



**INDIANA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 29, 2023 10 AM**

**GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF MARION COUNTY
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA**

CALL TO ORDER At 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 29, 2023, Curt Sylvester, IGS President, called the IGS Board of Directors Meeting to order. The meeting was held in-person and via Zoom.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance in person: Sue Caldwell (IGS Vice-President), Ron Darrah (IGS Central District Director), Kaye Ford (IGS Recording Secretary), Janet Mobley (IGS Corresponding Secretary), and Curt Sylvester (IGS President).

Attendance via Zoom: Lou Ann Clugh (IGS Northwest District Director), Susan Heider (IGS Treasurer), Marlene Polster (IGS ICG Chair), Rhonda Stoffer (IGS Past President), and Sharon Whetstone (IGS North Central District Director).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Janet Mobley moved and Ron Darrah seconded to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING

MOTION: Sue Caldwell moved and Lou Ann Clugh seconded that the Minutes of the January 21, 2023, IGS Board Meeting be approved. The motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

MOTION: Lou Ann Clugh moved and Sharon Whetstone seconded the acceptance of the Financial Report. The motion passed.

DISCUSSION: Curt Sylvester, IGS President, inquired about money market rates at the two banks we use.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Curt Sylvester, IGS President, reported that there were no actions of the Executive Committee since the last IGS Board Meeting.

APPOINTMENTS TO IGS POSITIONS

Curt Sylvester, President, reported that he had appointed no IGS positions.

UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: The large scanner is now available for reassignment. Announce in *IGS Newsletter*.

CONFIRMATION OF DATES FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

- a. 29 July 2023 Plainfield, Ind.
- b. 28 October 2023 Fort Wayne, Ind.
- c. January 2024
- d. April 2024 Annual Meeting and Seminar
Sunday, April 21, 2024, is IGS' 35th Anniversary
- e. April 2024

AGENDA REFERRED FROM PREVIOUS IGS BOARD MEETINGS

- a. Motions referred: None.
- b. Motions tabled: None.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE IGS NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Class of 2023	Michael Maben	Term ended 1 April 2023
Class of 2024	<i>Lou Ann Clugh</i>	
Class of 2025	Kaye Ford	
Class of 2026	<i>Ron Darrah</i>	

MOTION: *Sue Caldwell moved and Janet Mobley seconded that Lou Ann Clugh be elected to the IGS Nominations & Elections Committee, Class of 2024. The motion passed.*

MOTION: *Sue Caldwell moved and Janet Mobley seconded that Ron Darrah be elected to the IGS Nominations & Elections Committee, Class of 2026. The motion passed.*

CREATION OF A VISION COMMITTEE

MOTION: *Kaye Ford moved and Janet Mobley seconded to establish an IGS Vision Committee to review all aspects of our Society and make recommendations for the future. The motion passed.*

DISCUSSION: The IGS President asked that the IGS Board Members review the draft IGS Vision Committee document he shared and forward to him their ideas and suggestions. The IGS President announced that he was appointing a Vision Committee to review the status of all aspects of the Society and to plan for the future. He stated that anyone interested in serving on this

committee should contact him. It was suggested that there should be a motion to make it official.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Curt Sylvester, IGS President, asked each of the officers to review their reports and discuss activities with which they had been involved since the last Board Meeting.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DIRECTORS

Curt Sylvester, IGS President, called on each District Director to discuss their work since the last Board Meeting. It was noted that only three District Directors were in attendance and had filed reports; two other Directors filed reports. Three District Directors did not file reports. Sylvester stated concern regarding attendance at IGS Board Meetings.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Curt Sylvester, IGS President, asked each chair of a standing committee to review their reports and activities since the last Board Meeting.

Annual Conference Committee reported on attendance and feedback from the 2023 IGS Annual Conference. Income from the conference was reported as \$2,837.30 after expenses.

Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee reported that updates had been sent to all IGS Board Members and uploaded on the IGS website.

Finance Committee report was presented earlier in the meeting's agenda. A decision regarding offering grants in 2024 needs to be made by the July 2023 IGS Board Meeting.

MOTION: *Sue Caldwell moved and Ron Darrah seconded to rescind the 21 January 2023 motion that a steering committee be established with a restricted fund created with external funding. The motion passed.*

MOTION: *Lou Ann Clugh moved and Sharon Whetstone seconded to nominate Sue Caldwell, IGS Finance Committee Chairperson, to be the "responsible party" on IRS Form 8822-B. The motion passed.*

Genealogical Service Awards and Honors Committee reported that at the 2023 IGS Annual Conference a certificate for the "Outstanding County Genealogical Contribution Award" was presented by Curt Sylvester, Chair, to Katheryn Schreiber for her volunteer work with the Allen County Genealogical Society. She was nominated by the Allen County Genealogical Society.

Grants Committee had no report due to the moratorium on grants, scholarships, and monetary awards.

Historian Committee had no report.

Indiana County Genealogists Committee reported one resignation (Greta Fisher of St. Joseph County) and one new ICG (Jill Watson of DuBois County).

There are 46 ICGs.

Legislative Committee filed a report.

Library Staff Educational Scholarship Committee had no report due to the moratorium on grants, scholarships, and monetary awards.

Membership Committee reported a gain of 106 new members during the first quarter of 2023, bringing the total membership to 734 (710 plus 24 Life Members). This committee needs at least 1 or 2 more members willing to learn how to process memberships (training can be done via Zoom). Discussed syncing Constant Contact with Eleo to streamline renewal process. Updates have been made to the Membership page on the IGS website.

Nominations and Elections Committee filed a report. Jill Cobb resigned her position on the committee. Michael Maben's term ended 1 April 2023. Lou Ann Clugh was elected as the Class of 2024, and Ron Darrah was elected as the Class of 2026, to join Kaye Ford, Class of 2025. A Chairperson will be decided and the IGS President notified.

Publications Committee reported that the quarterly journal, *Indiana Genealogist*, and the *IGS Newsletter* have been published on time since the last IGS Board Meeting. Facebook Lives continue with one in March and April 2023. As well, the recordings are posted to our new YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@indgensoc>) for those who do not use Facebook. The monthly e-blast, *IndyGenes*, has been sent out once monthly to highlight IGS activities and fundraising efforts. The IGS Publications Committee Chair offered to create updated publicity materials to have at event booths/tables.

Researchers List Committee filed a report.

Society of Civil War Families of Indiana Committee filed a report.

Indiana Territorial Guard Committee filed a report.

Website Committee reported that several meetings have been held regarding the new website roadmap (Firespring), the databases (Brian Moncur), and the Indiana Historical Society Heritage Support grant. The IHS Heritage Support grant was submitted on time, and we should know something around early July 2023. IGS requested \$50,000 with 15% matching (\$7,500). There must be 100% IGS Board buy-in (financial contribution and/or volunteerism). Also, if updates need to be made to the current website, please forward those to Rhonda Stoffer, Website Committee Chairperson, and she will forward them to the IGS Webmaster.

MOTION: *The IGS Website Committee moved that the Indiana Genealogical Society contract with Brian Moncur for the database phase of the website project, contingent on receiving the Heritage Support grant from the Indiana Historical Society. The motion passed.*

NEW BUSINESS

a. Celebration of IGS' 35th Anniversary (21 April 2024). Considering a two-day celebration (Friday and Saturday) wherein the April 2024 IGS Board Meeting can be held, in addition to the Annual Business Meeting and Seminar. Also considering a possible luncheon or banquet to highlight the history of IGS.

MOTION: Sue Caldwell moved and Janet Mobley seconded to consider two sets of dates for the IGS 2024 Annual Conference, 19 and 20 April 2024 OR 26 and 27 April 2024; to consider the location of the Allen County Public Library as the event site; and to communicate this information to Michael Maben. The motion passed.

- b. IGS Vision Committee. See discussion above.
- c. IGS booths/tables at other genealogical events:
 - 1. German Genealogy Conference, 9-11 June 2023, at ACPL.
 - 2. Midwestern Roots.
 - 3. Indiana State Library Genealogy Day (October 2023).
 - 4. Other venues.
- d. Curt Sylvester, IGS President, would like a committee member listing (names and email addresses) for all persons serving on any committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Ron Darrah moved and Lou Ann Clugh seconded that the IGS Board Meeting be adjourned. The motion was approved, and the meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaye Ford
IGS Recording Secretary