

2026 GMM PROPOSED MOTIONS

MOTION #1: NUMBER OF DIRECTORS

Remove the following Bylaw:

5.4. Number of Directors: The number of Directors shall be no less than five (5) and no more than nine (9) members.

Replace with:

5.4. Number of Directors: The number of Directors shall be no less than five (5) and no more than thirteen (13) members.

Reason: We can accommodate more volunteers on the Board, and have already reached the old maximum of 9. We are legally allowed up to 15 directors per our Articles of Incorporation.

Motion proposed/seconded by: Maureen Chelak/Susan Troxell

MOTION #2: ADVISORY PANEL

Add the following Bylaw to Article VIII. Standing Committees and Ex Officio Officers

8.11. Advisory Panel. The Board of Directors is authorized to create, at its discretion, an Advisory Panel composed of people with expertise in medieval history, non-profit governance, education, community development, or any other pertinent area. These individuals do not have any voting rights on the Board. The names of those who are appointed to the Advisory Panel shall be disclosed to the membership. It is recommended that they serve a minimum of a two (2) year term, renewable at the Board's discretion. The Board may seek the advice of members about whom to invite to the Advisory Panel.

Reason: Having an advisory panel will allow the Board to consult respected members of the historical, non-profit, literary, and educational communities. For example, having a grad student as an advisor may bring fresh perspectives on how we can appeal to students.

Motion proposed/seconded by: Susan Troxell/Tiffany Hughes

MOTION #3: DIGITAL RECORDS & ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

Add the following to Bylaws as a New Article XVI:

Article XVI - Digital Records & Electronic Signatures.

16.1. Official records. The official records of the American Branch of the Richard III Society may be kept digitally, on its website and/or on a shared drive. The Secretary is authorized to certify the authenticity of said digital records as being the true and correct copies of official documents of the American Branch.

16.2. Electronic signatures. Electronic signatures are authorized and permissible, unless otherwise stated. The electronic signature of the Chairperson to a contract or document is sufficient to bind the American Branch.

Reason: This would bring us up to date with current business practices, and reduces the expense and delay associated with mailing physical documents.

Motion proposed/seconded by: Wayne Ingalls/Joan Szechtman