

INDIANA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

26 April 2014 – 10:00 am EDT

Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library, 1120 Stafford Road, Plainfield, Indiana

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Those in Attendance: Board members: Barbara Fitzpatrick, Michael Maben, Tina Lyons, Dawne Slater-Putt, Ron Darrah, Rhonda Stoffer, Corasue Hatton, Connie Conrad, Jinsie Bingham. Also, Mikel Lewman, Grants Chair & Rachel Popma, *Indiana Genealogist* editor.

Those Unable to Attend: Meredith Thompson, Curt Witcher, Lisa Ellam, Dona Stokes-Lucas, Julie Schlesselman, Randi Richardson

Call to order

President Michael Maben called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. EDT.

Approval of Agenda

Jinsie **moved** to accept the agenda as presented. Ron seconded. **Motion passed.**

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

Barbara **moved** to approve the minutes as presented. Connie seconded. **Motion passed.**

Approval of Financial Reports

The society is in the black by \$3,000+. Ron **moved** to approve the financial reports. Barbara seconded. **Motion passed.**

Meredith recommends buying a 30-month CD from Capital One upon the maturity of the society's \$50,000 CD at Fifth-Third Bank. Jinsie **moved** to purchase the 30-month CD. Connie seconded. **Motion passed.**

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New Business

Confirmation of next meeting date

9 August 2014 at the Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library, Plainfield

Next four meeting dates (tentative)

9 August 2014: Plainfield

25 October 2014: Fort Wayne

24 January 2015: Plainfield

2 May 2015: Plainfield

Executive Committee Actions

1. Mikel B. Lewman, Indiana County Genealogist, Parke County – 5 yes, 0 no
2. Teri Wheeler, Indiana County Genealogist, Kosciusko County – 5 yes, 0 no
3. Ballot for 2014 election – 5 yes, 0 no
4. Purchase of a Chase Bank Check Scanner for Meredith – 5 yes, 0 no
5. Grant applications: Fairfield Township (Tippecanoe County) for Cemetery Preservation; South Bend Genealogical Society for Resources Development; Monroe County Historical Society for Resource Development – 5 yes, 0 no
6. Librarian Educational Scholarship awarded to Greta Fisher to assist attending NGS – 5 yes, 0 no
7. Nomination of Joan Keefer (Huntington County) for Distinguished County Genealogical Award – 5 yes, 0 no
8. Publications Awards: Sue Caldwell for the Elaine Spires Smith Award and Randi Richardson for the Database Award – 5 yes, 0 no
9. Society of Civil War Families of Indiana nominees – 4 yes, 1 abstention
10. OAH/AAH blog – 4 yes, 1 abstention
11. Approval of having the 2015 Conference and Annual Meeting at University Hall, Indiana State University, Terre Haute. The Wabash Valley Genealogy Society is contributing \$500 to the rental fee – 5 yes, 0 no

Ron **moved** to endorse the actions of the Executive Committee. Jinsie seconded. **Motion passed.**

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Financial Review for 2012

Meredith was unable to attend the meeting. She provided the financial review in advance. The board looked over the review and had some discussion. Corasue **moved** that Meredith be authorized to identify someone to conduct the financial review for 2013. Connie seconded. **Motion passed.**

At-Large Director: Sue Caldwell

Michael appointed Sue Caldwell to replace Lisa Ellam as At-Large District Director. Lisa has become North Central District Director. Jinsie **moved** to approve Sue's appointment as At-Large District Director. Ron seconded. **Motion passed.**

Midwestern Roots Vendor Opportunity

Michael sent the information about the opportunity to be a vendor at Midwestern Roots to board members in advance of the meeting. The fee is \$50 for societies by June 16. Ron **moved** to reserve a booth at MW. Jinsie seconded. **Motion passed.**

Ron **moved** to modify his earlier motion to say that the society sponsor one of Curt Witcher's talks (Curt's choice) at the Midwestern Roots Conference. Barbara seconded. **Motion passed.**

Connie **moved** IGS give two memberships with T-shirts in tote bags as door prizes at the Midwestern Roots Conference. Corasue seconded. **Motion passed.**

Preserving the Pensions widget on IGS website

Ron **moved** that IGS add the Preserving the Pensions widget to the website and blog. Tina seconded. It was discovered that it is already on the blog. Ron **amended his motion** to omit reference to the blog. Tina seconded. **Motion passed.**

Once a Hoosier/Always a Hoosier Digital Project Proposal

This action was approved by the Executive Committee between meetings and endorsed by the Board earlier in this meeting. Tina provided a report in advance. Tina and Lisa Ellam are spearheading this and putting the information from the original Once a Hoosier books in a blog. Individuals are linked to family members who also have a profile. Tags are added also. These names are searchable on Google. Question: Do we want to e-publish a new collection of Once a Hoosier or a first collection of Always a Hoosier? The consensus was to gather the information into PDFs while it is being handled, in case the Society decides to do something with it in the future. Tina **moved** to pay \$13 to WordPress to add IGS as a subdomain for the OAH/AAH blog. Jinsie seconded. **Motion passed.**

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Starke County update

Michael and Marlene received emails from people in Starke County who were not happy with the County Genealogist. Seemed to be a personality conflict. Michael's opinion was that we should not remove a county genealogist we had vetted and voted into that position based on the information he was given. The situation seems to have quieted down. He wanted the board to be informed on this topic.

FamilySearch partnership

Michael was contacted by FamilySearch regarding partnerships with IGS to preserve and digitize records. Email correspondence is occurring between Michael and a FamilySearch representative. Michael will pursue the potential project in Greene County specifically and will send the email to board members so that others can begin the process in their counties if desired.

Continuing Business

Hendricks County Probate Records Preservation project/Brown County

Meredith provided a report in advance. A work day was going on at the time of the meeting. The scanning process at Allen County Public Library is going well. Brown County is on hold at the moment.

Indiana Marriage Indexing project

The IGS Conference packet had information that 67 of 92 counties' marriages have been uploaded.

2014 Conference wrap-up

Dawne submitted a report in advance of the meeting. The conference was very successful. Attendance was 140 people. The seminar also was very successful, especially considering the last-minute planning we had to do. A member of the General Assembly (Rep. Eric Koch) was there and took note of Michael's remarks about the bad condition of the Indiana State Archives. Michael spoke to Rep. Koch and plans to follow up.

2015 Conference report

The conference will be at University Hall on the campus at Indiana State University. Judy Russell, the Legal Genealogist, will be our featured speaker. The seminar will be at the Vigo County Public Library. We have a room for the second track. The Wabash Valley society is contributing \$500 toward the conference.

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Michael adjourned the meeting for the lunch break at 12:09 p.m.

Michael called the meeting back to order at 12:52 p.m.

Reports

Officers

President

Michael submitted his report in advance.

Vice-President

Tina submitted her report in advance.

Treasurer

Meredith submitted her report in advance.

Recording Secretary

Dawne submitted her report in advance.

Corresponding Secretary

Ron submitted his report in advance.

Past-President

No report.

District Directors

North West

Barbara submitted her report in advance.

North Central

Lisa submitted her report in advance.

North East

Marge submitted her last report as North East District Director.

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West Central

Jinsie submitted her report in advance. She also spoke at Rockville-Parke County Public Library where the new genealogy room was dedicated to the late Alberta Butler, former County Genealogist.

Central

Dona submitted her report in advance.

East Central

Corasue has a new computer and is having some problems with it. Once she has cataract surgery, she is going to work on the counties in her district. Rush County started a new society.

South West

Connie submitted her report in advance.

South Central

Randi submitted her report in advance.

South East

Julie submitted her report in advance.

At-Large

No report

Standing Committees

Annual Conference

Discussed earlier in meeting.

Finance and Budget

Discussed earlier in meeting.

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Grants

Nothing to report.

Historian

No report.

Honors and Awards

No action at this time.

Legislative

Discussed earlier in meeting.

Library Staff Educational Scholarship

Was presented at the annual meeting earlier this month.

Long Range Planning

No report.

Membership

Dawne submitted her report in advance.

Nomination and Election

No report.

Publications

Newsletter – new editor Jennifer Alford. Thanks to Linda for additional issues.

Quarterly – March should be done imminently. On track for June. Rachel can always use additional content.

Website – Meredith submitted her report in advance.

OAH and AAH – Discussed earlier in meeting.

Publicity

A publicity chair is needed. Ron sent notice about the conference to Dick Eastman's page and *Internet Genealogy Magazine*.

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Researchers List

No report.

Society of Civil War Families of Indiana

Ron submitted his report in advance. IGS needs to order new medals for the SCWFI. The **Executive Committee approved** Ron's request to order 50 additional medals.

Territorial Guard

Ron submitted his report in advance. Jinsie reported that the Society of Indiana Pioneers is trying to locate descendants of the signers of the first Indiana Constitution and she mentioned that these individuals might be good candidates for our TGI Society. Ron has some submissions for this year's class of TGI. He is working with the candidates.

Adjournment

Michael adjourned the meeting at 1:32 p.m.