



Indiana Genealogical Society

Board Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library
Plainfield, Indiana

Call to Order

At 10:05am on Saturday, August 5, 2017, Rhonda Stoffer, IGS President, called the IGS Board Meeting to order at the Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library in Plainfield, Indiana.

Attendance

Attendance in person: Donna Adams, Lou Ann Clugh, Ron Darrah, Mike Lewman, Michael Maben, Marlene Polster, Rachel Popma, Randi Richardson, Allison Singleton, Paul Singleton, Rhonda Stoffer, Curt Sylvester, Meredith Thompson, Curt Witcher.

Attendance using GoToMeeting: None

Board members requesting Excused Absence: None

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Donna Adams moved and Michael Maben seconded to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

Minutes of the May Board Meeting

Meredith Thompson corrected spelling of Ann Reymont to Raymont.

MOTION: Marlene Polster moved and Allison Singleton seconded that the Minutes of the May 6, 2017 Board Meeting be approved as corrected. The motion passed.

Financial Report

MOTION: Mike Lewman moved and Donna Adams seconded the approval of the financial reports. The Motion passed.

Confirmation of the Next Meeting Date

4 November 2017 Fort Wayne

Confirmation of Next Five Meeting Dates

27 January 2018	Plainfield
28 April 2018	New Albany (Annual Meeting and Conference)
5 May 2018	Plainfield
11 August 2018	Plainfield
3 November 2018	Fort Wayne

Approval of Executive Committee Action

MOTION: Executive Committee moved and Ron Darrah seconded the approval of the following Executive Committee Actions. The motion passed.

The Executive Committee Actions were:

1. Request from Nichelle Hays that IGS supply a letter of support for a grant proposal for a National Endowment for the Humanities Digitization Grant, and for IGS to provide a speaker for a session if successful. Ron Darrah volunteered to present a session. Passed by Executive Committee vote 5 to 0.
2. Request from Michael Maben to contract with Jane Wilcox to be the speaker for the 2018 conference. Passed by Executive Committee vote 5 to 0.
3. Request from Rhonda Stoffer that IGS send a \$100 memorial gift in honor of Linda Malooley to the Wabash Valley Genealogical Society. Passed by Executive Committee vote 5 to 0.

2019 Conference Proposal

Mike Lewman asked for clarification about the status of the 2019 conference being hosted in Terre Haute. Linda Malooley had offered that the Wabash Valley Genealogy Society could host, but due to her death, Mike Lewman wish to clarify the status of that offer. After discussion, it was decided to discuss the location of the 2019 conference at our next meeting.

Tri-City Genealogical Society Request

The Tri-City Genealogical Society of Richland, Washington had requested a one-year IGS membership for their fund-raising auction.

MOTION: Ron Darrah moved and Marlene Polster seconded to donate a one-year IGS membership for the auction of the Tri-City Genealogical Society of Richland, Washington. The motion passed.

Recommendations for Indiana County Genealogists

MOTION: Long-Range Planning moved and seconded that the following persons be approved to serve as Indiana County Genealogists:

Boone County	Teresa K. Price
Hendricks County	Steve Smith
Kosciusko County	Margaret "Peggy" Biltz

The motion passed.

Federation of Genealogical Societies

Curt Witcher shared that the Federation of Genealogical Societies will hold their 2018 National Conference at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne on August 22-25, 2018. He asked that IGS consider sponsoring some of the events and presented a listing of possible opportunities. After discussion, the following motions were passed:

MOTION: Ron Darrah moved and Marlene Polster seconded that IGS sponsor a morning Keynote speaker for a total of \$2,500. IGS would be listed as a sponsor in the onsite guide, conference syllabus, sign in the presentation room, and announced at the conference keynote. The motion passed.

MOTION: Donna Adams moved and Ron Darrah seconded that IGS sponsor both a single lecture and a track of lectures on a single day. The single lecture would cover the expenses of a speaker for a total of \$500. IGS would be listed as a sponsor in the onsite guide and announced in the conference presentation room. The sponsorship of a track of lectures for a single day would cover the expenses of four speakers for a total of \$1,850. The theme and speakers would be selected in coordination with IGS. IGS would be listed as a sponsor in the

onsite guide, conference syllabus, sign in the presentation room, and announced at the conference presentation rooms. The motion passed.

Indiana Genealogy and Local History Fair

Ron Darrah asked if IGS would have a table at the Indiana Genealogy and Local History Fair at the Indiana State Library in Indianapolis on October 28, 2017. There is no cost. Ron Darrah offered to staff the table. Donna Adams and Lou Ann Clugh volunteered to assist.

MOTION: Ron Darrah moved and Donna Adams seconded that IGS would have a table at the Indiana Genealogy and Local History Fair at the Indiana State Library in Indianapolis on October 28, 2017. The motion passed.

Indiana Genealogy Digitization Project Update

Meredith Thompson reported that the Kahle family have completed required papers for applying for a matching IBM grant. A total of twenty-six digitization kits have been delivered thus far.

Hendricks County Probate Records Project

Meredith Thompson reported that some of the Hendricks County Probate Records have been digitized by volunteers at the Allen County Public Library. Some circumstances have brought this project to a halt for now, but are looking for a resolution.

FindMyPast Proposal

Curt Witcher reported that negotiations on the proposal were continuing and it was expected to be accepted soon. Meredith Thompson raised a concern about the discount code not working which provides IGS members a discount on a subscription to the site.

Update on Indiana County Genealogists

Donna Adams and Marlene Polster reported on the Indiana County Genealogists. All present County Genealogists were asked to report to their District Directors. District Directors were asked to contact each of their County Genealogists and clarify expectations. A survey was presented that will be sent to each County Genealogist to receive their input and recommendations. Expectations for the County Genealogists and the District Directors are posted on the IGS website.

2018 Conference and Annual Meeting

Michael Maben presented an update on the 2018 Conference in addition to his written report. Jane Wilcox has signed the contract to be the speaker. He reported that planning for this event was challenged by the fact that many possible speakers who were contacted did not respond. Also, hotels, when contacted about being the site for this conference, did not respond. The event will be held on the campus of Indiana University Southeast. The Society Management Seminar of Friday will be held at the Clark County History Museum. He is working on a second track of presentations including research in Kentucky.

Consideration of changes to the Stand Rules

President, Rhonda Stoffer, led the discussion of changes to the Standing Rules. These had been emailed for review in preparation for the discussion. The document was reviewed and changes were proposed. The following proposals are to be reviewed and voted on at the next Board meeting. The proposed changes are as follows:

1. Under Districts, add the word "District" after NorthCentral

2. Under Committees, there will be a merging of items 1 and 2. There is to be one line stating: “Standing Committees shall be:” with no “under the direction of the President” and no “under the direction of the Board of Directors.”
3. Under Committees, the following committee are to be deleted: Finance and Budget, Volunteers, Speakers Bureau, Education, Financial Examination, Exhibit Coordinator, and Policy and Guidelines.
4. Under Committees, the term “Society of Civil War Families of Indiana (SCWFI)” is to be changed to “Lineage Societies.”
5. Under Committees, line four should be changed to “All Committee chairmen shall file with the Historian a description for the procedures and guidelines for the work of that committee.”
6. Under Nomination and Election number 1, change the word “the” before Fall issue to “a”.
7. Under Nominations and Election number 1, add “or electronic” be added between the words “written” and “nominations.”
8. Under Nominations and Election number 5, add “designated electronic or postal” between the words “Society’s” and “mailing.”
9. Under Nominations and Election number 7, change “a special mailing” to “a special communication.”
10. Under Nominations and Election number 8, delete the phrase “if hand delivered” and add “or timestamped” between the words “postmarked” and “no later.”
11. Under Nominations and Election number 13, replace the word “mailed” with “sent.”

Lunch Adjournment

President, Rhonda Stoffer adjourned the meeting for lunch at 12:15pm. The meeting was reconvened at 12:45pm.

Open Committee Positions

President, Rhonda Stoffer, stated that there were presently five chair positions open for the following committees: Membership, Publicity, Legislative, Chapters, and Bylaws. Allison Singleton volunteered to the chair Membership. President Stoffer responded by appointing Allison to be the Chair of Membership. The other positions remain open.

Officer Reports

President: The President’s report was submitted in writing

Vice President: Report was submitted.

Treasurer: Meredith Thompson reported that she has been purchasing on Ebay items that are related to Indiana genealogical research.

Recording Secretary: Curt Sylvester stated that minutes would be emailed and asked that any corrections be made using “Reply All” so that everyone could see the proposed changes and corrections.

Corresponding Secretary: No report

Reports of District Directors

Reports of the District Directors were filed electronically.

Reports of Chairs of Standing Committees

Reports of the Chairs of the Standing Committees were filed electronically. The following reports were made during the meeting:

Grants: Mike Lewman stated that only one application has been received.

Historian: In the future, it is planned that the reports will be filed using "Drop Box."

Honors and Awards: Curt Sylvester asked that the financial award information be added to the information on the website.

Long Range Planning: Curt Witcher reported that Long Range Planning hopes to have a focus on recruiting and board succession. Restated about the survey that is to be sent to the Indiana County Genealogists. It was also discussed that a more precise set of requirements be established for the Indiana County Genealogists. The possibility of adding virtual meeting options to include more persons in the work of the Society was also discussed. During the discussion, it was proposed to look at the possibility of working with other like-minded groups such as Indiana Archivists and historical societies.

Nominations and Election: It was reported that we now have 693 members

Publications: Rachel Popma stated that Facebook has over 5,000 followers. Ron Darrah stated that the use of Blogs is a quick way of getting things publicized.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:04pm.

Curt Sylvester
Recording Secretary