1. Compton will write a piece for Joan.
    - iii. Email Nita about chapter reports.
- V. AGM in Edinburgh
  - a. Susan is attending.
  - b. May send her best regards from the American branch.
- VI. Lack of content in *Register* 
  - a. Joan struggling to get articles and response for content.
  - b. Schalleck thesis and dissertation abstracts may be a good option.
  - c. Make permission to publish a condition of the Schalleck awards.

Meeting concludes. 6:05 PM, est. Next quarterly call October 20, 2019 at 5:00 PM, est.