



MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2025, 2025 R3 BOARD MEETING

Note: Please record this meeting for reference

Please note that the Zoom link for our Meetings will always be the same:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83578660265>

Attendance of board members present:

Mary Miller	Joan Szechtman	Tiffany Holmes
Susan Troxell	Wayne Ingalls	Deborah Kaback
Liz Bateman	Maureen Chelak	Compton Reeves

Not Present: Carole Bell

Approve minutes of Sept 21, 2025 meeting

- Minutes approved with the understanding that Mary Miller was in attendance at the September 21 meeting, and today's date is November 16th.

Report from the Chair

- RIII Branches and Groups Liaison Officer (BGLO) Election (see 11/15 email from Susan Troxell to the R3 Officers Group)
 - The Board voted unanimously that we would support Susan McKenzie as the Groups Liaison Officer in the UK. We also appreciate the Rosemary Fenwick's willingness to serve as a volunteer.
- Approval of R3 Chair's membership to Medieval Academy
 - The Board voted unanimously that all RIII American Branch Chairs should belong to the Medieval Academy and that the Branch should pay for the membership fee. The connection to the Schalleck Awards and other connections would benefit by the Chair's membership to the MA.

- Update on Peggy Dolan bequest

- There might be approximately six to eight people who have a claim to Peggy Dolan's estate, current cash value is ~\$2,700,000, comprising 28 accounts spread over 11 financial institutions. The estate's representative is currently transferring everything into one account with stable returns and low risk.
- It's possible there may be \$300,000-\$600,000 coming to the American Branch in 2026 or 2027. It's possible that this could put us under the status of a Foundation versus a Public Charity.
- Deborah asked if this was a restricted gift or unrestricted as other donations have been. It appears restricted since Peggy asked that her bequest be used "for research".
- Deborah was opposed to putting the money into the Vanguard Account, but rather putting the gift into a separate account and not in the bank of America which is our operating account.
- We're a public charity, but the IRS could look at us as a Foundation if there is a lot of money donated to our Society.
- The Board unanimously approved retaining a lawyer to give advice on this bequest. Susan and Deborah will talk to (an) attorney(s) – preferably from a small firm or a solo practitioner who deals with small non-profit organizations. A small firm would likely charge less per hour.
- Before any decisions can be made, there will have to be an inventory and audit of the guardianship court file, and then the probate matter can be closed, so we're looking at sometime next year when Peggy Dolan's bequest is sorted out.
- In 2012, there was an article that mentioned Peggy was celebrating her 30th anniversary as a member of the Richard III Society, American Branch.
- About five or six years ago, the Florida Chapter Chairman, Dr. William Gouveia, received a call from Peggy asking about the chapter's annual celebration in Orlando, but she didn't attend. That's about all he knows about her.
- Susan discovered that she passed the Florida bar in 1970, and died in February 2024 in Orlando, Florida.
- Mary Miller saw in 2002, that Peggy Dolan had written a letter to the Ricardian Register.
- Peggy Dolan has no surviving relatives or family members; the only surviving beneficiaries are 3-4 friends who are named in her will and the 4 charities (including R3S-AB) who are named as residual beneficiaries to the entire estate.

- Update on planning for the 2026 GMM

- Next year we will have regular planning meetings.

Report from the Vice Chair

- **No report**

Treasurer Report

- Update on the Q3 financials
 - We pay a % to PayPal and fees for credit card processing.
 - Board went through the 3Q2025 financial report from Wojeski

Membership Chair Report

- What numbers are we reporting to the UK? (Deadline is November 19, 2025).
 - The UK is tracking our numbers – 150 people on the list are not active any more.
 - Overall, there are 419 members
 - Of those, 141 are digital
 - 31 are due to expire in 2026 and are counted as digital to be renewed at the \$60 level.

Report from Secretary

- The book I sent to Compton Reeves to autograph and then send on to Pauline Caulkin, *Loyalty Binds Me* was received and she wrote a gracious thank you note to the Society. I am in the process of replacing the book, and have sent money via PayPal to him and the Yorkist History Trust: £56.55 GBP. Deborah reimbursed me for the book and the postage to Compton and onward to Pauline.

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

- Chapters Coordinator: While there was no time for a report, I have not heard from any Chapter Chairmen. I have decided to send each Chairman a holiday card to keep the lines of communication open.

Old Business

- Donation to A Voice For Richard Project
 - The Board voted to donate \$5,000 to Yvonne Morley's Voice for Richard Project out of the Bank of America account and then withdraw the money from the Vanguard fund for the research to reimburse the Bank of America account.

New Business

Open Discussion (if time permits)

- Should we move forward with an Advisory panel?
 - Due to time constraints, we decided to table this discussion until late January after reading the report written by Susan Troxell.

- Retainer agreement with Wojeski & Co. (R3 American Branch CPAs)?
 - We do not have a retainer agreement with a CPA. It could possibly cost between four and eight thousand dollars per year.

Any other reports/announcements

**Zoom talk December 7, 2025 - Toni Mount Medieval Christmas (w/ Scottish Branch)

**Our Fiscal Year ends December 31, 2025

Next Meeting – January 18th at 4:00pm Eastern Time