



# Indiana Genealogical Society

## Board Meeting Minutes

August 07, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Zoom Meeting

### CALL TO ORDER

At 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 07, 2021, Rhonda Stoffer, IGS President, called the IGS Board Meeting to order using Zoom. This meeting was held via Zoom.

### ATTENDANCE

Attendance online: Donna Adams, Sue Caldwell, Lou Ann Clugh, Kaye Ford, Susan Heider, Penny Mathiesen, Janet Mobley, Jon-Marie Pearson, Donna Schroeder, Rhonda Stoffer, Curt Sylvester, and Sharon Whetstone.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**MOTION:** Lou Ann Clugh moved and Donna Adams seconded to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING

**MOTION:** Lou Ann Clugh moved and Penny Mathiesen seconded that the Minutes of the May 01, 2021 Board Meeting be approved. The motion passed.

### APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

**MOTION:** Kaye Ford moved and Sue Caldwell seconded the approval of the financial report to be filed for audit. The motion passed.

### CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE

30 October 2021                      Fort Wayne

### CONFIRMATION OF FUTURE MEETING DATES

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
21 January 2023	Plainfield

### APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS

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

- The Executive Committee approved providing a door prize of a one-year IGS membership to the Fox Valley Genealogical Society in Illinois.

### THANK YOUS RECEIVED

President Rhonda Stoffer reported that she had received thank you notes from the following:

- Friends of the Concord Cemetery for the \$1,000 grant
- Cosperville Cemetery Restoration in Noble County
- Community Foundation in Whitley County

## **NOMINATION COMMITTEE**

President Rhonda Stoffer reported that she had appointed a Nominating Committee made up of Donna Adams, Lou Ann Clugh, and Michael Maben. They will create a slate of officers for next year's election.

## **FACEBOOK LIVE PROPOSAL**

Jon-Marie Pearson proposed the creation of a monthly live presentation on Facebook with a host interviewing individuals regarding genealogy issues. The presentations would be archived so that they might be viewed at any time. The program would be called "Indiana Genealogical Society Live." Kaye Ford volunteered to be the host.

**MOTION:** Kaye Ford moved and Janet Mobley seconded that "Indiana Genealogical Society Live" be presented on Facebook at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month beginning in October. The motion passed.

## **CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGIST**

Diane Stepro was nominated to serve as the Clark County ICG. The motion passed.

## **FAMILY SEARCH PROJECT**

President Rhonda Stoffer reported that there is a need for volunteers to assist with this project. This will be an ongoing project.

## **HENDRICKS COUNTY PROBATE RECORDS PROJECT**

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

## **LIBRARIAN SCHOLARSHIP**

**MOTION:** Donna Adams moved and Lou Ann Clugh seconded that no Librarian Scholarship Award will be granted in 2022. The motion passed.

## **GIS PROJECT PROPOSAL**

Curt Sylvester shared a request from the Monroe County Public Library to share their concept of creating an interactive map for genealogical/historical sites such as the one created by the New York Historical Society. The Board asked Donna Adams to share this information with each ICG and that follow-up be directly with Christina Friesel at the Monroe County Public Library.

## **CLOUD STORAGE**

Susan Heider reported that research continues to find a method for storing information that is simple and easy to use.

## **RECORDS RETENTION**

Susan Heider recommended that it is not necessary to retain hard copy of records that are older than five years.

## **MEMBERSHIP MANAGEMENT**

Susan Heider will continue to research what software other organizations have found useful in management membership and contribution records. She will report back at the next Board meeting.

## **HISTORICAL FILES**

Susan Heider reported the storage of historical files is being reviewed with cloud storage.

## **2021 CONFERENCE**

Michael Maben provided a report that he had provided over one hundred LEUs for those attending the 2021 Conference.

## **2022 CONFERENCE**

Michael Maben provided a report that a contract has been signed with David Lambert as speaker for the 2022 IGS Conference scheduled for Saturday, April 2, 2022 at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. David Lambert will be 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.

## **INDIANA COUNTY GENEALOGISTS**

It was reported that there are now fifty-seven counties with an ICG.

## **OURROOTS PROJECT**

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

## **WEBSITE**

President Rhonda Stoffer stated that there is nothing new to report.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Jon-Marie Pearson, Social Media Editor, reported that Facebook is going well with a lot of interaction. Instagram requires a photo with each entry. Twitter is going well and is becoming interactive.

Kaye Ford, Chair of the Publications Committee, reported that Joy Neighbors, Editor for the Indiana Genealogist Quarterly, plans to have the first publication out by September 15. It will be approximately sixty pages. The theme for the December issue will be "Indiana Newspapers". She is still seeking to receive submissions for the quarterly that were made to Rachel Popma and never included in previous publications.

## **GENEALOGICAL FAIR**

President Rhonda Stoffer reported that she had received an invitation for IGS to participate in the Shelby County Genealogical Fair on October 02. If any IGS Board member would like to staff a table at this event, contact President Stoffer. Otherwise, IGS can provide brochures.

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

Curt Sylvester, Chair of Awards and Honors, raised concerns regarding the lack of quality nominations for these awards. The Board requested that Curt create a document regarding these awards with his recommendations. The document is to be emailed to all Board members for discussion at the next Board meeting.

## **REPORTS OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

President Rhonda Stoffer reviewed the reports submitted. There was no need for Board action regarding any of the reports.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The IGS Board was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Curt Sylvester  
IGS Secretary