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WORTHINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEMORANDUM

To: Steering Group, Worthington Historical Society
From: Philip Worthington
Date: 9 June 2004
Subject: General Review

Membership

There are now 4 members of the Society, their names, addresses and telephone numbers being as follows:-

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arrangement though telephone.

All 4 are members of the Steering Group, Frank has accepted the role of chairman until the end of 2004 when presumably there will be an inaugural meeting.

Lesley Monro (Frank's sister) is the treasurer, her address being:-

4 Sandown Close, Roe Green, Worsley, Manchester. M28 2DS, United
Kingdom. Telephone 44 (0) 161 794 6862.

Judy Worthington (Philip's wife) is secretary. E-mail is judy_worthington@hotmail.com

Banking Arrangements

The Society's bank account is at National Westminster Bank plc, Standish Gate, Wigan, Leicestershire, United Kingdom, which Lesley looks after. The cheque

signatories are currently Philip and Judy. However, it is suggested that Lesley, as treasurer, should become a signatory in place of Philip.

A potential difficulty has arisen in connection with members from non-UK countries sending their subscriptions to the UK. The cost of transmission could be about £25 a time – adding some 25% to the member's affective cost. One remedy would be for the Society to open bank accounts in the USA and Australia, and any other country where several members are expected. Larger sums of money could then be moved between continents as required.

Finance

£500 has been received, being 3 subscriptions of £100. It has been suggested that Janet should hold back her subscription until a policy on bank accounts has materialised. Of the £300 received, £100 was paid out some time ago to J Derek Skepper, BA, MEd, MPhil, of 87 Kiln Lane, St Helens, Lancashire WA10 6AZ, United Kingdom. Telephone 44 (0) 1744 734 149. He has been asked to undertake research into the seventeenth century Worthingtons of Snydale and Over Hulton Lancashire. Thus, £200 now stands in the Society's account.

Guild of One-Name Studies

It is suggested that the Society should join the Guild of One-Name Studies. The immediate cost would be £24 – half to register the Worthington one-name study and half as the annual subscription. Thereafter the cost would be £12 a year. Copies of introductory papers on the Guild are enclosed. Contacts with and through the Guild would be helpful in developing lists of sources for research, and on methods of storing information. They may possibly help us in other ways.

Documents Required

Documents which need to be drafted and agreed soon – some of them ready for the inaugural meeting and some ready for open invitations to membership – include:-

- (a) A prospectus. A first draft was made by Philip and Frank has since upgraded it particularly to recognise the likely interest of potential American members:
- (b) An enrolment form.
- (c) Rules of the Society.
- (d) A procedure for storing and disseminating research information. It is proposed that copies of original documents should be held as appropriate by individual members, but that each document should be calendared on one sheet of paper. The calendars should be kept,

indexed and disseminated from a single centre. Philip is preparing a draft note on this subject.

- (e) A suggested policy on publications, including perhaps, newsheet, papers by members and books published at large using the Society's name.
- (f) An outline plan for research priorities for the first year. A useful stepping stone to this may be a draft list of seventeenth-century sources to be examined. We could also seek from members a note on any research which they are doing on particular lines.

Opening up the Membership

Consideration should now be given as to how to open membership to interested people. Frank is in the process of writing a letter of invitation to about a dozen selected people known to have some interest in Worthington history. The methods to be used in different countries may differ. However, some possible methods are; (a) writing with enclosed literature to Worthingtons which can be traced, (b) placing appropriate material on the internet, (c) advertising in the genealogical press such as "Family Tree Magazine" and (d) joining the Guild of One-Name Studies.

Summary

To summarise, the approval or views of the Steering Group members are sought on:-

1. Inclusion of Lesley as a cheque signatory?
2. Whether to open bank accounts in USA and Australia?
3. Joining the Guild of One-Name Studies?
4. Any views on the list of documents required and any offers to be involved in their drafting?
5. Any suggestions on how to open up membership?
6. Any thoughts on annual subscription rate?