

Meeting attended by: **Emily Newton, Compton Reeves, Joan Szechtman, Deborah Kaback, Susan Troxell**

- I. Invoice from RIII UK
 - a. Deborah got an invoice forwarded to her from a member that was from the new UK treasurer stating that the parent society neglected to charge the American branch for membership dues.
 - i. Joan paid ~£7,000 pounds via wire.
 1. Emily raised concerns about invoice, and sought confirmation that this invoice did indeed come from the parent society and was not a scam.
 2. The name of the individual who sent the invoice was printed in the UK publication as treasurer, so there is reasonable confirmation that the invoice was valid.
 - ii. We should expect an invoice in October 2020.
- II. Donation to the branch
 - a. Denise Miller, a financial advisor, noted that a deceased client listed the RII society as a beneficiary. No further info at this time. Deborah will keep us posted.
- III. Printers
 - a. Joan noted an intention to switch printers due to recent delays and complications with Bookmasters.
 - b. One of the problems has been cleared up: There was a delay because payment had not been received.
 - i. We've now been set up for a new payment schedule that will deliver payment with plenty of time before it is due.
 - c. Other problem is the 1-week delay of delivery to Sun Graphics. Joan will investigate.
 - d. With the new printer we would save money by removing perfect binding, but the printing costs would be higher than we are currently paying if we kept perfect binding.
 - e. Board concluded that the best course of action is to give Bookmasters one more printing cycle to see if the problems are resolved.
- IV. GMM 2020
 - a. We are now 1 year out.
 - i. Susan will review rooms at the venue.
 - b. Speakers need to be selected so that we can include the speakers in the programs, which will be sent out in March or April 2020.

- i. We should avoid Skype speakers at all costs—Technical concerns, QnA limitations, devaluing event and speaker experience.
- ii. Sally Kiel has agreed to speak and will speak on Saturday at the GMM.
- iii. At the AGM, Susan spoke with Peter and Carolyn Hammond.
 - 1. They are interested in attending, but have reservations about the long travel.
 - 2. Peter will contact them and let them know that we need a firm answer by November 1.
 - 3. Deborah suggested asking the Hammonds—if they won't accept because of travel—if they could speak via Skype during the outing, to offer attendees an alternative without detracting from the speaker program.
 - a. Suggested that we may make this offer to them in June, as not to sway their decision.
- iv. Matthew Lewis is a well-known author and has some reputation with Ricardians. He is a good public speaker.
 - 1. Consider as keynote.
 - 2. Susan will reach out to him to propose the opportunity.
 - 3. We have authorized waived registration, airfare, and up to three nights in a hotel.
- v. Anne Esther Smith proposed as an option for speaker. She is a fiction author with a new book coming out. She has written a whole series on the York dynasty and could speak about a range of subjects.
 - 1. She is an adjunct professor at University of Reading and may have academic commitments.
- vi. Yvonne Marley Chase suggested by Susan. She is a professional voice coach working on the "Voice for Richard" project.
 - 1. The society wants to promote her project.
 - 2. Susan will talk to Sally Henshaw, who knows Yvonne.
- vii. Chronologically, we will get an answer from the Hammonds, and reach out to Matthew Lewis. If the Hammonds say no, we will reach out to Yvonne.

V. We will touch base with Cheryl about interest in Board positions for 2020.

Meeting concludes. 6:05 PM, est.

Next quarterly call January __, 2019 at 5:00 PM, est.