

INDIANA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

2 May 2015 – 10:00 am EDT

Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library, Plainfield, Indiana

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Treasurer – Meredith Thompson
1455 Cherry Tree Road
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Immediate Past President – Curt Witcher
7525 Linde Lane
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Those in Attendance: Board members: Michael Maben, Mike Lewman, Connie Conrad, Sue Caldwell, Adam Walters, Corasue Hatton, Ron Darrah, Rhonda Stoffer, Randi Richardson, Nichelle Hayes, Meredith Thompson.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

President Michael Maben called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Welcome of New Board Members

Introductions of Mike Lewman, Adam Walters, and Nichelle Hayes.

Approval of Agenda

Meredith Thompson **moved** to approve the agenda. Mike Lewman **seconded**. **Motion passed**.

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

Corrections accepted. Ron Darrah **moved** to approve the minutes of the February board meeting. Mike Lewman **seconded**. **Motion passed**.

Approval of Financial Reports

The Treasurer submitted the financial report. Still receiving and processing conference expenses. Discussion of customization of the liability insurance for the conference. Mike Lewman **moved** to accept the financial report. Rhonda Stoffer **seconded**. **Motion passed**.

New Business

- **Confirmation of next meeting date** – 8 August 2015 at the Plainfield Public Library
 - Next five meeting dates
 - 8 August 2015: Plainfield
 - 31 October 2015: Fort Wayne
 - 30 January 2016: Plainfield
 - 16 April 2016: Fort Wayne (Annual Meeting)
 - 7 May 2016: Plainfield

- **Executive Committee Actions**
 - Approval of co-sponsoring the State Archives reception for Ancestry.com day on 19 June 2015 in Indianapolis at State Library with \$1,500 – 5 yes, 0 no. Date has changed to Fall, 2015.
 - Approval of an annual insurance policy for the Society, in part for the seminar, conference, and annual meeting in Terre Haute – 5 yes, 0 no.
 - Approval of the Elaine Spires Smith Award to John Deeben for his article “Marching Towards Tippecanoe: Indiana Militia Service During the Wabash Expedition, 11 September to 24 November 1811” published in the September 2014 issue – 5 yes, 0 no.
 - Approval of donating John Deeben’s \$500 prize for the Elaine Spires Smith Award to the National Archives Trust Fund in honor of John – 5 yes, 0 no.

Ron Darrah **moved** to accept the Executive Committee Actions. Sue Caldwell **seconded**. **Motion passed**.

- Resolution of thanks to the Wabash Valley Genealogy Society and to Linda Malooley for their work on our meeting in Terre Haute

Meredith Thompson **moved** to formally thank the Wabash Valley Genealogy Society for their valuable contributions with the recent conference. Corasue Hatton **seconded**. **Motion passed**.

- **2017 Conference and Annual Meeting location**
 - After discussion, Ron Darrah **moved** to approve Indianapolis as the conference location. Nichelle Hayes **seconded**. **Motion passed**. Date to be

determined. Michael Maben to investigate specific locations, including the Historical Society and Indiana Library.

- New Volunteers
 - Mauri Stotts Pratt – Legislative
 - Matt LaFlash – Publicity
 - Mark Hochstetler – Researchers List
- Resignation of Joyce Baer as the Dearborn County ICG

- Online meeting software
 - Michael Maben has researched several software packages, including GoToMeeting. Michael Maben and Meredith Thompson to continue the investigation

- Vending opportunities
 - New York State Family History Conference (an FGS Regional Conference) – September 17-19, Syracuse, NY. Inquiry to have an IGS table. Curt Witcher is scheduled to attend. May send IGS flyers. Ron Darrah **moved** to procure a full page ad for IGS for the conference syllabus for \$100.00. Nichelle Hayes **seconded. Motion passed.**

 - Indiana Genealogy and Local History Fair at the Indiana State Library on Saturday, October 24, 9:30AM – 3:30PM. No charge for a display table. Ron Darrah **moved** to have an IGS table at the Fair. Nichelle Hayes **seconded. Motion passed.** Ron Darrah volunteered to staff the table. Michael Maben will send in the registration.

- New Ad-hoc committee – Social Media
 - Discussion of whether to list Social Media as a separate listing or leave as currently listed under Publications. Michael Maben will continue discussions and will discuss at next board meeting.

- Other new business

Corasue Hatton inquired about IGS business cards. Mike Lewman showed an example based on a template. Michael Maben will speak with Marlene Polster. There was a recommendation to use a standard with the IGS logo. There will be a future communication.

No other new business

- I. Continuing Business
 - A. Indiana General Assembly session – State Archives proposal and attempted State Library budget cuts. Key funding was restored by the State Legislature.

- B. Elections for 2015 – no Vice-President on ballot. The President will request another officer to preside over a meeting, if necessary.
- C. Hendricks County Probate Records Preservation project – Meredith Thompson led a discussion of the process, strategies, and challenges to digitize records and publish them online. Will talk with vendors who provide these services and will follow up with a report at a future meeting.
- D. 2015 Conference and Annual Meeting in Terre Haute. Attendance: 176 pre-registered; 11 walk-ins; evaluations were overwhelmingly positive and there were numerous complimentary remarks about speakers at sessions. Ron Darrah **moved** that IGS reimburse Curt Witcher for the replacement of the projector light bulb used at the conference. Mike Lewman **seconded. Motion passed.** The Society Management Seminar on Friday was also successful with an attendance of 30+ participants.
- E. 2016 Conference and Annual Meeting in Fort Wayne – April 15 Society Management Seminar and April 16 for the conference. Speakers to be determined.

Michael Maben adjourned the meeting for lunch at 12:05 pm.
Michael reconvened the meeting at 12:47 pm.

- F. Orange County/Jasper County digitization projects – Randi Richardson led a discussion about the image files for Orange County Will Books. Randi will provide the image files to Meredith Thompson to be posted on the web site. Sue Caldwell and Randi took 4500 photographs of the Council of National Defense Survey/Census of Women cards for Jasper County. Sue is creating an index and will provide card images and index to Meredith Thompson to add to the IGS web site.
- G. Bylaws/Standing Rules revisions. Bylaws last reviewed in November, 2006 and Standing Rules in August, 2008
 - a. Consider an review and update of standing rules
 - b. Considering membership discounts for partial year
 - c. Review structure of committees
 - d. Review need for joint membership
- H. Other continuing business
 - a. Michael Maben to continue to explore a Familysearch collaboration to index records for Monroe County

II. Reports

- A. Officers
 - 1. President – Report filed in advance
 - 2. Vice-President - No report
 - 3. Treasurer – Report filed in advance
 - 4. Recording Secretary – Report filed in advance; annual meeting minutes also filed

5. Corresponding Secretary – Report filed in advance
6. Past-President – No report

B. District Directors

1. North West – No report
2. North Central – Report filed in advance
3. North East – Report filed in advance
4. West Central – No report
5. Central – No Report
6. East Central – No report
7. South West – Report filed in advance
8. South Central – Report filed in advance; discussion of Owen County Historical & Genealogical Society status
9. South East – Report filed in advance
10. At-Large – Report filed in advance

C. Standing Committees

1. Annual Conference – No report
2. Finance and Budget – No report
3. Grants – No report; discussion to revise grant guidance so amount can be up to \$1000; Mike Lewman to recommend new grant guidance for web site
4. Historian – No report
5. Honors and Awards – No report
6. Legislative – No report; already covered
7. Library Staff Educational Scholarship – No report
8. Long Range Planning – No report
9. Membership – No report
10. Nomination and Election – No report
11. Publications – Report filed in advance
 - a. Newsletter
 - b. Quarterly
 - c. Website
 - d. OAH and AAH
 - e. Other
12. Publicity – No Report
13. Researchers List – No report; updated
14. Society of Civil War Families of Indiana – No report
15. Territorial Guard – No report
16. Others

III. Adjournment – Michael Maben adjourned the meeting at 2:36PM.