

## **Motion to Revise Annual Membership Dues for American Branch**

Proposed by: Deborah Kaback, Treasurer

Seconded by: Susan Troxell, Chair

Background: The motion is partly in response to the UK Richard III Society increasing its membership subscriptions and overseas mailing supplement charge, and discontinuing the Senior discount. The UK will “phase in” the increases by £2-4 over the next 3-5 years, until they are brought into parity with the UK Society’s new membership tiers. Please recall that a substantial part of the dues you pay to the American Branch are used to pay for your membership to the UK Society, with all its benefits (Zoom talks, discounted entry to UK historical sites), and the overseas mailing of UK publications (Ricardian Bulletin, The Ricardian journal) to your US address.

Currently, the basic dues paid to the American Branch do not fully cover its annual operating expenses in addition to paying for members’ UK subscriptions and mailings. The Branch has always made up the difference by using members’ very generous cash donations, but this is not something that can always be relied upon. The Board believes that annual dues should be in an amount that substantially covers annual expenses, since they are the main form of revenue. The last time Branch dues were increased was in 2012.

With the UK now offering a discounted “digital-only” option for the Ricardian Bulletin and Ricardian journal, we are able to pass these savings on to American Branch members by offering a discounted “digital-only” membership tier to the American Branch. This preserves the \$60 tier that is currently charged for the base individual membership.

### Proposed Annual Membership Dues Effective January 1, 2025:

\$60 for “digital-only” for 1 person (digital-only copy of magazines & journals)

\$75 for individual

\$80 for family (2 or more, same household)

\$100 for Fotheringhay sponsorship\*

\$180 for Middleham sponsorship\*

\$300 for Bosworth sponsorship\*

\$500 for Plantagenet sponsorship\*

(\* sponsorships include family memberships, along with letter saying that anything over \$80 is a charitable contribution for income tax purposes)

### RECORD RAISED HANDS:

\_\_\_ Aye

\_\_\_ Nay

\_\_\_ Abstain