



Indiana Genealogical Society

Board Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Allen County Public Library
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Call to Order

At 10:00am on Saturday, November 4, 2017, Rhonda Stoffer, IGS President, called the IGS Board Meeting to order at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Attendance

Attendance in person: Donna Adams, Sue Caldwell, Corasue Hatton, Michael Maben, Marlene Polster, Allison Singleton, Rhonda Stoffer, Curt Sylvester, Curt Witcher.

Attendance using GoToMeeting: Lou Ann Clugh

Board members requesting Excused Absence: None

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Sue Caldwell moved and Michael Maben seconded to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

Minutes of the August Board Meeting

Under "Recommendations for Indiana County Genealogists", Lou Ann Clugh's name was removed so that it reads: "Long-/Range Planning moved and seconded"

MOTION: Marlene Polster moved and Donna Adams seconded that the Minutes of the August 5, 2017 Board Meeting be approved as corrected. The motion passed.

Financial Report

MOTION: Marlene Polster moved and Michael Maben seconded the approval of the financial reports. The Motion passed.

Confirmation of the Next Meeting Date

27 January 2018 Plainfield

Confirmation of Next Five Meeting Dates

28 April 2018 New Albany (Annual Meeting and Conference)

5 May 2018 Plainfield

11 August 2018 Plainfield

3 November 2018 Fort Wayne

26 January 2019 Plainfield

Approval of Executive Committee Action

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

The Executive Committee Actions were:

1. Request from the Indiana Geographic Information Council Historical Land Records Project for a letter of support. They are pursuing a grant to digitize original General Land Office records from the late 1700's to the 1800's. Passed 5 to 0.
2. Request from the Indiana Chapter of Palentines to America for the donation of an IGS membership for their Fall meeting. Passed 5 to 0.

IGS Awards

Discussion of how to best get the word out about these awards. Curt Sylvester will send information to libraries and genealogical societies in Indiana. Will also use ListServs of the Indiana State Library.

Recommendations for Indiana County Genealogists

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

Monroe County	Megan MacDonald
Jay County	Janice Stucky

The motion passed.

Budget for 2018

MOTION: Donna Adams moved and Marlene Polster seconded that the 2018 Budget be approved. The motion passed.

FindMyPast Proposal

Curt Witcher reported that FindMyPast has changed to an emphasis of the British Isles and that the negotiations have been completed. He presented the new contract for review. This will permit greater visibility of IGS in an international setting.

MOTION: Michael Maben moved and Marlene Polster seconded that we accept this new contract. The motion passed.

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. The event will be held on the campus of Indiana University Southeast. He reported that rather than having lunch on-site, that there are many restaurants in the nearby area. Speakers, at this time, include Joe Hardisty for Louisville and Curt Witcher from Fort Wayne. Waiting for a reply for a speaker from the SAR national office.

Consideration of changes to the Standing Rules

President, Rhonda Stoffer, presented the Standing Rules as modified at our last meeting.

MOTION: Lou Ann Clugh moved and Allison Singleton seconded that the Standing Rules be accepted as presented. The motion passed.

Open Committee Positions

President, Rhonda Stoffer noted that there were two committees that still did not have chairpersons. As a part of the discussion, she was able to appoint two chairs as follows:

1. Chapters Sue Caldwell
2. Bylaws Curt Sylvester

The Publicity position is still open.

2019 Conference Proposal

There was discussion about the location for the 2019 Conference. Originally, the Wabash Valley Genealogy Society had offered to host in 2019, but their remodeling project may not be completed by that date. It was proposed that we possibly hold the 2019 Conference in Fort Wayne and the 2020 Conference in Terre Haute. No decision has been made.

Officer Reports

President: The President's report was submitted in writing

Vice President: Report was submitted.

Treasurer: Report was submitted.

Recording Secretary: No report.

Corresponding Secretary: Report was submitted/

Reports of District Directors

Reports of the District Directors were filed electronically.

Lunch Adjournment

President, Rhonda Stoffer adjourned the meeting for lunch at 12:10pm. The meeting was reconvened at 12:35pm.

Reports of Chairs of Standing Committees

Reports of the Chairs of the Standing Committees were filed electronically.

Grants: three applications received; more expected

Civil War Society: Four inductees at this time

Territorial Guard Society: Three inductees at this time.

FGS CONFERENCE IN 2018

Curt Witcher shared that there was an opportunity for IGS to be a lunch sponsor during the 2018 FGS Conference. After discussion, it was decided that IGS would be a lunch sponsor. As a part of this, IGS can select the speaker for that lunch. It was proposed to ask Ron Darrah if he would agree to be that speaker discussing our digitization project. Rhonda Stoffer emailed Ron Darrah during the meeting and he agreed to serve as the speaker.

Adjournment

MOTION: Lou Ann Clugh moved and Marlene Polster seconded for adjournment of the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 12:55pm.

Curt Sylvester
Recording Secretary