



Indiana Genealogical Society

Board Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2019

10:00 a.m.

Indianapolis Public Library
Indianapolis, Indiana

Call to Order

At 10:00am on Saturday, May 4, 2019, Rhonda Stoffer, IGS President, called the IGS Board Meeting to order at the Indianapolis Public Library in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Attendance

Attendance in person: Donna Adams, Susan Heider, Michael Maben, Janet Mobley, Amber Oldenburg, Marlene Polster, Randi Richardson, Rhonda Stoffer, Curt Sylvester, and Sharon Whetstone.

Attendance via Telephone: Maggie Champion, Allison Singleton, and Curt Witcher.

Guest: Nichelle M. Hayes

Introduction of Guest

President Rhonda Stoffer introduced Nichelle M. Hayes, Special Collections Librarian at the Indianapolis Public Library. She thanked Nichelle for hosting the board in the Center for Black Literature and Culture. During the lunch break, Nichelle presented an overview of the Center.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Marlene Polster moved and Susan Heider seconded to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

Minutes of the Last Board Meetings

MOTION: Donna Adams moved and Marlene Polster seconded that the Minutes of the January 26, 2019 and April 13, 2019 Board Meetings be approved. The motion passed.

Financial Report

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

Confirmation of the Next Meeting Date

10 August 2019 Plainfield

Confirmation of Next Five Meeting Dates

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

Approval of Executive Committee Action

The following actions of the Executive Committee were all approved:

- Recommendation from Michael Maben to postpone the Society Seminar (5-0 EC vote)
- Recommendation from Michael Maben to hold the 2020 Conference in Vigo County on April 18, 2020 (5-0 EC vote)
- Recommendation from Michael Maben to have Michael Lacopo as Conference Speaker (5-0 EC vote)
- Request from the Allen County Genealogical Society for a digitization kit, 11x17 scanner, and scanner with slide capability. 5-0 EC vote to provide a scanner with slide attachment, two

laptops, and long-term loan of 11x17 scanner for scanning Air National Guard archive collection.

Central District Appointment

President Rhonda Stoffer introduced Amber Oldenburg who has been appointed the new Director of the IGS Central District.

West Central District

President Rhonda Stoffer announced that Maggie Champion has resigned at the West Central Director. A search is underway for a new director.

Genealogy Fair in Muncie

President Rhonda Stoffer announced that Ron Darrah will be representing IGS at the Genealogy Fair being held in Muncie, Indiana on June 15, 2019

E-Newsletter

It was suggested to have board members contribute articles for the E-Newsletter with one person serving as the editor.

Lauren Peightel – Indiana Historical Society

President Rhonda Stoffer announced that Lauren Peightel of the Indiana Historical Society had expressed an interest in coordinating program between HIS and IGS. It was also discussed that IHS has created a Genealogical Advisory Committee and that might be a possibility of a member of the IGS Board sitting on that committee. It was suggested that an invitation be extended to Lauren Peightel to attend the August 10th meeting of the IGS Board to discuss these issues.

Brown County Request

Randi Richardson shared that the Brown County Genealogical group is digitizing veteran's photographs and asked if they might be placed on the IGS website.

MOTION: Susan Heider moved and Janet Mobley seconded that the Brown County Veteran's Photograph Project be accepted and become a part of IGS data available on the free section of the IGS website. The motion passed.

Request from Meredith Thompson

President Rhonda Stoffer shared a request from Meredith Thompson to purchase a 4-terabyte hard drive for \$95. This would be used for transferring data from Meredith's computer to the new webmaster.

MOTION: Donna Adams moved and Randi Richardson seconded that the purchase of a 4-terabyte hard drive for \$95 be approved. The motion passed.

Midwestern Roots

President Rhonda Stoffer announced that IGS would have vendor table 41 at Midwestern Roots in Indianapolis. Volunteers willing to staff the table should contact Rhonda Stoffer.

Indiana County Genealogist for Greene County

Marlene Polster announced that the Long-Range Planning Committee had interviewed and approved Diane Anderson to serve as the Indiana County Genealogist for Green County. This appointment was approved.

Editor of Indiana Genealogist

President Rhonda Stoffer announced that Rachel Popma has resigned as Editor of the Indiana Genealogist effective May 30, 2019. The Indiana Genealogist is the IGS quarterly journal. It was stated that she plans to have unpublished editions completed by May. Rachel has agreed to remain as chair of the Publications Committee. A search for a new editor is in process.

Indiana Genealogy Digitization Project

Ron Darrah sent the following report:

- Delivered Kit #34 to the Otterbein Public Library in Benton County on March 26
- Delivered Kit #35 to the Clark County Museum in Clark County on April 23.
- Received the Fifth database from the Washburn Chapter NSDAR in Greencastle and their obligation has been fulfilled.
- Received 26 files of Morgan County HS yearbooks from the Morgan County Library in Martinsville. These are extra files as that Library did not receive a kit.

Hendricks County Probate Records Project

Ron Darrah sent a report stating that that digitization is now through Box 39 of 92.

IN-Genweb Update

Curt Witcher sent a printed report, Proposal to Support the Hosting of the Indiana GenWeb.

MOTION: Donna Adams moved and Marlene Polster seconded that IGS move forward with discussion on this project. The motion passed.

2019 IGS Conference

Michael Maben reported that the 2019 IGS had 175 people pre-registered, and there were 19 walk-ins. There were 12 no-shows from the pre-registered. This was the largest attendance since our 2015 conference in Terre Haute.

Librarian Education Units: The Indiana State Library approved all sessions for LEU credits or Technology LEU credits. There were 38 LEU certificate requests submitted for the conference. I am working through processing them and should have them done and mailed out in the next couple of weeks.

Vendors: The vendors included Indiana Chapter of the Mayflower Society, the Indiana Chapter of the Palatines to America, the Indiana Historical Society, the Allen County Genealogical Society, the Indiana Archives, and the Monroe County Historical Society. The Genealogical Society of Marion County asked for a table, but they did not show. It appeared that many of the vendors were busy with attendees. The Indiana Historical Society sold out some of their specials offers.

MOTION: Michael Maben moved and Donna Adams seconded that in appreciation for the use of the Allen County Public Library for the 2019 IGS Conference, that IGS donate one hundred (\$100) dollars to the “Genealogy Fund” of the Allen County Library Foundation. The motion passed.

2020 IGS Conference

Michael Maben reported that the 2020 IGS Conference will be April 18, 2020 in the Vigo County History Museum. The speaker’s agreement has been signed with Dr. Michael Lacopo. The agreement with the Vigo County History Museum should be signed soon.

Webmaster Candidate

President Rhonda Stoffer announced that three candidates responded for the open position of IGS Webmaster. Two of the candidates removed their names from consideration. Following a phone interview, Rhonda Stoffer recommended the hiring of Carla Cegielski to be the new IGS Webmaster.

MOTION: Susan Heider moved and Marlene Polster seconded that Carla Cegielski be hired as IGS Webmaster for two thousand (\$2,000) dollars per year effective July 1, 2019. The motion passed.

Bylaw Changes

President Rhonda Stoffer announced that she had appointed Susan Heider and Michael Maben to serve on the committee with Curt Sylvester to review the IGS Bylaws and other documents. Curt Sylvester reported that the three would be meeting and planned to have the project completed for presentation at the August 10, 2019 IGS Board meeting.

IGS Brochures

Allison Singleton reported on updating of the IGS tri-fold brochure. Samples were distributed. Suggestions were made for revision and printing quotes were presented.

MOTION: Marlene Polster moved and Michael Maben seconded that one thousand (1,000) copies be printed at the least expensive cost. The motion passed.

Indiana County Genealogists

In response to questions asked, Marlene Polster led a review of the role of the Indiana County Genealogist including how they are selected, managed, and replaced. The goal is to have an active ICG in every county.

Social Media

President Rhonda Stoffer reported that Amy Johnson Crow shared that due to illness of parents, she had fallen behind with social media, but plans to get back to full capacity soon.

Lineage Society Applications

Ron Darrah sent a report that he had mailed certificates and medals to all inductees who did not attend the 2019 Conference. He has received a new SCWFI application for next year's presentation.

Legislative

Michael Maben reported that the General Assembly session concluded with fully funding the Indiana State Library, but no funds for a new State Archives facility. At the federal level, he will continue to monitor. In July, he will be attending the American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting.

Adjournment

At 2:20pm, Marlene Polster moved and Janet Mobley seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed.

Curt Sylvester
IGS Secretary