

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

- I. GMM 2020
 - a. Current PA lockdown until June 4.
 - i. Three phase system in the Philadelphia area.
 1. Currently in the first “red light” phase.
 2. Will possibly be in the second “yellow light” phase late summer or early fall.
 - a. In the second “yellow-light” phase, meetings of over 25 people will not be permitted.
 3. Even if we are in the third “green light” phase by October, there will still likely be CDC-recommended guidelines for social distancing rules.
 - ii. We are already in the bracket for the maximum potential cost loss if the GMM is cancelled, so perhaps we should sit tight.
 - iii. Our membership is older, and may not feel comfortable traveling.
 1. We have concerns about asking speakers to risk their health in attending.
 - iv. Scroll viewing risked.
 1. Speaker in the “at risk” population.
 - b. Hotel recommends waiting to cancel until later in the summer, because Force Majeure is not yet in effect.
 - i. \$7,800 plus tax (~\$500) if we cancel now.
 - c. So far we have 14 registered attendees, and 20 hotel room nights booked. We need to get up to 40 before we pay the hotel a penalty.
 - i. No one has currently asked directly about cancellation, but we have had questions about how we’re proceeding.
 - d. If we cancel, how do we proceed?
 - i. Zoom meetings on that weekend instead?
 - ii. Plan GMM in 2021?
 1. Shifting the GMM to 2022 to be safer and allow more time for a vaccine and general stabilization.
 - iii. Elections might need to be held by mail.
 1. Coordinate online, via Zoom?
 - a. May have trouble recording the number of votes.
 2. Vote by mail or email.
 - a. Agreed as the easiest solution.
 - e. Next step: Susan to draft an email to membership.
 - i. We are waiting to see the evolution of the pandemic. We’re waiting to see the statements from Pennsylvania.

- ii. We are taking the cautious approach of cancelling the 2020 GMM and planning the next meeting in 2022.
 - iii. In its stead we are investigating holding a virtual meeting and more details are to come.
 - iv. Voting, which normally takes place at the GMM, will be held by mail or email vote; more details to come.
 - f. Compton will reach out to Carol and Peter Hammond about recording a talk to share with our membership.
 - g. We need to reach out to our speakers—Susan will reach out to Matthew Lewis and Sally Kiel.
- II. Parent Society Voting
 - a. We want to pursue the ability of American Branch members to vote on parent society issues.
 - i. Compton will try to reach out to other branches.
 - 1. Can expect to find support from other branches.
 - ii. Deborah drafting a letter for Compton to send to the parent society.
 - iii. The new membership letter implies that proxy vote will be permitted in the new corporate society.
- III. Wants to make all Ricardian Registers public online to encourage article receipt
 - a. Access to Register articles eliminates benefit of membership
 - b. We need to find a way to commission articles
 - i. Essay contest with monetary prize?
 - ii. Hold an essay contest leading up to the “GMM weekend.”
 - 1. Maybe too late in the game for that.
 - iii. Compton will contact the Medieval Academy with a call for essay submissions.
 - iv. Think about joining a listserv to commission articles.
 - v. Compton will reach out to Research Officer Gil Bogner to explore his contacting universities and colleges for papers.

Meeting concludes. 6:10 PM, est.

Next call July 12, 2020 at 4:00 PM, est.