



Indiana Genealogical Society

Board Meeting Minutes

January 29, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Zoom Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

At 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 29, 2022, Rhonda Stoffer, IGS President, called the IGS Board Meeting to order. This meeting was held via Zoom.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance online: Donna Adams, Diana Brumfield, Sue Caldwell, Lou Ann Clugh, Jill Cobb, Ron Darrah, Kaye Ford, Susan Heider, Michael Maben, Penny Mathiesen, Janet Mobley, Marlene Polster, Allison Singleton, Rhonda Stoffer, and Curt Sylvester.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING

MOTION: Penny Mathiesen moved and Janet Mobley seconded that the Minutes of the October 30, 2021 Board Meeting be approved as amended. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

MOTION: Lou Ann Clugh 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 April 2022 TBD

CONFIRMATION OF FUTURE MEETING DATES

02 April 2022	IGS Conference (virtual)
30 April 2022	Plainfield
06 August 2022	Plainfield
29 October 2022	Fort Wayne
21 January 2023	Plainfield

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS

President Rhonda Stoffer reported that there were no Executive Committee actions since that last Board meeting.

CENTRAL DISTRICT DIRECTOR

President Rhonda Stoffer announced the appointment of Jill Cobb as the new Director for the Central District.

Jill Cobb asked if it would be possible to have a training time for new District Directors. It was discussed that a Zoom meeting could be held for a gathering of all District Directors to review their job descriptions and ways to best fulfill the tasks. It was also discussed that the District Directors could each conduct a Zoom meeting with their Indiana County Genealogists. These might be held quarterly. Anyone interested in facilitating this first call is asked to contact Rhonda Stoffer.

INDIANA COUNTY GENEALOGIST

Marlene Polster, chair of the Indiana County Genealogist Committee moved that Sarah Kirby become the Huntington County ICG. The motion passed.

Members of the Board shared information regarding ICGs which will be verified by Marlene Polster. Information share was:

- Lynn Keasling has resigned as the Harris County ICG.
- Naomi Keith Sexton, Scott County ICG has retired.

GRANTS

Sue Caldwell, chair of the Grants Committee, reported on the requests received for grants. She stated that information on “Chapter Resource” needed to be updated on the IGS website. Rhonda Stoffer will follow up on those updates. After discussion, it was agreed to recognize the “Chapter Resource” request this year only due to confusion on the website. The grant requests were as follows:

Resource Development:

Morgan County History and Genealogy Society	\$595.00
Jeffersonville Township Public Library	\$1,000.00

Cemetery Preservation:

Randolph County Historical Society, Inc.	\$1,000.00
Noble County Genealogical Society	\$1,000.00

Chapter Resource:

Genealogical Society of Marion County	\$1,000.00
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MOTION: Sue Caldwell moved and Marlene Polster seconded that the report be accepted and that grants in total of \$4,595.00 be award at the 2022 Annual Meeting. The motion passed.

WRITING AWARD

Kaye Ford, Chair of the Publications Committee, reported that the committee had three recommendations for the Elaine Spires Smith Family History Writing Award for 2021:

- Michael Manley Wampler: Civil War Veteran
- Reporting For Duty
- Black Social Columns in Local Newspapers: A Genealogical Resource

MOTION: Kaye Ford moved and Lou Ann Clugh seconded that the Elaine Spires Smith Family History Writing Award for 2021 be presented to the writer of “Reporting For Duty”. The motion passed.

APPRECIATION RECOGNITION FOR ANNUAL MEETING

President Rhonda Stoffer shared that at the last Board meeting it was voted to present certificates to those leaving the positions on the IGS Board or as Indiana County Genealogists. She asked for assistance in compiling a list of those leaving any of these positions so that the certificates could be created. Lou Ann Clugh volunteered to compile the list.

MIDWESTERN ROOTS – JULY 15-16, 2022

It was reported that Midwestern Roots will be held in person in Indianapolis July 15-16, 2021.

2023 CONFERENCE

Michael Maben, chair of the Conference Committee, led a discussion on the 2023 Conference. Among the ideas and thoughts presented were:

- Future conferences should be hybrid with both in person and virtual registrations. This would include both the Friday and Saturday events
- Possibly have more than one seminar each year (especially if virtual)
- Hold in person events at a site that would encourage attendance and be convenient for travel, food, and housing

- Set a date, book a speaker, and select a site now. Speaker to be agreeable to in person and/or virtual depending upon restrictions at that time. Site flexibility if unable to have meeting in person due to restrictions. Restriction would be issues such as COVID, etc.
- See how the Midwestern Roots hybrid event accomplished its goals

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

FAMILYSEARCH PROJECT

It was reported that the FamilySearch Project is in need of volunteers to unfold and prepare documents for the digitizing crew. Without this preparation work, the projects may be discontinued.

HENDRICKS COUNTY PROBATE RECORDS PROJECT

President Rhonda Stoffer will follow up on this project for a hopeful conclusion.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee has secured persons who have agreed to have their names placed on the ballot for the position of President and Vice-President. They are seeking persons to serve in the following positions:

- Recording Secretary
- At-Large Director
- Southern Directors
- South Central Director

CLOUD STORAGE

Susan Heider reported that “Box” is being set up and will permit uploading IGS documents with ability to share among those who are approved and have the password. These will be “read only” except for the approved point person for that “Box.” She is also setting up “IGS-owned email addresses” that will be passed to new persons coming into an IGS leadership position.

GOOGLE WORKSPACE

Susan Heider also researching Google Workspace for storage of IGS documents. This is an ongoing project at this time.

MEMBERSHIP MANAGEMENT

Susan Heider reported that she and others are working setting up Eleo (member management software) for recording and tracking all IGS members. This will include Lifetime Memberships which are no longer available for sale. It was discussed that this lifetime membership could be granted to those who are designated as Fellow of the Indiana Genealogical Society, but this is not a part of the current documentation and could be revised. It was noted that the membership records could also include those who are members of the IGS lineage groups. It was also reported that membership renewals have not been issued for this year.

HEISS AWARD COMMITTEE

Rhonda Stoffer reported that all of the Awards and Honors had been reviewed with revisions adopted by the Board with the exception of the Willard Heiss Award. This was referred for future action.

APPOINTMENT: President Rhonda Stoffer appointed Curt Sylvester and Sue Caldwell to review the Willard Heiss Award and bring a recommendation to the April 30, 2022 IGS Board meeting.

2022 CONFERENCE

Michael Maben reported that the 2022 Conference will be virtual. Saturday’s Keynote speaker will be David Lambert speaking on New England Genealogy. There will be no charge for the 2022 Conference. The costs are being underwritten by Vivid-Pix. There will be an alternate track of four

presentations of Friday including Ron Darrah on “Enabling Genealogy in the Indiana Territory”, Sarah Kirby on the “National Archives,” Allison Singleton on “1950 Census”, and a presentation on something related to Indiana research by a librarian of The Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library. All presentations will be eligible for LEUs.

Eight persons are needed to assist with monitoring the Zoom presentation. Michael will secure door prizes. The special Zoom license will be enacted for one month to permit up to 1,000 participants. It is planned that the registration form will be on the IGS website by February 15, 2022.

HISTORICAL FILES

It was reported that all historical files will now be stored in the “Box.”

INDIANA COUNTY GENEALOGISTS

Marlene Polster stated that everything had been dealt with earlier in the meeting. At the present time we have fifty Indiana County Genealogists and are seeking persons for the other forty-two counties.

OURROOTS PROJECT

Rhonda Stoffer reported that there were no updates at this time.

WEBSITE

Rhonda Stoffer stated that she will get updates to the webmaster.

PUBLICATIONS

Kaye Ford stated that she had submitted her report, but added that Jonmarie Pearson and she would be testing “Facebook Live” tonight at 9:00pm. She invited everyone to tune in and provide suggestions for upcoming interviews.

SOCIETY OF CIVIL WAR FAMILIES

Ron Darrah shared that he had submitted his report and that the following will be inducted into the Society of Civil War Families of Indiana at the IGS Annual Meeting on April 02, 2022:

M148	Susan J. Bukowski 1410 Indiana Avenue LaPorte, Indiana 46350	C166	Frederick Cramer	12 th IN Vol. Cav.	Pulaski
M149	Willard M. Stalcup, Jr 9787 N. State Rte. 89A Sedona, Arizona 86336	C167	Jesse Stalcup	59 th IN Vol. Inf.	Orange
M150	William F. Laut 6325 Minlo Drive Indianapolis, Indiana 46227	C168	Hermann H. Nienaber	9 th IN Vol. Cav.	Marion
M151	Benita Steyer 2929 Cherry Lane Fort Wayne, Indiana 46894	C169 C170	John O. Calvert Sylvester Sheets	53 rd IN Vol. Inf. 151 st IN Vol. Inf.	Greene Porter
M152	Laura Michele Harris 380 Tripp Road Ripley, Maine 04930	C171	Grigsby Tracy	75 th IN Vol. Inf	Madison

TERRITORIAL GUARD

Ron Darrah shared that he had submitted his report and that the following will be inducted into the Territorial Guard Society of Indiana at the IGS Annual Meeting on April 02, 2022:

TG18	Vikki M. Sordean P.O. Box 252 West Terre Haute, Indiana 47885	TR49	James Johnson	1787	Knox
TG29	Marcia Powell 260 McMillian Road Gross Point Farms, Michigan 48236	TR50 TR51 TR52	William Shields Elizabeth A. Logan Nancy A. Shields	1812 1813 1815	Harrison Harrison Washington

TG30	Peggy Bennett Salitros 3181 E. County Line Rd 600N Brazil, Indiana 47834	TR53	James Elliott	1815	Washington
		TR54	Joel Charles	1811	Orange
TG28	Susan Tucker Hedges 10388 W. Pontiac Drive Peoria, Arizona 85382	TR55	Jesse Enlow	1810	Harrison
		TR56	Ann Highfield	1810	Harrison
		TR57	Matilda Enlow	1812	Harriso
		TR58	Welton Williams	1805	Knox
		TR59	Joseph Williams	1800	Knox
		TR60	Jane Welton	1800	Knox
		TR61	Isaac Westfall	1797	Knox
		TR62	Thomas W. Westfall	1797	Knox
		TR63	Elizabeth Pugh	1797	Knox
TG31	Winona L. Rivers 5907 McCall Road Pace, Florida 32571	TR64	William Sparks	1812	Fayette

STATE ARCHIVES UPDATE

Ron Darrah reported that the state legislature has approved the funding for a new Indiana State Archives edifice and that it is now in the “design phase.”

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Rhonda Stoffer stated that this would be her last Board meeting as State President and would be moving to the position of Immediate Past President. She thanked the Board for the opportunity of serving as State President and offered her best wishes to the new officers who will be elected at the Annual Meeting on April 02, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Lou Ann Clugh moved and Marlene Polster seconded that the Board meeting be adjourned. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Curt Sylvester
IGS Recording Secretary