

ALBUQUERQUE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
Virtual Meeting via ZOOM
August 12, 2020

August 12, 2020, regular AGS Board meeting was called to order by Chair Marty Brady at 1:00 PM conducted through the internet using the ZOOM conferencing app.

The following persons were present.

Elected Officers:

- Martin Brady, *President*
- John Schlue, *Vice-President*
- Stuart Murray, *Secretary & Military SIG Facilitator*
- Bob Harper, *Treasurer*
- Linda Koch, *Past President*
- Susan Johnston, *Member-at-Large (1st consecutive term)*
- Louise Rosett, *Member-at-Large (1st consecutive term) & Online Book Sales*

Appointed Committee Moderators and Volunteers:

- Phil Spivey, *DNA Education Coordinator*
- John Farris, *DNA SIG Facilitator*
- Victoria Sullivan, *Education Coordinator*
- Rosemary McNerney Winkler, *Newsletter and Bookkeeper*
- Tiffani Loiacono, *Hospitality*
- Lynda Katonak, *Tuesday Research Days*
- Frankie Ewing, *Programs*
- Michael Wilson, *Webmaster*

Guests:

The following persons were absent.

Elected Officers:

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- Lark Robart, *Saturday Research Days*
- Carole Everton, *Celtic SIG Facilitator*
- Charlotte Green, *Used Book Sales*
- Mike Blackledge, *Writing & Publishing SIG Facilitator*
- Dal Jensen, *IT Team*

Appointed Committee Moderators and Volunteers:

- VACANT, *Historian*

Marty Brady (President):

Additions/changes to the Agenda: Accepted.

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Approval of the June Minutes (Motion :): Accepts the June minutes as submitted.

Approval of the July Minutes (Motion): DNA Painter instead of DNA ... Line 58 – DNA Sig removal. Discussion about modifies job description. Suggested by Louise just to record the meeting and send it to the secretary. Accept the July minutes as amended.

Marty wanted to mention two things. Our new public relations officer is attending today, Patricia (Pat) O'Connor. Marty introduced Pat to the board. The Maiden name is Harris. Pat commented she is both a law librarian and lawyer. She worked in 5 different law schools in the law library in various positions. The last two she was the Director of the Library and a law professor at the school. She is an expert in legal research and intellectual enterprise. Looking forward to meeting persons at the library and furthering her family research and increasing her knowledge of genealogy. The Board members introduced themselves. There was a lot of discussion about the various SIGs and Committees within AGS as Pat got to know the Board. Linda Koch has maintained the list of Board and Committee members and will send copies to Marty and Stuart to take over maintenance.

Discussion continued about emails (Non-specific emails of officers) on the web site. Marty thought we had a spot where the officer's information was kept. Is this something we should create a page of officers with the information. Mike Wilson is concerned about privacy and the number of spam officers might receive. John Farris said we could have the list without the emails. Marty said he would not put our private emails but officer emails without specific names. Mike Wilson said a person could still get a lot of spam. Stuart asked if Marty was getting a lot of spam. Marty said he was not. Mike is worried about maintaining the list and the redirection necessary. Discussion continued about the pros and cons of creating the list with the current server. The consensus is to leave it as it is and not create the additional officer list.

John Schlue (Vice-President):

Not present at the beginning of the meeting. John joined at 1:23 pm. Nothing to report.

Stuart Murray (Secretary & Military SIG):

Nothing to report. Thanked Linda Koch and Frankie Ewing for their participation with the program this morning.

Bob Harper (Treasurer & Publicity):

Was present and lost connection. (NOTE: he lost his internet connection we later found out)

Linda Koch (Past-President):

Linda Koch wanted to know if anyone received a financial report yet. We did not receive the financial report. Marty reported Rosemary's computer went down and she lost all her emails. Nothing to report.

Susan Johnston (Member-at-Large):

Nothing to report.

Louise Rosett (Member-at-Large & Online Book Orders):

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Louise reported on the eBay sales. She reported AGS works with the friends of the library. They give any donated genealogy books to AGS and they have annual book sales. AGS gets the leftover books and puts them on the AGS eBay store. Pretty successful and the monies raised we spend on materials for the library. AGS fills the gap for our librarian for materials she cannot purchase. Currently, we have \$2155.00 in the PayPal account. Lisa has the amount to purchase books and she has sent Louise a list to purchase. AGS sold 12 books, purchased 2 subscriptions, and have 206 active listings. Pat Harris commented she has a huge number of CDs her mother collected on Scotland and Ireland available for donation. Louise said she should check with Lisa. Pat discussed how her mother bought a lot of genealogy CDs. Pat said she will contact Lisa. More discussion about CDs and their use back before the internet.

Appointed Committee Chair Reports & Discussion:

- Phil Spivey, *DNA Education Coordinator*
The monthly ABCs of DNA program held on the third Saturday at 1:30 PM. The DNA SIG is on pace for the ABCs of DNA program this Saturday. Victoria said she invited all her new class members to join the DNA. Phil – There's a lot on GEDmatch and will demonstrate how to work with some of the tools. Lark and Phil will work up handouts. Marty – Phil had issues with GEDmatch but got it resolved. Phil – Part of GEDmatch is free and you can pay for a Tier 1. Phil described the problems with GEDmatch but got it resolved pretty quickly. The topics are set for the next few months.
- John Farris, *DNA SIG Facilitator*
John reported the Zoom meeting last Thursday had 17 members. It was a very good exchange of information. There were two major subjects. MyHeritage offers free clustering. We spent a lot of time on Ancestry DNA. AncestryDNA is eliminating all very small segments, 8 cM or less. John is very happy with the DNA SIG using ZOOM. We can allow every participant an opportunity to share their victories & problems using DNA and there is often very helpful discussions.
- Lynda Katonak, *Tuesday Research Days*
Nothing to report on research day for the one on one consults. Still going and have volunteers to cover it, just need more participants. Marty – Only two inquiries so far. Marty will forward them. – Lynda K – Marty's invitation and notes are very welcoming and explains how to attend. Phil's articles came out after our last research day. See if Phil's article on how to use ZOOM help with the next research days. Doing the best we can and see what the response will be Phil – had a couple of persons talk about the 25th, not Saturday.

50th Anniversary – Lynda K sent an updated outline. Lynda said she didn't include Pat because she didn't have Pat's email. Pat's email should be on the membership list. 1st thing – she is looking to send notices out to inform people and is looking for volunteers. The deadline for the next Quarterly is the 10th of October. Keep up and not drop it. Let

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folks know where we are doing and their interests in participating. We need to let people know what we are doing and where their interests lie.

We are going to be publishing some books for the 50th Anniversary. One suggestion is a 50th Anniversary Book Committee for working on that book. Lynda talked about using articles from the Quarterly. All the past Quarterly issues have been digitized. We can work on the history of the organization. Lynda asked Rosemary about her series on Albuquerque genealogy stories (30 articles with pictures). She is going to do a separate publication. We also knew Pat Eker has been collecting material on Military Veterans and wanted to do a book. She decided her goal is to work on her book and published for the 50th. Stu- we need to talk to our members about assigning the ISBNs. Lynda talked about the possibility of submitting 3 publications. – Lynda K will have no problem donating 3 ISBN. The discussion continued about ISBNs and publishing. A celebration day to be TBD with scheduled tours of the library, scheduled children's activities, and informational booths for other genealogical societies in ABQ. Several AGS groups like the DNA, Celtic, etc. could have tables. There would be an actual scheduled program for speakers about the organization and a party for the public to attend.

Lynda cannot head this up but will participate. She has too many irons in the fire. Lynda would like to get it running and let others take over for the organization. Lynda thinks we can distribute the functions without burdening everyone. Lynda wants to let everyone in the community know about who we are and what we do (for Pat). This would be for the entire 2022 year and not just a special day. Stu – We could put out a monthly status to keep the membership informed. Lynda said it is more than not only keeping them informed but keeping their interest up.

Victoria reported she thinks Lynda is planning for this event to be an ABQ centric event. Maybe we need to expand outside the local community. NMGS is focused on New Mexico, and AGS's focus is more national and international. There was more discussion about how we can inform the public about AGS and how to help others do family history. Discussion continued about using ZOOM to expand outside just the locality of our meetings.

- Victoria Sullivan, *Education Coordinator*
Victoria joined the meeting at 1:40 pm. The first session of the beginning class took place last Saturday. Victoria reported she got good responses – about 6 people. She reported the first-class is always kind of ehhh. She is trying to figure out what they need and go from there. Good group. Expect to have more when we get to more substantive meetings. Please with the group. She has already sent the group the invitation to the DNA meeting. The next class will cover Census and some DNA discussion. I am not a DNA speaker but I know enough to converse. Marty – pleased to see a young person. Victoria said that was nice. Pat – Do we have a primarily an older group of people? Victoria: we hold a meeting

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during the day during the weekday. Victoria talked about the different types of people who attend and cannot attend. She talked about trying to attract a younger group. Tiffani said as, for the younger crowd, I did put flyers at the UNM Zimmerman Library. I did put out flyers twice before COVID. Pat asked if there was any involvement with UNM. Tiffani said we don't officially, we thought about putting up a table during student orientation but due to the timing of the fall semester AGS didn't put up a table.

Victoria – Lisa had posted a link on the Library web site, but it does not work. Mike W– Doesn't remember where the link goes on the AGS website. Victoria – One of the historical groups did put something. Victoria will send out another email. Mike W responded he not sure what page. He responded he is not sure if Victoria's email is on the notice. Victoria said she will send another email to Mike. The discussion continued about the classes and sessions.

- Carole Everton, *Celtic SIG Facilitator*
Not Present
- Lark Robart, *Saturday Research Days*
Not Present – Marty – reported Lark did send a membership list. AGS got 4 more members since July.
- Charlotte Green, *Used Book Sales*
Not Present
- Rosemary McNerney Winkler, *Newsletter and Bookkeeper*
Not Present – Marty reported her computer crashed and she had to get another computer and she lost her emails. There was a discussion about the importance of performing backups.
- Michael Wilson, *Webmaster*
Nothing to report. Mike is very interested in the 50th anniversary and looking forward to it. Stu will send a copy of all the past Quarterly issues.
- Frankie Ewing, *Programs*
Thank Stu and Linda for today's program. It went very well and enjoyed it. Frankie asked how many participants were on ZOOM. Marty reported 20 people were at the meeting, 16 attendees, and 4-panel members. Frankie said next month Sept 9 meeting will have a speaker, Sunny Jane Morton presenting information on church records. Her most recent book is out. She is offering 20% off and particulars are posted on the AGS website and it will be in the next Quarterly.

Frankie reported the Survey Monkey went out on July 30th. Another reminder was sent out on the 6th or 7th. We are continuing to collect responses and then figure out what people want and report back. Marty asked if the September 9 meeting with Sunny Jane Morton would be by Zoom. Frankie said, "Yes, we'll use our Zoom account and will schedule a rehearsal. Sunny is used to doing Zoom meetings but doesn't have an account." Marty – She is in Ohio? Frankie –She is a national genealogist. Frankie

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recently received the Family Tree magazine and she has a column in it. Marty asked Frankie if we can record the session. Frankie said she thought so but she will confirm.

- Tiffani Loiacono, *Hospitality*
Nothing to report. I sent a card to Mike Dietz. She has been keeping busy with the Jewish Federation of NM and assisting. Tiffani is learning a lot about Jewish records.

New Business

John Farris has two things. Several of us participated in the all-day Zoom webinar sponsored by the Dallas GS. Phil participated. It was excellent. I got all the information, and I didn't have to travel. It was Marvelous. They are putting on a seminar about the past to work with the black and Native American community. Dallas will be putting on an all-day program on the 19th of September by ZOOM. Use Google to find the Dallas Genealogical Society. Discussion continued about diversity and getting the word out. Stu asked John Schlue if we have reached out to the local NAACP. John responded he reluctant to reach out until we can get back into the Library about digitizing records. Discussion continued about how we could discuss and present conversations about Afro-American ancestors. Lynda K – Lynda thought John Farris could pass on to Judy Rapping about the Dallas Seminar given the present situation. Cheri Burr, the descendant of Aaron Burr, and it would be good to pull her into AGS, help us to contact, and find organizations to pull in ideas. Cheri Burr would be a good resource. Marty – She is on a list of DNA people for special invites and she has shown up on some of our ZOOM meetings. Lynda thought that is good and we shouldn't lose that contact. Lynda would like her to know we are just as interested in her as she is in us. John will contact her. Marty reported she is on the membership list. Frankie said we gave her a complimentary membership.

Linda Koch – any updates from Mike Dietz? Stu will contact him.

The meeting adjourns at 2:34 PM.



Secretary

September 9, 2020

Date