



SPECIAL R3 BOARD MEETING RE: 2026 GMM

Sunday 9/14/25

- ❖ Meeting called to order by Susan Troxell at 12:00 PM
- ❖ Members present:
 - Susan Troxell
 - Joan Szechtman
 - Tiffany Holmes
 - Tara Kolden
 - Compton Reeves
 - Liz Bateman
 - Maureen Chelak
 - Maria Torres
 - Wayne Ingalls

- ❖ Questions to be answered”
 - Should an honorarium be offered to keynote speakers who are not members of our branch? [not allowed by our ByLaws, but they can be reimbursed for their expenses].
 - ✓ Everyone agreed that non-member speakers should be offered an honorarium.

- Should some form of travel reimbursement be offered to those speakers who have to travel more than one hour (one way) to get to our venue?
 - ✓ We agreed that it should be taken on an individual basis.
 - ✓ Some speakers might be within a range of 1 – 2 hours, so might not need reimbursement aside from gas and tolls.

- Do you have any ideas for speakers who could attract a large audience? Think globally. (Zoom)
 - ✓ Maureen suggested Cheryl Wright, who has spoken at the Smithsonian, and will look into her. Maureen also thought Professor Richard ? was a good speaker for the Smithsonian.
 - ✓ Matt Lewis could speak about Ann Neville since 2026 is the 570th anniversary of her birthday,
 - ✓ Sally Keil might know someone
 - ✓ Laura Branchard – Medieval handwriting
 - ✓ Mapa demo – Dot Porter
 - ✓ Lisa Fagan Davis
 - ✓ Emily Steiner from U Penn on the EIV roll
 - ✓ Susan will follow up with Emily Thornberg, Chair of the Medieval Department at Yale, to see if any students would want to speak.
 - ✓ Amy License – wrote a book on Ann Neville
 - ✓ Joanna Laynesmith?
 - ✓ Someone from Holy Cross or U CT

- Because of the Beinecke Library's hours, is it all right to start the GMM program on Friday at 3 PM instead of Saturday morning?
 - ✓ N/A since the Library's hours won't conflict

Other items:

In follow-up to my previous email about the UK's future increases to membership dues, I'm attaching the latest monthly statement for the American Branch's checking account. This is *before* we received Pauline Calkin's \$12,000 donation. Therefore, including that, it appears we will have approximately \$74,000 on hand at the time the UK requests payment for the 2025-26 subscription year.

Some of the money donated by Pauline Calkin can be used for the GMM.

Joan is going to taste-test various pizza parlors and recommend the best one for the Friday night registration. We may need a gift card, depending on the number of people expected to register.

Wayne discussed Neon and how the UK may have an incorrect number of online registrations (they believe we only have 8).

Susan wants to hold an afternoon Board Meeting to discuss the next two years and strategize a plan on the afternoon of November 1, 2026, at approximately 1:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Bateman, Secretary