



Indiana Genealogical Society

Board Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2019

10:00 a.m.

Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library
Plainfield, Indiana

Call to Order

At 10:00am on Saturday, January 26, 2019, 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, Sue Caldwell, Lou Ann Clugh, Ron Darrah, Michael Maben, Marlene Polster, Randi Richardson, Rhonda Stoffer, and Curt Sylvester.

Attendance using GoToMeeting: Darlene Anderson, Maggie Champion, Susan Heider, and Allison Singleton

Guests: Chandler Lighty and Curt Witcher

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Ron Darrah moved and Sue Caldwell seconded to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

Minutes of the Last Board Meeting

MOTION: Marlene Polster moved and Donna Adams seconded that the Minutes of the November 3, 2018 Board Meeting be approved. The motion passed.

Confirmation of the Next Meeting Date

04 May 2019 Plainfield

Confirmation of Next Five Meeting Dates

10 August 2019 Plainfield
02 November 2019 Fort Wayne
25 January 2020 Plainfield
02 May 2020 Plainfield

Approval of Executive Committee Action

There was no Executive Committee action since the last board meeting.

Special Presentation – Chandler Lighty

Rhonda Stoffer introduced Chandler Lighty, the new Executive Director of the Indiana Archives and Records Administration. Mr. Lighty shared about transitions that are happening at the State Archives facilities and answered questions regarding policies and procedures. He pledged to work with the Board of the Indiana Genealogical Society and invited suggestions at any time. He provided the following contact information:

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Indiana Archives & Records Administration
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Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
clighty@iara.in.gov
Office 317-232-7191
Cell 317-473-9670
Fax 317-233-1713

Financial Report

MOTION: Lou Ann Clugh moved and Sue Caldwell seconded the approval of the financial reports. The Motion passed.

Treasurer's Recommendations

Susan Heider, IGS Treasurer, had submitted several recommendations to the Board via email. Each was discussed as follows:

- Domain Names Susan will investigate best prices for renewal through GoDaddy for the IGS Domain Names and report back to the IGS Board
- Financial Software Susan discussed various software and suggested going for best quality for the best price.
MOTION: Sue Caldwell moved and Michael Maben seconded that the IGS Treasurer purchase the best software at the best price. The motion passed.
- Checking Account Susan shared problems that existed with the present bank
MOTION: Michael Maben moved and Marlene Polster seconded that the IGS Treasurer, Susan Heider, be authorized to move the IGS checking account from the present site to PNC. The signers for the new PNC checking account to be Susan Heider, IGS Treasurer, and Rhonda Stoffer, IGS President. The motion passed.
- CD and Savings Account Susan shared problems at Capitol One 360 with our savings account and our Certificate of Deposit
MOTION: Michael Maben moved and Donna Adams seconded that the IGS Treasurer, Susan Heider, be authorized to close out the savings account and Certificate of Deposit at Capitol One 360 and deposit it into an existing IGS checking account. The motion passed.

Donation Request from South Bend

The South Bend Area Genealogical Society requested that IGS provide a door prize for their upcoming seminar.

MOTION: Ron Darrah moved and Marlene Polster seconded that IGS provide a free registration for the IGS Seminar to be held in For Wayne on April 13, 2019. The motion passed.

Thank You Letters Received

“Thank You” letters were received from the following recipients of 2018 IGS Grants:

- Marion County Genealogical Society 2018 grant to improve Building's AC and Heating
- Porter County Public Library 2018 grant for Digitizing Project of records
- Wabash Valley Genealogy Society 2018 grant for creating genealogy hot spot

Long-Range Planning

MOTION: Marlene Polster moved and seconded that Karen Good be approved to serve as the Delaware County ICG. The motion passed.

IN-Genweb

Curt Witcher discussed that he had been in discussions with the leadership of IN-Genweb and recommended that IGS explore the possibilities of working with IN-Genweb to keep this information available.

ACTION: Rhonda Stoffer, IGS President appointed Curt Witcher to explore with the leadership of IN-Genweb the possibility of a cooperative effort to keep this information available. The following concepts were provided for those discussions:

- IGS Branding
- Perpetual non-exclusive right to all data
- Backups available to IGS

- Initial project to be for a three-year term
- Renewable annual agreement with negotiable rates
- Data to remain with IGS even if the cooperative effort ends
- Mutual link on each organization's website to the other's materials
- Agreement on how funds (income and expenses) are handled

Indiana Genealogy Digitization Project

Ron Darrah reported that he continues to receive digitized records from the various recipients of the Digitization Kits

Hendricks County Probate Records Project

Ron Darrah reported that the Hendricks County Probate Records project is in process. Surname files A-B-C-E have been completed.

2019 IGS Elections

Darlene Anderson reported that the Nominating Committee has filled all position except for the Southeast District. Ballots for voting will be sent to each IGS member using Constant Contact. The Nominating Report is as follows:

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| • President | Rhonda Stoffer |
| • Vice-President | Marlene Polster |
| • Recording Secretary | Curt Sylvester |
| • Corresponding Secretary | Janet Mobley |
| • Treasurer | Susan Heider |
| • Southeast District Director | Julie Schlesselman* |
| • South Central District Director | Randi Richardson |
| • Southwest District Director | Donna K. Adams |
| • At Large District | Sue Caldwell |

**Julie is listed because she said she would stay on as the Director until we found someone else. I have sent her an email confirming that she can be listed as nominee this time around. I will let you know if she agrees in a few days. In the meantime, we should keep looking for someone to take her place.*

2019 IGS Conference

Michael Maben reported that the 2019 IGS Conference would be held on April 13, 2019 at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne. He stated that some registrations have been received and that he is in communication with vendors who wish to be present.

Awards and Honors Applications

MOTION: Curt Sylvester moved and seconded on behalf of the committee that the following applicants receive a \$500 award be presented at the 2019 IGS Conference:

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| Distinguished County Genealogical Service | Lynne Keasling of Corydon |
| Outstanding County Genealogical Contribution | Malcolm Romine of Greencastle |

The motion passed.

Grants Applications

Lou Ann Clugh moved and Randi Richardson seconded that the following four each receive a \$1,000 grant for a total of \$4,000.00:

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| • Chapter Resource | Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana, Inc. |
| • Resource Development | Kokomo-Howard County Public Library |
| • Cemetery Preservation | Boone County Genealogical Society |
| • Cemetery Preservation | Whitley County Genealogical Society. |

The motion passed.

Randi Richardson moved and Lou Ann Clugh seconded that the following two each receive a \$500 grant for a total of \$1,000.00:

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| • Resource Development | Porter County Public Library |
| • Chapter Resources | Clay County Genealogical Society |

The motion passed.

Scholarship Applications

Donna Adams moved and seconded on behalf of the committee that the following each receive a \$500 scholarship and that their library receive a \$500 grant for resource development. The applicants are:

- Reann Poray and the Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library
- Diane Stepro and the Jeffersonville Township Public Library

The motion passed.

Lineage Society Applications

Ron Darrah moved and seconded on behalf of the committee that the following applicants be inducted into the IGS lineage societies as follows:

Society of Civil War Families of Indiana

M137	Curtis R. Sylvester	C150	James M. Sylvester, Sr.	Monroe
		C151	John G. Wampler	Monroe
		C152	Michael M. Wampler	Monroe
M138	Perry Lucas	C153	Moses H. Lain	Starke
M139	Ronald C. Hallberg	C154	Aaron W. Lytle	Porter

Territorial Guard Society of Indiana

TG 23	Maureen E. Duncan	TR42	Moses Hopper	Jefferson
TG24	Jennifer H. Fisher	TR43	Nathan Robertson	Clark
TG25	Allen Manning	TR44	Zephaniah Blackford	Jefferson
		TR45	Thomas Consley	Dearborn

The motion passed.

IGS Website

The IGS website was discussed. Our present webmaster, Meredith Thompson has submitted her resignation effective June 30, 2019. A new webmaster has not yet been determined. The website is being redesigned. To help improve the website, the following things were suggested:

- Make website more user friendly
- Create a separate list with pull down for all Awards and Grants
- Make the current IGS membership list available on line to at least the IGS Board members
- All chairpersons read the website that tells about their area and projects. Make sure that what is stated matches present policy and procedures.
- Submit all suggestions for website to both the IGS president and the IGS webmaster

IGS Membership

Allison Singleton is ready to take over the task of Chairing Membership but is awaiting the transfer of data.

Civil War Database

Ron Darrah shared that we have a collection of Civil War military and Pension records from Civil War lineage applicants. He suggested that these could be digitized and placed on the IGS website. Allison Singleton stated that there are many such records in the Military Records of The Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library. It was suggested that Ron Darrah and Curt Witcher discuss how these records can best be made available for research.

2020 IGS CONFERENCE

Michael Maben announced that the 2020 IGS Conference will be held in the newly constructed center at Terre Haute. The date of the conference has not yet been decided.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Curt Sylvester
IGS Secretary