

**Minutes of the Board Meeting
Richard III Society – American Branch
August 11, 2024 4pm EST**

The meeting was called to order by Susan Troxell, Chair. The following were in attendance:

Mary Miller	Wayne Ingalls	Deborah Kaback
Sally Keil	Compton Reeves	Carole Bell

Liz Bateman as invited guest for a portion of the meeting

Minutes from the prior meeting were accepted.

Update from the Regional Chapter Coordinator

Liz Bateman provided a review of all of the actions she has taken to encourage involvement by the Moderators of the local chapters: creating a membership card, printing up stickers, organizing a Regional Chapter Zoom presentation on Marriage in Medieval England (with 47 people from the Tidewater and Metro NY chapters signing on), etc. She suggested a breakout group of Local Chapter Coordinators at the GMM. Nonetheless she is discouraged by the overall lack of response and has suggested that perhaps we don't actually need a Regional Chapter Coordinator. Liz went on to say that she is very interested in continuing to volunteer but wants to know if there might be other ways in which she can contribute.

Update from the Treasurer

Deborah reports that she has not yet heard back from our accountants about filing our taxes. She reported that the final payment for the Edward IV roll project (for the peer review work) has been paid. She also reported that she withdrew monies from the Vanguard account that represent 100% of the out of pocket expenses incurred by the Branch for this special project, as the funds in the Vanguard account are to be spent on special projects. She deposited this money into our checking account to re-imburse the Branch.

Update from the Membership Chair

Wayne reports that we have 467 households (ie addresses to which publications are sent) of which 56 are family memberships (who each receive one set of publications). He further reported that 30 households did not renew as of July; he will be following up with them to encourage that they renew. Much discussion ensued about the 'Digital Only' option that is going to be trialed by the UK Society, and how the American Branch should respond if they move forward with this membership option.

Update on the GMM

So far 13 people have registered; of the 50 rooms reserved at the hoel (our obligation), 43 are already secured so in all likelihood we will meet our obligation to the hotel and not incur a penalty. Susan will get with Tara about the production of the registration info that is to be mailed out to the membership soon. Mary is planning to talk to Dawn to make sure all is well. Each time Mary has had this conversation Dawn assures her that she has everything in hand.

The next meeting of the Board will be on October 6, 2024 at 4pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Keil
Secretary