

INDIANA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING
25 October 2014 – 10:00 am EDT
Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, Indiana

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Those in Attendance: Board members: Michael Maben, Barbara Kirkpatrick, Rhonda Stoffer, Jinsie Bingham, Lisa Ellam, Ron Darrah, Sue Caldwell, Dawne Slater-Putt, Connie Conrad, Dona Stokes-Lucas, Randi Richardson. Also Margery Graham, IGS member and representative of the Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana, an IGS Chapter.

Those Unable to Attend: Tina Lyons, Meredith Thompson, Curt Witcher, Corasue Hatton, and Julie Schlesselman.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to order

President Michael Maben called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

Barbara Kirkpatrick **moved** to approve the agenda. Dona Stokes-Lucas **seconded**.
Motion passed.

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

Jinsie Bingham **moved** to approve the minutes of the August board meeting. Barbara Kirkpatrick **seconded**. **Motion passed.**

Approval of Financial Reports

Ron Darrah **moved** to adopt Meredith's suggestion clarifying IGS's use of the word "audit" in the bylaws: "The Indiana Genealogical Society Board recognizes the

ambiguity in the wording of Article VI, Section 4, Letter E of the Society’s bylaws and continues to comply with the intent of the bylaws by presenting a financial summary at the business meeting of our annual conference.” Connie Conrad **seconded. Motion passed.**

Jinsie Bingham **moved** to approve the financial reports as presented. Barbara Kirkpatrick **seconded. Motion passed.**

New Business

- **War of 1812 fund-match.** Margery Graham of the Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana, an IGS Chapter, presented IGS President Michael Maben with a check for \$1816 to go with what IGS has already collected toward the Society’s “matching” program commemorating Indiana’s Bicentennial for the War of 1812 Preserve the Pensions Project. Michael accepted the check on behalf of IGS with thanks. IGS has already sent \$1816 + 2016, which will be matched by Illinois, which will be matched by Ancestry and by the Federation of Genealogical Societies.

Sue Caldwell **moved** that IGS “match” ACGSI’s donation of \$1816 with an additional \$2016 under the same conditions as the original challenge. Dawne Slater-Putt **seconded. Motion passed.**

- **Confirmation of next meeting date** – 24 January 2015 at the Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library, Plainfield

Next five tentative meeting dates

24 January 2015: Plainfield

25 April 2015: Terre Haute (at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting)

2 May 2015: Plainfield

8 August 2015: Plainfield

30 October 2015: Fort Wayne

- **Executive Committee Actions**

5,000 IGS membership brochures printed – 5 yes, 0 no

Sue Caldwell **moved** to approve the Executive Committee’s action to reprint the brochures. Rhonda Stoffer **seconded. Motion passed.**

- **Budget for 2015**

Michael Maben noted that the Society will need to spend more money for the 2015 conference due to the fee for the facility and for liability insurance.

Meredith Thompson included a \$1200 expense (\$100/month) in the budget to potentially pay for someone to be treasurer.

Ron Darrah suggested change the donation line to add \$25 and changing the Territorial Guard of Indiana fee line to add \$40, to balance the budget.

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Ron Darrah **moved** to approve the budget as amended. Dona Stokes-Lucas **seconded. Motion passed.**

- **New County Genealogist**
Roberta Martin – Boone County
This came as a motion and second from the Long-Range Planning Committee. The previous Boone County Genealogist stepped down and recommended Roberta. **Motion passed.**
- **Nominations and Elections for 2015** – Officers and Central Districts
Michael Maben will ask Curt Witcher if he is willing to chair the Nominating Committee again.
- **Membership Proposal** – partial year membership
The Board discussed a proposal from Meredith Thompson that any new member who joins in July, August, and September will pay \$20 and his or her membership will expire on Dec. 31. Anyone who joins as a new member in October, November or December will pay full rate, but his or her membership will extend until December of the following year. The Board also considered remarks about the proposal submitted by Curt Witcher. Dawne Slater-Putt **moved** to accept Meredith's proposal. Connie Conrad **seconded.** After discussion, the **motion passed.**
- **findmypast Society Membership Program**
Ron Darrah **moved** that IGS become an affiliate society of findmypast. Jinsie Bingham **seconded. Motion passed.**
- **Orange County digitization proposal**
Randi Richardson submitted a proposal to have IGS digitize Orange County Will Volume 1, which is in bad physical condition.
Randi **moved** that the IGS lend Orange County the society's camera and stand for the project mentioned. Connie Conrad **seconded. Motion passed.** Sue Caldwell volunteered to help with the project.
- **Jasper County digitization proposal**
Sue Caldwell proposed that IGS provide research assistance for scanning the Council of National Defense Cards in Jasper County.
Jinsie Bingham **moved** that IGS lend Jasper County the society's cameras for the project mentioned above. Barbara Kirkpatrick **seconded. Motion passed.**
- Michael Maben reported that he received an email announcement about the **Carl Sandburg Institute of Genealogy** in Galesburg, Illinois. The Society has not been asked to partner with this institute at this time. More news might be forthcoming.

Continuing Business

- **Hendricks County Probate Records Preservation project**
Meredith Thompson uploaded 44 more files to the website in October. There are now more than 1000 files online. There are about 2500 left to be digitized.
- **Indiana Marriage Indexing project**
No update
- **2015 Conference and Annual Meeting in Terre Haute**
Michael Maben reported that he finalized the day's schedule since last meeting, including scheduling the second track and choosing Keynote Speaker Judy Russell's lectures. For the second track, the Vigo County Historian, Donna Adams and a third speaker will talk about Wabash Valley Visions & Voices Project, and a local man involved with the Wabash Valley Society will present two sessions on DNA. Michael has Judy Russell's outlines. He will submit to the state for LEU credit for librarians for Judy's talks and will also ask the other speakers for materials to get LEU credit for their talks. Michael will be working on the Society Management Seminar. Curt Witcher and Ron Darrah have agreed to speak.
- **FamilySearch joint projects update**
Michael met with Greene County about the probate project. FamilySearch said it had those records. There was an issue with Monroe County marriages. FamilySearch said it had those records as well. Michael said he is frustrated because he feels as a librarian he should be able to locate these items in their catalog, but has been unsuccessful. Perhaps FamilySearch does have the records or perhaps he is getting a "stock" response because FS might be more concerned with preserving the "data," than in preserving the "records." In other words, if the data is in another format, it's considered "done," whether or not those specific records have been scanned.

Michael Maben adjourned the meeting for lunch at 11:55 a.m.

Michael reconvened the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

- **Starke County**
There have been some conflict issues in the county. Former IGS Board Member Marlene Polster got involved and Michael Maben was sent some email correspondence between the parties and had a discussion with them. He asked them to cease communicating with each other and there seems to be a cease-fire at the moment.
- Lisa Ellam mentioned the IGS grant that the South Bend Society received for preserving records for an early Swedish church. A contact at the church has told Lisa that there are twelve (12) more boxes of records. The church and South Bend

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Society are looking for a place to donate the records so that they are accessible. The Genealogy Center at ACPL, IU-South Bend and the Lutheran regional archives and the Indiana Historical Society were suggested. Perhaps they could be digitized for The Genealogy Center website, and then housed at one of the other facilities.

Reports

- **Officers**

President – Report filed in advance
Vice-President – Report filed in advance
Treasurer – Report filed in advance
Recording Secretary – Report filed in advance
Corresponding Secretary – Report filed in advance
Past-President – No report

- **District Directors**

North West – Report filed in advance
North Central – Report filed in advance
North East – Report filed in advance
West Central – Report filed in advance
Central – Report filed in advance
East Central – No report
South West – Report filed in advance
South Central – Report filed in advance
South East – Report filed in advance
At-Large – Report filed in advance

- **Standing Committees**

Annual Conference
2015 – Terre Haute – Already discussed
2016 – Fort Wayne – No update. Dona Stokes-Lucas suggested tying in with the state bicentennial & maybe something having to do with the African American settlements and projects having to do with those.
Finance and Budget – Already covered
Grants – No requests yet
Historian – No report
Honors and Awards – Nothing yet
Legislative – No report, but might get a new State Archives
Library Staff Educational Scholarship – No report
Long Range Planning – Needs to be some clarification as to the responsibilities of county genealogists, in the area of reporting

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Membership – Report filed in advance

Nomination and Election – Already covered

Publications

 Newsletter – No report

 Quarterly – Report filed in advance

 Website – Report filed in advance

 OAH and AAH – Report filed in advance

Publicity

Researchers List

Society of Civil War Families of Indiana – Report filed in advance

Territorial Guard – Report filed in advance

- Adjournment – Michael Maben adjourned the meeting at 1:52 p.m.