

**Minutes of the Board Meeting
Richard III Society – American Branch
October 6, 2024 4pm EST**

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

Mary Miller	Wayne Ingalls	Deborah Kaback	Tara Holden
Sally Keil	Carol Bell	Joan Szechtman	

The Minutes from the prior meeting had a typo: the word 'hotel' was mis-typed. With that correction the Minutes from the prior meeting were accepted.

Report from the Treasurer

Deborah reports that the UK bill has not yet been received. We have approximately \$74,000 in checking, so we can pay the bill when it arrives. Our taxes have been filed by our accountants. So far no one has raised their hand to be the next treasurer. Deborah will speak to this at the upcoming GMM and advise that the Treasurer position does not require a financial background. Deborah will be forwarding her mail as of October 20th to her home in Charlotte NC.

Report from the Membership Chair

Wayne reports that we have 481 households (ie addresses to which publications are sent) of which 43 are family memberships (who each receive one set of publications). The UK Society is now referring all membership inquiries from the US to us.

Wayne also reported that he had been sent an email from Alice Fulmer, a new member expressing great interest in being nominated to the Board's Vice Chair position. Ms. Fulmer will be interviewed to consider her suitability for this position.

Report from the Editor

Tara reports that the latest issue of the Register is going to press. It will be produced in a new full color printing process. Tara expressed confidence that the issue will be very well received. Susan asked Tara to keep track of the printer's invoices as they are still in an 'evaluation' mode.

Report from the Chair

Susan presented the budget for Board review and comment. This budget will be presented to the membership at the GMM. Discussion ensued regarding Susan's assumptions of a \$30,000 investment appreciation that had been included in the 'Income' portion of the budget. After review it was decided to remove this figure from the budget, but to note this expected asset growth to the membership. With this change the Board voted unanimously to accept the budget as presented.

Also discussed was the proposed dues structure that is to be presented to the membership at the GMM. The Board unanimously approved the new structure. It was noted that members have a decision to make when they next renew their membership: 'regular' membership which includes print publications, or 'digital only' membership that does not. Discussion ensued as how we should handle those members who are on auto renew: at which membership are they renewing? Wayne said he would investigate how to ask auto-renewing members about selecting either the "digital only" or "hardcopy + digital" options and would report back at our next Board meeting.

All current members of the Board will be continuing in their respective roles except the Secretary position. Liz Bateman has volunteered to fill that position and be the next Secretary.

In her role as Nonfiction Librarian Susan noticed a member who was checking out somewhat obscure books on medieval law that are in our collection. She reached out to him to learn that he was a new member and was himself a lawyer. Susan asked if he would be interesting in submitting an article on his research for our publications.

Update on the GMM

Susan asked that all department heads have their GMM reports to Susan no later than October 20th. Already prepared and on our website are the Proxy ballot, Motion to Increase Dues.

The next meeting of the Board will be held at the GMM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Keil
Secretary