

Albuquerque Genealogical Society
Board Meeting
Main Library Conference Room
July 10, 2019

July 10, 2019, regular AGS Board meeting was called to order by Vice-President Martin Brady at 1:14 PM in the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Main Library 2nd Floor Conference room.

The following persons were present.

Elected Officers:

- Martin Brady, *Vice-President*
- Bob Harper, *Treasurer, and Publicity*
- Karen Gmyr, *Member-at-Large (1st consecutive term)*
- John Farris, *Past President & DNA SIG Facilitator*

Appointed Committee Moderators:

- Frankie Ewing, *Programs*
- Lynda Katonak, *Tuesday Research Days*
- Victoria Sullivan, *Education Coordinator*

The following persons were absent.

Elected Officers:

- Linda Koch, *President*
- Stuart Murray, *Secretary & Military SIG Facilitator*
- Nancy Greenberg, *Member-at-Large (2nd consecutive term)*

Appointed Committee Moderators:

- Lark Robart, *Saturday Research Days*
- Carole Everton, *Celtic SIG Facilitator*
- Louise Rosett, *Online Book Sales*
- Rosemary McNerney Winkler, *Newsletter and Bookkeeper*
- Tiffani Loiacono, *Hospitality*
- Mike Wilson, *Webmaster*
- Charlotte Green, *Used Book Sales*
- Dal Jensen, *IT Team*
- Mike Blackledge, *Writing & Publishing SIG Facilitator*
- VACANT, *Historian*
- VACANT, *Database Manager and Membership*

Elected Officer Reports & Discussion:

Linda Koch (President): Excused Absence

Martin Brady (Vice-President):

Additions/changes to the Agenda - No changes

Approval to the Minutes - Only changes are the spellings of Tiffani's and Carole's names, approved with no vote necessary

Open positions - No e-blast was sent out. Linda didn't think it would be effective and recommended reaching out to people individually. Marty has called those on the volunteer list who had indicated an interest in membership. Some have declined, but others are still pending. Marty has spoken with Tiffani about database management. She is on vacation and will think about it. Marty also says we may consider splitting the Membership chair and Database positions. Lark says she can maintain some but not both aspects and that she can still handle it for now. Marty asks about process of appointment and John says the President (and acting President) can appoint without separate board approval. It is recommended that we wait to hear back before sending out an e-blast. Marty will work on contacting people about publicity soon.

Stuart Murray (Secretary & Military SIG): Excused Absence. John says that he spoke with Stuart and they had a decent turn out for the Military SIG.

Bob Harper (Treasurer & Publicity):

No changes on publicity.

Rosemary sent out the financials. No special notes.

Lark's membership report was distributed. Does not include two new members from this morning.

The Irish American Group was covered in the previous month

John Farris (Past-President & DNA SIG):

The SIG did not meet this month. The next meeting will be on August 1st. Toni came to us for help. She was able to get permission from a deceased male cousin's daughter (last male in a certain line) to get a hair sample for DNA analysis. She has paid for a Y-marker test and a family finder test from Family Tree DNA. Marty is helping with the process. This may be the first time a DNA test for family history is done from a hair sample from a deceased person.

Karen Gmyr (Member-at-Large):

Nothing to add

Nancy Greenberg (Member-at-Large): Excused Absence. She sent an email saying there are 28 new sign-ups for the conference.

Appointed Committee Chair Reports & Discussion:

Carole Everton (Celtic Research SIG): Absent

Frankie Ewing (Programs):

Lots of good comments about today's program.

Frankie has sent the conference flyer out to various people. It has gone out via e-blast. SAR is pending. DAR to go out soon.

Victoria Sullivan (Education):

Victoria still plans to repeat the beginner classes in October, but has not yet spoken with Lisa.

Lynda Katonak (Tuesday Research Days):

Good research day. Lynda will not be here for the August research day because of knee surgery. She has people to cover.

Lark Robart (Saturday Research Day): Excused Absence, but she did send out the membership report via email.

Rosemary McNerney-Winkler (Quarterly & Bookkeeper): Absent

Michael Wilson (AGS Webmaster): Excused Absence. Email sent indicating that a test application is available online. He welcomes suggestions for improvements. Bob has seen the PayPal portion successful. There is a flat \$0.30 right off the top and 2.2% fee.

Charlotte Green (Used Book Sales): Absent

Louise Rosett (Book Ordering & eBay Book Sales): Absent. Louise forwarded her eBay report to Marty who forwarded it to the board.

Dal Jensen (IT Team): Absent

Tiffani Loiacono (Hospitality): Excused Absence

Database Manager & Membership (Vacant): Excused Absence

Historian (Vacant): Excused Absence

Other Business:

John wonders if we should have an outreach specifically focused on African American and Native American membership. John is going to the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center about some books and is considering, as Past President, asking to see if there would be any interest. He also is looking at the African American History Museum for the same reason. Marty thinks it might be worth exploring. Lynda had tried working with a young Pueblo Native American and she says it's very different because names change and there is not much written beyond census records. The gentleman who she worked with has since passed away. For African American, Judith Rapping has worked on learning how to trace family histories there. Lynda says that it is hard to recruit these groups because it's hard to help them with their research without records and experience/expertise. Lynda also suggests reaching out to Sherri Burr about how to reach out to

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African Americans. John suggests Frankie asking Sherri Burr if she would like to be an honorary member. Bob says Evelyn Harrison, the president of the African American chapter of the American Legion, says most are not interested because they do not want to be reminded of "where it begins". She says the family who has done the most research on African American families in New Mexico are the Powdrells.

The Board adjourned at 2:05 PM.



Secretary

August 14, 2019

Date

Minutes recorded by Karen Gmyr