



Minutes for Dec 15, 2024 Board Meeting, revised

Members Present: Susan Troxell, Liz Bateman, Cheryl Greer, Carole Bell, Wayne Ingalls, and Joan Szechtman signed in later.

Introductions to new board members & housekeeping matters:

- Updates to any contact information?
 - ℞ Liz Bateman has changed from her AOL account to lizbateman5217@gmail.com
Joan deleted Liz's AOL address from the website and any other rosters.
- Schedule for our regular bi-monthly meetings in 2025-6
 - ℞ It was decided to keep meeting on the third Sunday every other month at 4:00 PM.
Our next meeting will be on January 19th at 4:00 PM, and the following meeting will be on March 16th.
 - ℞ Susan will look into having just one Zoom link for all meetings.

Volunteers

- Alice Fulmer withdrew her application to the Board (she felt that her availability would be too limited as she is working on a PhD)
- Tiffany Holmes - has volunteered to write something for our newsletter, still interested in potentially moving up to Board as "director-at-large". She also serves on the board of a small arts organization where she lives in Minnesota. She is very new to the Richard III Society (joined 2024).
 - ℞ It was felt that given her recent membership, it would be best to have her write an article for our newsletter and see how she is doing in six months.
- Barry York - is helping our webmaster, Cheryl Greer
 - ℞ He lives in Columbus, OH, and has had a hard time connecting with Cheryl, but it's early days, and he seems to have a good head for IT.
- Still need a volunteer for Vice Chair
 - ℞ I suggested contacting Sandra Lastowka as she is enthusiastic and has a lot of good ideas. I will give her a call.

Peer review on Edward IV Roll annotations to its heraldic shields & banners

- About \$500 will be used for peer review out of our \$10,000 budget for special projects, as Wayne was the last Board member to approve the project.

- ℞ A Zoom report on the Edward IV Roll Project will be held sometime in the next month or so.
- ℞ Prof. Emily Steiner, Dot Porter, Ariel Bates, Emma Dyson, Noa Nikolsky – University of Pennsylvania; hosted by the Free Library of Philadelphia have been working on transcribing, translating, mapping, and “decoding” FLP Lewis MS E201 – one of the great Yorkist genealogies created during the first years of Edward IV’s reign. The team will share their discoveries about the Roll and its function as propaganda, as political prophecy, and as a powerful tool for asserting the Yorkist claim to the English, French, and Castilian crowns.

Final Report on 2024 GMM in Santa Fe - still waiting for Dawn Shafer to provide final income/expense report (roughly, total expenses were around \$10,000, and that does not include Dawn and Pete Shafer paying for the lodging and travel of Dom and Christina Smee)

- We do not have final numbers yet.

Invoice to American Branch for UK Memberships

- Wayne gave our current membership numbers to the UK, and we will get an invoice in December. Expect it to be around \$25,000 (includes 25% discount on overseas direct mailings, as 25% of our members said they would sign up for digital-only publications when they renew in the upcoming year)
 - ℞ If we have less than 25%, we will pay the difference to the UK Society.

Location of 2026 General Membership Meeting (GMM)

- ℞ Only one volunteer has stepped forward to help with local planning - Maria Torres, who lives in Brooklyn, NY
- ℞ We discussed at length which cities would be successful venues as long as a person was willing to help coordinate the event.
 - ✓ We discussed Ohio; perhaps the Illinois Chapter might be close enough, or Milwaukee?
 - ✓ Florida is a possibility.
 - ✓ Bonnie Bataglia, a former chair and longtime donor to our Branch in Sacramento, CA, Wayne thought might be willing to look into a venue for the next GMM if none of the other possibilities work out. We are considering keeping Maria Elena Torres as a backup.
- ℞ The Board needs to discuss which cities, whether to conduct a poll to get members’ responses, and how we will find a local volunteer to assist with the hotel/venue and catering and identify potential local speakers, entertainers, and AV vendors.

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Bateman, Secretary
RIII Society American Branch