



Indiana Genealogical Society

Board Meeting Minutes

May 01, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Zoom Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

At 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 01, 2021, Rhonda Stoffer, IGS President, called the IGS Board Meeting to order using Zoom. This meeting was held online due to state restrictions regarding the COVID-19.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance online: Sue Caldwell, Lou Ann Clugh, Ron Darrah, Michael Maben, Penny Mathiesen, Janet Mobley, Donna Schroeder, Steve Smith, Rhonda Stoffer, and Curt Sylvester.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Penny Mathiesen moved and Lou Ann Clugh seconded to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING

MOTION: Janet Mobley moved and Sue Caldwell seconded that the Minutes of the January 23, 2021 Board Meeting be approved. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

MOTION: Michael Maben moved and Lou Ann Clugh seconded the approval of the financial reports to be filed for audit. The motion passed.

CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE

07 August 2021 Plainfield

CONFIRMATION OF FUTURE MEETING DATES

30 October 2021	Fort Wayne
29 January 2022	Plainfield
02 April 2022	IGS Conference in Fort Wayne
30 April 2022	Plainfield
06 August 2022	Plainfield
29 October 2022	Fort Wayne

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS

The following actions of the Executive Committee was approved by consent. The action was:

- The Executive Committee approved the hiring of Jon-Marie Pearson as the Social Media Editor and Joy Neighbors as the Quarterly Editor
- The Executive Committee approved offering five IGS memberships as door prizes for the 2021 IGS Conference

IGS COMMERCIAL

President Rhonda Stoffer reported that the IGS commercial that aired during the IGS conference was created by friends of her daughter. A gift of one hundred dollars was given to each of the two who created the commercial. This expenditure was included in the costs for the conference. Michael Maben suggested that IGS should trademark the tagline used in the commercial.

MOTION: Penny Mathiesen moved and Lou Ann Clugh seconded that Michael Maben be authorized to pursue trademarking the tagline “Uncovering The Crossroads To Your Past”. The motion passed.

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

President Rhonda Stoffer announced that the new Director for the Southeast District is Donna Schroeder and welcomed her to the Board.

LIBRARIAN SCHOLARSHIP

Donna Adams sent a report stating that the recipient of the 2020 Librarian Scholarship was unable to use the funding due to the COVID-19 restrictions. The funds have been held and the recipient plans to use them in 2022.

2022 CONFERENCE

Michael Maben reported that the 2022 IGS Conference is scheduled for Saturday, April 2, 2022 at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The keynote speaker will be David Lambert speaking on New England Research. The library has reserved both Friday and Saturday for our two-day event. In addition to the in-person program, the possibility of having it also available via Zoom is being discussed. This will depend on the speaker’s agreement and technical capabilities at the facility. VIVID-PIX may again be interested in being a sponsor and underwriting some of the expenses.

PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT POSITION

President Stoffer announced that in 2022, the positions of President and Vice-President will both be open.

RETURN TO IN-PERSON BOARD MEETINGS

There was discussion about returning to in-person board meetings beginning with August 7, 2021. At this time, Plainfield has not announced when that library will be open for meetings. Steve Smith volunteered the library at Danville and Sue Caldwell volunteered the library at Rensselaer.

MOTION: Curt Sylvester moved and Steve Smith seconded that President Stoffer be authorized to negotiate a site for an in-person IGS Board meeting on August 7, 2021 with ability to have Zoom for those who cannot attend in person. The motion passed.

FAMILY SEARCH PROJECT

President Rhonda Stoffer reported that there is a need for more County Clerks to sign agreements for this project to continue. County Genealogists and others are encouraged to make contacts with their County Clerks to encourage this project. If there are not more counties contracted, Family Search will move on to another state.

HENDRICKS COUNTY PROBATE RECORDS PROJECT

President Rhonda Stoffer shared that there has been no response from the Hendricks County Clerk.

IGS BANNERS

Ron Darrah shared that he has the IGS stand-up banners. Anyone representing IGS at a conference or workshop, could have the banners for their display by contacting him.

CLOUD STORAGE

President Rhonda Stoffer reported that Heather Henderson has volunteered to download our files from Amazon storage to hard drives. These will need to be reassigned to some other cloud storage.

2021 CONFERENCE

Michael Maben reported that there were 532 online attendees for the conference. It was a positive experience with excellent reviews from those who participated. On the evaluations, 84% rated it as Excellent. The remaining 16% was 14.9% Very Good and .5% Average and .5% Fair. He is also

processing over 100 LEUs for the event. VIVID-PIX is offering a discount to all persons who registered for the event. They are also offering free memberships to those who helped with the logistics of the conference plus all IGS Board members. Information will be coming later on these offers. Michael offered thanks to all who worked on this event with special thanks to the staff of The Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library. Members of the Board also extend thanks to Michael for his leadership of this event.

MOTION: Michael Maben moved and Lou Ann Clugh seconded that IGS donate \$100 to The Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library. The motion passed.

INDIANA COUNTY GENEALOGISTS

Marlene Polster sent a report that there were no changes.

OURROOTS PROJECT

President Rhonda Stoffer reported that the OurRoots project is still in process.

WEBSITE

President Stoffer reported that the website is the next major project for IGS. There was discussion about various issues. WordPress has been suggested to be the host. There was a request for sites that are using WordPress so that Board members could review. Among sites shared were New York Times and Judy Russell, the Legal Genealogist. Ideas and suggestions may be sent to the Publications Committee.

PUBLICATIONS

Rhonda Stoffer reported that she and Kaye Ford, Chair of the Publications Committee, interviewed several persons for the two open positions. They recommended the following persons to the Executive Committee to be hired: Jon-Marie Pearson for Social Media Editor and Joy Neighbors for Quarterly Editor. The Executive Committee approved both. Rhonda stated that at present, the IGS Twitter account has 1,600 followers and the IGS Facebook page has almost 7,000 followers.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AND STANDING RULES

Curt Sylvester, Chair of the Revision Committee reported that a review of the Standing Rules and Procedures Manual found a couple of statements that needed to be brought into compliance with the IGS Bylaws. He brought the following motions:

MOTION: Curt Sylvester moved and Sue Caldwell seconded that in the IGS Standing Rules and Procedures Manual Division XI, under the four position descriptions, that Section 1 be changed to read:

The candidate for the position of ___* is to be interviewed by the IGS Board President and the Chairperson of the Publications Committee and is officially hired by the IGS Executive Committee. *Correct position title shall be inserted

The motion passed.

MOTION: Curt Sylvester moved and Penny Mathiesen seconded that in the IGS Standing Rules and Procedures Manual Division XI, that a new Rule 1 be added as follows;

RULE 1: HIRING OF A CONTRACTED POSITION

The candidate for any contracted position is to be interviewed by the IGS Board President and the chairperson of the supervising committee and is officially hired by the IGS Executive Committee. All hires of contracted positions shall be reported to the IGS Board.

The motion passed.

MOTION: Curt Sylvester moved and Lou Ann Clugh seconded that in the IGS Standing Rules and Procedures Manual Division XI, that the current Rule 1 be renamed Rule 2. The motion passed.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Michael Maben reported that the Indiana State Legislature has approved a budget that contains appropriated funds for a new Indiana State Archive. Michael will seek more information and also assess how IGS can support the creation of a new archive facility.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

President Stoffer reported that there were some issues with membership in April, but all has been corrected.

ADJOURNMENT

The IGS Board was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Curt Sylvester
IGS Secretary