

**PROXY BALLOT FOR 2024 GMM
RICHARD III SOCIETY, INC.--AMERICAN BRANCH**

To be valid, this Proxy Ballot must be received by Acting Membership Chair Wayne Ingalls, 704 NW Euclid Ave, OK 73507 or via email to membership@r3.org no later than October 25.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

A proposal to **approve the Minutes of the GMM** from 2022 (can be found on r3.org under For Members/Governance/Minutes/GMM Business Meeting of Oct 29, 2022).

FOR AGAINST

A proposal to **increase dues to the American Branch to \$75 individual/\$80 family, and \$60 for digital-only publications.**

FOR AGAINST

A proposal to **approve the Proposed Budget** for 2025-26.

FOR AGAINST

ELECTION OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS TO AMERICAN BRANCH

Election of Susan Troxell to serve as Chair of the American Branch from the time of the 2024 GMM until the time of the 2026 GMM.

FOR AGAINST

Election of _____ to serve as Vice Chair of the American Branch from the time of the 2024 GMM until the time of the 2026 GMM. [Note: no nominations were received for this officer position. The Board will appoint someone to serve as Acting Vice Chair if a volunteer comes forward after the 2024 GMM.]

Election of Deborah Kaback to serve as Treasurer of the American Branch from the time of the 2024 GMM until the time of the 2026 GMM.

FOR AGAINST

Election of Wesley “Wayne” Ingalls to serve as Membership Chair of the American Branch from the time of the 2024 GMM until the time of the 2026 GMM.

FOR AGAINST

Election of Liz Bateman to serve as Secretary of the American Branch from the time of the 2024 GMM until the time of the 2026 GMM.

FOR AGAINST

Election of Carole Bell to serve as Director-at-Large of the American Branch from the time of the 2024 GMM until the time of the 2026 GMM.

FOR AGAINST

Election of Mary Miller to serve as Director-at-Large of the American Branch from the time of the 2024 GMM until the time of the 2026 GMM.

FOR AGAINST

Election of Joan Szechtman to serve as Director-at-Large of the American Branch from the time of the 2024 GMM until the time of the 2026 GMM.

FOR AGAINST

Election of Dr Compton Reeves to continue as Immediate Past Chair

FOR AGAINST

BIOGRAPHIES OF NOMINEES

SUSAN TROXELL has served as Chair since 2021, and has been our Research Librarian since 2015. She has a Juris Doctorate and is retired after practicing law for 20 years. An amateur historical researcher, more than 20 of her articles have appeared in the *Ricardian Bulletin* and *Ricardian Register*, with several being posted in full on the website of the UK's Richard III Society (richardiii.net) as well as having been cited by professional historians. In July 2022, she was invited to speak about Richard III at the Stratford Festival in Ontario, Canada. Her article about the Edward IV Roll project, co-authored with Laura Blanchard, was included in the 2024 Special Centenary issue of *The Ricardian*.

DEBORAH KABACK currently serves as Treasurer of the American Branch. She is a Managing Director of Oppenheimer Asset Management Inc and resides in New Lebanon NY.

WAYNE INGALLS has served as the Membership Chair since 2022. He serves concurrently as the Public Relations Officer. He previously served on the Board as the Treasurer (2000 – 2004) and as the Chair (2006 – 2010). He retired from the U.S. Army in 2007 and is employed as a Department of the Army civilian at Fort Sill, OK. He is pursuing his doctorate in Strategic Security at National American University.

LIZ BATEMAN joined the Richard III Society in 2018, after meeting Bob Pfile and George Usher at a lecture about Richard III at the Smithsonian Institute. She writes: "I was so surprised and pleased to hear that there was a society dedicated to this king, and that there was a chapter in my local area! Fast forward to 2022, when I volunteered to plan and coordinate the very successful GMM in Washington DC, and 2023 when I became chair of the Tidewater chapter, which has been challenging yet rewarding too. Since our chapter members are so spread out geographically, we had to find ways to come together, and Zoom was an important tool. I introduced a book reading club for the Tidewater Chapter using Zoom, and so far, we have covered 2 books together. As I continue to learn about Richard III and the Wars of the Roses, I think how sad that so many students are not interested in history. All of us have a charge to help educate others and make this period of history "come alive". I've served as Secretary on other non-profit boards and a historical society, and my style is to keep to the key points while following the agenda. My minutes are in bullet point style rather than prosaic and I know it's important to circulate them to the entire board soon after a meeting to ensure their accuracy. I'd be so pleased to join the Board of the American Branch of the Richard III Society, if you'll have me."

CAROLE BELL has been a member of the Richard III Society on and off for over 30 years. In the past, she has been Chair of the New England Chapter and helped with the AGM in Boston. She has been interested in Medieval British history (especially the Wars of the Roses) for as long as she can remember. She has a BS in Physical Anthropology and a Masters in Information Science. She is a retired University Librarian. She worked at Brown Univ., Northwestern U., and the Univ. of Maryland during her career, retiring from Temple University in her hometown of Philadelphia 10 years ago. She currently lives in South Jersey in Haddonfield.

MARY MILLER first joined the Richard III Society in 1971 when she was a college student. Over the years, she has been involved in the Society in various ways. She was the national chapter coordinator in the late 1980s and served as the fiction librarian for several years. She has helped to start three chapters: Southwest, Michigan, and Illinois. With the help of the Illinois Chapter, she chaired the 1997 AGM. Over the years, she has presented workshops, organized library displays, and led a tour to England of

Ricardian sites. She and her family have moved a lot (seven states so far), but almost everywhere she moved, she was able to meet and make friends with Ricardians. The Society has been a constant in her life.

JOAN SZECHTMAN was Editor of the American Branch publications from 2011-2024. She has a BS in Electrical Engineering and spent most of her career in computer science and data communication. Her journey with the Richard III Society began in 2004 when she read Penman's *Sunne In Splendour*. To learn more about the real Richard III, she joined the American Branch, wrote three time travel novels about this monarch, and submitted articles to the Register.

DR COMPTON REEVES has served multiple terms as Chair of the American Branch, and has retired from a long career in academia. He was professor of medieval history at Ohio University, where he served as Chair of the History Department. He has published many books and articles about various aspects and key people of the late medieval age, and has given many talks at our past GMMs.