

Richard III Society, Inc.
General Membership Meeting
6 October 2018

Chairman A. Compton Reeves called the meeting of the Richard III Society, Inc. to order at 1:30 pm at the Detroit Metro Airport Marriott, Romulus, Michigan. There was a quorum present. Chairman appointed Bonnie Battaglia to record the minutes in place of Secretary Newton who was absent.

A moment of silence and thought was given in honor of John Ashdown-Hill (d. 18 May 2018) for the all the work he did to find the location of the church where King Richard III was buried and the genealogical & DNA search he did to prove that the skeleton found in 2012 was really King Richard III. He also wrote many books and articles about the Ricardian era. Chairman Reeves read King Richard's prayer.

The minutes of the 24 September 2018 General Membership meeting were not available.

The Treasurer will be getting professional help. The annual Treasurer's report was included in the agenda along with her report.

The reports from the Chairman, Compton Reeves; Membership Chair, Cheryl Greer; Treasurer, Joanne Smith; Non-fiction Library, Susan Troxell; Fiction Library, Gilda Felt; and the Editor's report, Joan Szechtman were submitted with the agenda.

Chairman Reeves reported that five awards were given out last year under the administration of the Medieval Academy of America (MAA). There were four Schallek Awards and one Schallek Fellowship. He pointed out that the MAA required membership in the organization to apply for their grants, while we do not. There was some discussion about giving those who received the awards and the fellowship membership into our society for a year.

It was moved and seconded that the Board officers look into the possibility of having a Student Membership category. There was discussion on how to do it because of having to notify the Parent Society of our membership. The motion passed.

It was moved and seconded that the Schallek recipients (awards and fellowship) receive a one year membership in the Society. The motion passed.

The meeting was suspended at 2:21 pm as the membership was booked to take a tour of Detroit from 2:30 to 5:00 pm.

The meeting was resumed at 7:05 pm (after the bus tour).

The nominees for the Executive Board are as follows:

Chairman: Dr. Compton Reeves;
Vice Chair: Deborah Kaback;
Membership Chair: Ms. Cheryl Greer;
Treasurer: Ms. Lynn Kenney; and
Secretary: Mrs. Emily Newton (nee Ferro).

It was moved and seconded to approve the slate of Nominees for the Executive Board. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

We are in excellent financial condition and the Michigan Chapter, at this time, has done well financially with the expenses from the GMM.

Joan Szechtman indicated that she had talked to Membership Chair Cheryl Greer who had heard from a member in Utah that there was going to be a Shakespeare Festival about three hours from Las Vegas that was going to perform Richard III. Due to the distance it did not seem likely we would participate at the event.

So far there is no place for our 2020 GMM. Any Chapter willing to host the next GMM please let the Board know.

The changes to the Bylaws were presented by the Bylaws committee and attached to the agenda. It was moved and seconded to approve the Bylaws as presented and written. The motion passed.

Chairman Reeves awarded two Dickon plaques. The first one went to Gelda Felt, the past Fiction Librarian to our Society. She had been our Fiction Librarian for the past 13 years. The Michigan chapter will see that she receives it as she was not able to attend the meeting. The second one was given to Susan Troxell, the current Non-Fiction Librarian for her active contributions to the registrar and other research projects. She received her plaque at the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bonnie Battaglia".

Bonnie Battaglia, Secretary pro temps