

Minutes Regular Board Meeting October 22, 2023

Attended by: Joan Sz., Wayne, Mary, Deborah and Susan (Regrets were sent by Sally and Carole)

Minutes from August and September 2023 meetings were approved by unanimous vote

Plantagenet Award winner was unanimously confirmed by email and Wayne is working on the plaque; he will get a write-up together along the lines of Bo Cutter's announcement.

Discussion about the UK raising its rates: it was the consensus that the American Branch should first come to an agreement with the UK CLG, and then decide what the best approach would be for adjusting members' dues to the Branch (incrementally or one-time increase?). Susan and Wayne will schedule a meeting with the UK chair and treasurer to get discussions underway. The Board will need to give a proposal to members at the 2024 GMM for increasing Branch dues. Part of that proposal will have to explain that even at the current dues (2023), the Branch's annual operating expenses are not fully covered.

Discussion about the status of the Vanguard account and whether to look at other investments. Our CPA Anthony Cipolla was supposed to talk to someone at his office who serves as financial advisor to non-profits, Deborah will follow up with him. Deborah will also look at what Fidelity could offer us. Susan would talk to her financial advisor.

Susan gave an update on the Edward IV roll project.

New co-editor Tara is working on the December Chronicle newsletter, along with Joan. Transition is going well.

Wayne will put out an email blast for someone to volunteer as co-PR officer.

Starting November 4, Deborah will be at her North Carolina address.

**Next meeting: Sunday December 17 at 4 pm Eastern**