



Minutes of March 16 2025, regular bimonthly board meeting:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Susan Troxell	Tara Kolden
Maureen Chelak	Carol Bell
Liz Bateman	Tiffany Holmes
Deborah Kabak	Mary Miller
Joan Szechtman	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. Compton Reeves
Wayne Ingalls

- ℞ Minutes from January 19, 2025, were approved.
- ℞ Tiffany Holmes filled the position of director-at-large after the Board read her biography and answered the questions she had for us. She is from Minnesota, is a classically trained violinist, and is on a planning committee for a small non-profit organization. She is an enthusiastic Ricardian and should be an asset to the Board.
- ℞ Some members shared their e-mails:
 - ✓ lizbateman5217@gmail.com
 - ✓ Tiffany Holmes: oftinthestillynight@hotmail.com
 - ✓ Joan Szechtman: u2nohoo@gmail.com

Report from the Chair

- American Branch Annual Report
 - ℞ Our expenditures matched our income, given that it was a GMM year.
- ℞ Update on Wikipedia Inaccurate Information Project (headed by Philippa Langley)
 - ✓ Volunteers are being sought to investigate the accuracy of various articles located in Wikipedia. The volunteers will likely be grouped together to check on specific people who were part of Richard III's time in history. As a historical society, we need to ensure that the articles in Wikipedia are likely based on Ricardian research.

Report from the Vice-Chair

- War of the Roses Conference (WofRCon, scheduled for February 13-15, 2026 at Linthicum, MD)

- ℞ The conference will last over three days, with several excellent speakers and a costume ball. We discussed having a table for \$60, to promote the Richard III Society. There will be literature to hand out and, hopefully, the ability to sign up prospective members right at our table. Mary suggested that the public relations from having a table would be worth the price.
- ℞ The price for a ticket started at \$250.00 and, by mid-summer, will be raised to \$300. Individual days are not available to purchase one at a time. A block of 50 rooms at the conference center costs \$169 for a single and includes breakfast and dinner buffets.
- ℞ There will be shuttles from the airport (BWI) and the train station.
- ℞ Dr. Anna Engelson, Dr. David Grummitt, and Carol Ann Lloyd Stanger are three of the speakers.
- ℞ Gift bags will be given to the participants.
- ℞ Maureen will get an agreement with the organizer for a table.

Treasurer Report

- Update on American Branch Filing for 2025
 - ℞ Deborah hasn't heard from the tax accountants about filing for an extension.
 - ℞ We owe nothing on the Federal Return
 - ℞ There was a \$50 fee to maintain the Society as a charitable entity in New York State.
 - ℞ We did sell some Vanguard stock.

Membership Chair Report

- Wayne reported that 487 memberships, including family memberships, were down from 495 last year. Dues were raised, which may account for the decrease, but there are also 30 memberships coming up for renewal.

Secretary Report

- A new member has donated several boxes of RIII magazines, which could be handed out at the Wars of the Roses Conference table. The collection has a copy of the Harleigh 433 Titulus Regis on microfiche.
- We discussed having a standard for thanking donors who have contributed money above a certain amount, especially from individuals but did not decide on anything specific. Susan asked if Wayne and I would work on that issue together.
- At a minimum, we should send a warm personal note in addition to the tax-exempt letter.
- It was decided that we do not need a budget for Zoom speakers since speakers rarely ask for an honorarium.

Reports from Committee Chairs (Editor, Chapters Coordinator, Webmaster, PR) if in attendance.

- Editor—The Ricardian Register is nearly ready to go to press. When it is ready for publication, an e-

blast will go out. The cover and artwork are beautiful. The editors did the original research on the Edward IV Roll, and the American Branch funded it.

- Chapters

- ℹ Jim Mitchell says that they are still suspended in the Pacific NW. He asked to be advised if we hear from anyone in their area who is interested in starting again. He also wanted to know where the Florida Chapter is located (Orlando)
- ℹ Dr. Gouveia sent a letter to King Charles urging him to consider interring Richard next to his wife since King Charles shares ancestry with Richard. (the Florida Chapter)
- ℹ The Tidewater Chapter signed up a new member, Freddie Lipstein, who lives in Baltimore. She and her husband used to live on their boat, and she just donated a treasure trove of RIII magazines plus the Harleian Manuscript 433 Titulus Regis on microfiche.
<https://richardiii.net/research/ricardian-resources/harleian-manuscript-433/>
- ℹ Janice Weiner from the Illinois Chapter indicated that the four members are elderly and not active.

- Webmaster – No Report.

- PR – No Report

Upcoming March 23, 2025, Zoom with author Annie Garthwaite, who will discuss her recent book “The King’s Mother”. An updated Zoom link was just sent out: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8797...>

Old Business

- ℹ The decision was made not to increase Zoom participation
- ℹ Update on planning the 2026 GMM hosted by the NY Chapter and Maria Elena Torres. Different venues include Connecticut and New Jersey. Joan Szechtman offered to help look at venues since she lives in that general area.

New Business

- The Webmaster’s Requested Add-ons were approved.

Next Meeting – May 18, 2025 at 4:00 P.M. EDT