

INDIANA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

9 August 2014 – 10 a.m. EDT

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

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Those in Attendance: Board members: Michael Maben, Barbara Kirkpatrick, Rhonda Stoffer, Corasue Hatton, Jinsie Bingham, Lisa Ellam, Ron Darrah, Sue Caldwell, Meredith Thompson, Dawne Slater-Putt and Connie Conrad. *Indiana Genealogist* editor Rachel Popma.

Those Unable to Attend: Tina Lyons, Curt Witcher, Dona Stokes-Lucas, Randi Richardson and Julie Schlesselman.

Call to order

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

Approval of Agenda

Barbara Kirkpatrick moved to accept the agenda as presented. Ron Darrah seconded.
Motion passed.

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

Jinsie Bingham moved to approve the minutes as presented. Rhonda Stoffer seconded.
Motion passed.

Approval of Financial Reports

Ron Darrah moved to approve the financial reports. Barbara Kirkpatrick seconded.
Motion passed.

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New Business

Confirmation of next meeting date

25 October 2014 – Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne

Next four meeting dates (tentative)

25 October 2014: Fort Wayne

24 January 2015: Plainfield

25 April 2015: Terre Haute

2 May 2015: Plainfield

8 August 2015: Plainfield

Executive Committee Actions

1. Approval of Donovan Certified Public Accountants to conduct our 2013 Financial Review – 5 yes, 0 no

2. Approval of purchasing 100 Society of Civil War Families of Indiana medals (instead of 50 approved by the Board at the April 26th meeting) due to the significant price break – 4 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention

Barbara Kirkpatrick moved to approve the actions of the Executive Committee. Sue Caldwell seconded. **Motion passed.**

County Genealogists – from Long Range Planning Committee

1. Alice S. Moeloa – Cass County
2. Mona Gehring – Elkhart County
3. Nichelle Barra – St. Joseph County
4. Kathy Sparr Mott – Dubois County

Motion & second from Long Range Planning Committee. **Motion passed.**

Elections for 2015 – Officers and three Central Districts

Individuals in these positions should be thinking about whether they wish to continue.

Additional Donation to the Illinois State Genealogical Society's Preserve the Pensions Matching Grant

Proposal from Curt Witcher for the Indiana Genealogical Society to donate another \$1812 to this project through ISGS's matching grant, which is matched by FGS, which is matched by Ancestry.com. Total = \$14,496.

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Ron Darrah moved to create an Indiana Genealogical Society Bicentennial matching grant program, seeking to raise \$1816, and IGS will add in a “matching” \$2016 in honor of the state Bicentennial and Indiana soldiers in the War of 1812. Monies raised will be donated to the Illinois State Genealogical Society’s War of 1812 grant-matching effort for the Preserve the Pensions Project. Sue Caldwell seconded. **Motion passed.**

Financial Review

Meredith Thompson, acting treasurer, reported that the 2013 process was an improvement over the 2012 financial review. During the process, the reviewer noted that IGS’s bylaws dictate that the organization have a yearly financial “audit,” but that is not actually what the process is. Instead, there needs to be a notation in the minutes that the organization is having an “end-of-year review.”

Other new business

Curt Witcher forwarded to Michael Maben an announcement from the Indiana State Library about its Genealogy & Local History Fair. This conflicts with the IGS board meeting in Fort Wayne. IGS will reserve a free table and Ron Darrah will try to recruit someone to staff it.

Michael Maben had an email from a genealogist in Madison, Wisconsin who would like the Federation of Genealogical Societies to bring its annual conference to Wisconsin. He has been unsuccessful getting the national conference and now is hoping to get the support of state societies in nearby states in order to persuade FGS to have a regional conference in Wisconsin. He will make a proposal to FGS and IGS might be asked if it would like to participate. Michael will keep the board informed.

Discussion of newsletter content.

Continuing Business

Hendricks County Probate Records Preservation project

Meredith Thompson submitted her report in advance. Unfolding of probate packets continues. More images have gone online thanks to the “super” ACPL volunteers.

Indiana Marriage Indexing project

Michael Maben reported that there is nothing new to give to our volunteers, per his contact at FamilySearch.

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2015 Conference report

Michael Maben submitted his report in advance. He is working on a second track. Curt Witcher will be doing a program, as well as the Vigo County Genealogist and possibly a speaker on Wabash Valley Visions and Voices. Michael has had a recommendation of another Vigo County speaker. Once the second track is established, he will start planning the Society Management Seminar, which will be Friday, April 24, at the Vigo County Public Library. Ron Darrah volunteered to do a newsletter session for the Society Management Seminar if desired. The conference venue is pricey, but the Wabash Valley group has agreed to donate \$500 toward the space. Wabash Valley asked if there was a problem with getting business sponsorships. No objections were raised.

FamilySearch Partnerships

Michael Maben had a conversation with John de Jong at FamilySearch about partnerships between FamilySearch and societies. The Greene County project fell through. The project in Brown County is on hold.

Sue Caldwell said she has a possible project: Women's registration cards from 1918 at the Historical Society in Jasper County. The consensus was that this was a project that IGS could handle on its own without FamilySearch. Michael asked Sue to write up a proposal for the project to present to the board at the October board meeting, which the board could approve as another IGS project.

For future FamilySearch partnerships, Ron Darrah suggested that IGS publicize a request for projects and see what is suggested. Michael will write something for the newsletter.

Reports

Officers

President

Michael Maben submitted his report in advance.

Vice-President

Tina Lyons submitted her report in advance.

Treasurer

Meredith Thompson, acting Treasurer, sent her report in advance. (See above under Financial Reports.)

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Discussion followed on the difficulty the Society has experienced finding a Treasurer. **Jinsie Bingham moved** that the Indiana Genealogical Society investigate the expense of compensating for some or all of the treasurer's duties. Barbara Kirkpatrick seconded. **Motion passed.**

Recording Secretary

Dawne Slater-Putt sent her report and a copy of the April board meeting minutes in advance.

Corresponding Secretary

Ron Darrah sent his report in advance

Michael Maben adjourned the meeting for lunch at 12:06 p.m.
He reconvened the meeting at 12:53 p.m.

Past-President

No report submitted

District Directors

North West

Barbara Kirkpatrick submitted her report in advance.

North Central

Lisa Ellam submitted her report in advance.

North East

Rhonda Stoffer submitted her report in advance.

West Central

Jinsie Bingham submitted her report in advance.

Central

Dona Stokes-Lucas submitted her report in advance.

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Ron Darrah added that the Carolyn Scott Harrison chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution has just finished a restoration of Bell Cemetery, a pioneer cemetery. There will be an event commemorating this September 14. The chapter has prepared a genealogical history book of those buried in the cemetery. It would be a good example of a cemetery restoration project.

East Central

Corasue Hatton reported that the Shelby County Genealogy & History Department is now in same building with the computer lab – the Carnegie East wing. It now has room for expansion. She is working on getting county genealogists for some of the counties in her district.

South West

Connie Conrad submitted her report in advance.

South Central

Randi Richardson submitted her report in advance.

South East

Julie Schlesselman submitted her report in advance.

At-Large

Sue Caldwell submitted her report in advance. At the meeting, she passed out a brochure about the first woman who was ordained in any nomination now part of the United Methodist Church.

Standing Committees

Annual Conference

Dawne Slater-Putt reported that she and Curt have begun discussing potential featured speakers for the 2016 conference in Fort Wayne. Three names have been raised.

Finance and Budget

The budget will be approved at the October meeting

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Grants

Nothing is happening with Grants at this time.

Historian

No report.

Honors and Awards

Nothing is happening with Honors and Awards at this time.

Legislative

Michael Maben reported that he wrote a letter to Rep. Eric A. Koch about the Indiana State Archives, but has not had a response.

Library Staff Educational Scholarship

Nothing is happening with the Library Staff Educational Scholarship at this time.

Long Range Planning

No report.

Membership

Dawne Slater-Putt submitted her report in advance. Curt Witcher distributed the list of current members.

Nomination and Election

The officers and central tier of directors will be on the ballot next.

Publications

Newsletter

No report.

Quarterly

Rachel Popma submitted her report in advance.

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Website

Meredith Thompson submitted her report in advance.

OAH and AAH

Tina Lyons submitted a report on the OAH and AAH blog. Rachel Popma said she has not had recent submissions from the coordinators.

Other

Publicity

Ron Darrah, acting Publicity Committee Chair, brought flyers for board members to take and distribute. He will publicize the 2015 conference when the details are firm.

Researchers List

No report.

Society of Civil War Families of Indiana

Ron Darrah submitted his report in advance. He has one candidate approved with two new soldiers.

Territorial Guard

Ron Darrah submitted his report in advance. He has three candidates approved with six or seven new ancestors. Ron is doing a workshop in Tippecanoe County in September on territorial research.

Adjournment

Michael Maben adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.