

Richard III Society – American Branch Zoom Meeting  
Feb. 7, 2021; 4:00 PM, est

Meeting attended by: **Compton Reeves, Deborah Kaback, Susan Troxell, Joan Szechtman, Wayne Ingalls, Gil Bogner, Andy Hart, Pauline Calkin**

(Before the meeting began, we took a couple of minutes to go around the “virtual room” introducing ourselves.)

1. **Status on Membership chair transfer / update on membership:** transfer from Cheryl Greer, former membership chair to Wayne Ingalls was completed and has gone smoothly and there are no outstanding issues. Wayne feels confident he can perform the position’s duties and Cheryl remains available to help with unusual ad hoc issues. / Since October, we have gained 10 new members, but have experienced some attrition over the past three years. We are currently at 327 members.

2. **Status in CLG Registrations:** As of the meeting, 79 American Branch members have not registered with the CLG. Wayne will have a targeted letter sent to those members who have not registered.

3. **Increase in charges on Neon/CRM:** Our membership management software is increasing its monthly charge by \$30, but adding services including the pay point software that BluePay is currently providing at a cost of \$35/mo. Details provided by Wayne follow:

Cost of NEON before increase and cost now: \$49/\$79

Cost of BluePay: \$35/month (charged by Neon) + \$119 annual fee (to BluePay)

Note: if we had stayed with BluePay we would have incurred an additional \$35/mo charge in addition to the \$30/mo. NEON increase.

Cost of NEON if they are the pay point: Still \$79/month, but we avoid the \$35/month and the \$119/year for BluePay because there’s no annual fee with NEON and they now provide the same pay point service as BluePay.

Net cost increase for us if we go to NEON pay point:  $(\$30 \times 12) - \$119 = +\$241/\text{annually}$   
Resolved to keep NEON and drop BluePay.

4. **Direct Mailings of UK publications:** The December *Bulletins* were shipped to SunGraphics mid -January because of some confusion in the transition to CLG. Starting March 2021, our understanding is the UK will be mailing all UK publications directly to our Members who have registered with CLG. According to the list Wayne received from the UK, there are still 79 members who have not registered and are at risk of not receiving the March UK publications. In order to hopefully get full participation from our members, Wayne will have SunGraphics send a targeted mail to those members.

#### 5. **American Branch Awards:**

1. **Dickon Award:** Resolved Joan is to scour past registers for Dickon awardees and compile an archival list of those who have already received a Dickon award. This list will be emailed to our current members and request they email Joan with names of anyone who they know to have received this award but are not on the list.
2. **Angel Award:** Dickon award is for service. Need award for monetary donation. Jonathan Hayes had done some work on this award and had forwarded the information he had to Compton. Compton will report on its status in our next meeting.

**6. Issues from past meetings - (1 minute each)**

1. Bank account signature changes: Deborah has not been able to get a signature card mailed to her from BoA. Joan offered to stop by her local branch and try to get a signature card from them. If successful, will mail to Deborah.
2. Am Br's Zoom account down to 1 host ("Richard Plantagenet"): Done.
3. Can Martin-Tarbox be removed now? Is she still getting checks? She is not listed on the contacts page of our website, nor in our publications. According to Deborah, she stopped receiving checks from Tarbox.
4. Hotel deposit of \$2,500: Susan finally received the deposit refund and it has been deposited to our account.
5. Articles/AV/Archives library - transfer to Andy Hart: Done
6. Fiction library - get an update from Pauline on transfer: All books have been mailed, but there are still a few book that the Post Office has to deliver. They are being tracked.
7. 2022 GMM location (if no vols by July 2021, what then?): At this point, it appears we may still be having issues with COVID-19. We will make a final determination as to whether to go virtual for 2022 GMM at our next meeting in May.
8. Legacy gift from Justin Smith (17<sup>th</sup> century book): We do not have an environmentally controlled facility to support proper storage of such artifacts. The American Branch needs to develop a protocol for such gifts. In his vocation as Pastor, Andy Hart, A/V & Archive Librarian, has had to deal with similar bequests and will share a "boiler plate" protocol he has used. To be discussed next meeting.
9. Vivian Crystal -has gone AWOL (book reviewer): Joan will try to determine what has happened to her beyond her not having renewed her membership. Meanwhile, we probably should be looking for a new reviewer to partner with Myrna Smith, our stalwart Ricardian Reading Editor.

**7. Strategic Plan for next 1, 3-5 years (5 minutes)** - Susan to introduce the desirability of having a Strategic Plan and how Board would come up with one (e.g., **Zoom lecture series**): To be discussed next meeting. Going forward, the plan should include how to grow membership, possible projects, etc.

**8. Miscellaneous - (1 minute each)—tabled for next meeting.**

1. Tech Soup - Joan to raise awareness of what this offers
2. Promoting Shalleck Award

Meeting concluded. 6:00 PM, est.

Next Zoom meeting May 16, 2021 at 4:00 PM, edt.