



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

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

CALL TO ORDER At 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 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), Janet Mobley (IGS Corresponding Secretary), and Curt Sylvester (IGS President).

Attendance via Zoom: Paula Scott Browning (IGS member, guest), Diana Brumfield (West-Central District Director), Carla Cegielski (IGS Webmaster), Lou Ann Clugh (IGS Northwest District Director), Kaye Ford (IGS Recording Secretary), Anne Hager (South Central District Director), Susan Heider (IGS Treasurer), Marlene Polster (IGS ICG Chair), Rhonda Stoffer (IGS Past President).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Janet Mobley moved and Ron Darrah seconded to approve the agenda as amended (amend "Marion County Genealogical Society" to Genealogical Society of Marion County [GSMC]). The motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

MOTION: Rhonda Stoffer moved and Donna Adams seconded the acceptance of the Financial Report. The motion passed.

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: None reported.

CONFIRMATION OF DATES FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

- a. 28 October 2023 Fort Wayne, Ind. (ACPL)¹
- b. 20 January 2024 Indianapolis (GSMC)²
- c. 19-20 April 2024 Annual Meeting and Seminar - Fort Wayne
- d. 04 May 2024 Indianapolis (GSMC)
- e. 20 July 2024 Indianapolis (GSMC)
- f. 19 October 2024 Fort Wayne (ACPL)

MOTION: *Ron Darrah moved and Rhonda Stoffer seconded to confirm these future meeting dates. The motion passed.*

AGENDA REFERRED FROM PREVIOUS IGS BOARD MEETINGS

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

2024 IGS BUDGET

First reading of the 2024 IGS Budget. Sue Caldwell, IGS Finance Committee Chair, explained that this was a draft budget. This will be voted on at the October 2023 IGS Board meeting.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE

Rhonda Stoffer, IGS Website Committee Chair, shared that the committee is very active right now and will be for the next several months. The committee is having weekly meetings. IGS received a grant of \$16,000 from the Indiana Historical Society; thank-yous will be going out via social media and publications. Most likely will need to have an aggressive fundraising campaign. Consider updating the IGS logo. Discussion ensued about the first two website designs. Carla Cegielski, IGS Webmaster, answered questions about databases and website content.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Curt Sylvester, IGS President, discussed investing funds into a better yielding CD at a different bank than what IGS currently uses (Chase Bank).

MOTION: *Sue Caldwell, IGS Finance Committee Chair, moved and L.A. Clugh seconded that the IGS Board must approve IGS Finance Committee recommendations or IGS Treasurer's recommendations in order to transfer funds from one bank to another. The motion passed.*

¹ Allen County Public Library (Fort Wayne, IN)

² Genealogical Society of Marion County (Indianapolis, IN)

MOTION: Sue Caldwell, IGS Finance Committee Chair, moved and Donna Adams seconded that the IGS Finance Committee recommends the IGS Treasurer, Susan Heider, to transfer all the current Chase Bank checking account funds to a new account to be opened at the Farmers & Merchants (F&M) State Bank with the signatories to be the IGS Treasurer, Susan Heider, and IGS President, Curt Sylvester, with closure of the Chase Bank checking account. The motion passes.

IGS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (BUSINESS MEETING) AND SEMINAR

Curt Sylvester, IGS President, shared the outline of the 2024 IGS Annual Conference and Seminar. This will be a two-day event, held on 18-19 April 2024 at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, IN. Topics will focus on research in Indiana. This will be a hybrid event. Sylvester requested speaker recommendations be forwarded to the IGS Annual Conference and Seminar committee. The outline was affirmed by the IGS Board to send back to the IGS Annual Conference and Seminar committee.

BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES

Discussion ensued about the function of the IGS Executive Committee. There was a consensus to call special meetings of the IGS Board for decisions in between scheduled IGS Board meetings.

IGS BOOTHS/IGS PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

Discussion ensued about IGS' presence at other state genealogical events. Promotional materials will need to be updated when new website design is complete.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Curt Sylvester, IGS President, asked each of the officers to review their reports. Please see reports from the IGS President, IGS Vice President, IGS Recording Secretary, IGS Corresponding Secretary, IGS Treasurer, and IGS Past President.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DIRECTORS

Curt Sylvester, IGS President, called on each District Director to discuss their work since the last Board Meeting. Please see reports from the following IGS Districts: Northwest (L.A. Clugh), West-Central (Diana Brumfield), Central (Ron Darrah), Southwest (Donna Adams), and South Central (Anne Hager). No reports were filed for the North Central, Northeast, and Southeast Districts. The East-Central District has no director.

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 and Seminar Committee See above.

Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee See above.

Finance Committee See above.

Genealogical Service Awards and Honors Committee See report.

Grants Committee Will be awarded for 2023 (funds dispersed in 2024, \$2,500). Need to update website and publications.

Historian Committee had no report.

Indiana County Genealogists Committee reported two new ICGs. There are 48 ICGs.

Legislative Committee filed a report.

Library Staff Educational Scholarship Committee See report.

Membership Committee See report.

MOTION: *Sue Caldwell moved and Susan Heider seconded to change the term "Lifetime Membership" to "20-Year Membership" and to drop the age limit of 60 years old. The motion passed.*

Nominations and Elections Committee Chairperson is Kaye Ford. Nomination info has to go out to the membership in the Fall issue of the journal and the October issue of the *IGS Newsletter*. I will send an email to members on 15 September.

Nominations can be made by written or electronic communication for any office up for election from any IGS District. Nominations must be accompanied with a resume and written certification that the candidate has agreed to being nominated for the office indicated. Nominees must be IGS members in good standing. Nominations must be received by 31 December 2023. The offices up for election include: President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, and the Central Tier District Directors.

Publications Committee See report. 2024 IGS Facebook Live episodes will focus on Indiana repositories, such as historical/genealogical societies and libraries. The recorded Facebook Live is then uploaded to the IGS Youtube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@indgensoc>).

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 See report and above.

NEW BUSINESS None reported.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaye Ford

IGS Recording Secretary