

ALBUQUERQUE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
Virtual Meeting via ZOOM
June 10, 2020

June 10, 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*
- 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:

- 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*

Guests:

Philip Spivey

The following persons were absent.

Elected Officers:

- Stuart Murray, *Secretary & Military SIG Facilitator*

Appointed Committee Moderators and Volunteers:

- Michael Wilson, *Webmaster*
- 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*
- VACANT, *Historian*

Marty Brady (President):

Additions/changes to the Agenda: Approved as read.

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Approval of the May Minutes (Motion:): Lisa Kindrick's name needs to be corrected. Motion: Louise Rosett made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, Sue Johnston 2nd. Passed unanimously.

Marty reported they practiced with the DNA group on ZOOM with the breakout rooms for research. One on One sessions were created to help people reach their research goals. Breakout rooms (up to 33 possibly or more) allowed a person to help and the person seeking help individually make a connection. They made appointments and matched with volunteers for a specific time (30 minutes). Marty is seeking input from Lynda for research day. Lynda Katonak is uncertain about how to use ZOOM. Marty says you can share the screen with the person seeking help. Marty showed his desktop and how to share the screen. Discussion continued about how to allow to help researchers and volunteers to show results. Lynda and Marty agree that a practice session is necessary. Victoria volunteered. Lynda Katonak would like to do that and how she misses research day. Marty asked Lynda to get back with him with the volunteers to learn how to share the screen and set up a practice session.

Marty reported on the DNA Educator's position. John put together a job description and Marty wanted to share it with the group. Marty showed the Proposed AGS Job Description.

PROPOSED AGS JOB DESCRIPTION:
04 June 2020
By: John Adam Farris

TITLE: AGS DNA Education Coordinator
STATUS: Appointed Position on AGS B/D (Non-Voting)
JOB DESCRIPTION:
The individual appointed to this position will participate in, where possible, and will coordinate all AGS Activities pertaining to DNA including:

1. **The Monthly DNA SIG**
2. **The Monthly Saturday DNA Training/Lecture Sessions**
3. **Other DNA Training/Lecture Sessions as Needed**
4. **To Take-on Opportunities to Speak on DNA on Behalf of AGS**
5. **Assist as Needed on AGS Research Days to Help Man the DNA Table**
6. **To Post Pertinent DNA Information on the AGS WEB Site and Facebook Site**
7. **To Post Pertinent DNA Information as may be Directed by the AGS President and/or Board of Directors**

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Phil, Lark, and Marty have all reviewed it. Members took the time to look it over. Victoria suggested line #4 add "or arrange speakers as needed". Louise Rosett asked if John Farris will fall under Phil Spivey's direction. Phil responded he talked to John and he can continue if he wanted and possibly pass the torch later on down the road. Marty asked if there were any other corrections or suggestions? Marty asked for a motion to accept the job description with the modification suggested by Victoria. Louise Rosett moved to accept the DNA Educator's Job Description. Victoria suggested line 5 be modified to remove "Man" and replace it with "Staff". Louise Rosett moved to accept the DNA Education Coordinator's Job Description with the two suggestions. Sue Johnston responded with a 2nd to the motion. Passed unanimously.

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Welcome aboard Phil Spivey.

Marty reported on the Public Relations position. Marty had sent an email out and got an email back from Patricia O'Connor in Rio Rancho. John Farris joined the group late. Linda Koch just joined. Marty updated them on the board's actions vis-a-vis changes in the DNA Education Coordinator's job description.

Public Relations position – Haven't heard back until last Friday. Patricia O'Connor is a relatively new member and willing to do it but wanted to talk to previous public relation person. Bob Harper reached out to her but she probably won't do much until we are out of Covid-19 restrictions. Patricia has over 40 years of experience as a Law Librarian with a J.D. and a Masters in Library Science.

John Schlue (Vice-President):

Nothing to report

Stuart Murray (Secretary & Military SIG):

Not Present

Bob Harper (Treasurer & Publicity):

(Bob's audio was garbled) Marty will respond. Bob has ordered the tables and they have gone up in price. They are ordered and suppose to arrive on June 16th. Library maintenance will assemble them. Marty reported the price went up twice. But they are ordered. Bob reported the price paid was \$2438.00. AGS ordered 6 tables.

Bob reported finances are good. eBay book sales brought in revenue last month.

Linda Koch (Past-President):

Round robin we had last month was fine. She had 10 people respond. People said things she had forgotten. Very successful to have contact with members. Talked to Carol Everton, she is still having computer problems. Carol is in good spirits and doing a lot of gardening. Carol is available by phone but not by a computer.

Susan Johnston (Member-at-Large):

Nothing to report.

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

Nothing as a member at large. Louise said she sold 21 books in May. The sales bring the PayPal account balance to \$2177.00 with 226 active listings. We have lots of money for Lisa to spend.

Appointed Committee Chair Reports & Discussion:

- John Farris, *DNA SIG Facilitator*
John reported he had a good ZOOM DNA meeting. He had 13 to 16 people attend and is impressed with the effectiveness of the ZOOM meetings. John was able to go around the

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table and each person talks about their problems or successes. Carol Everton suggested John Farris send the email to the Celtic group. He did and the Board should have gotten an email copy from him. John did the distribution and will do it again as needed.

- Lynda Katonak, *Tuesday Research Days*

Lynda reported she is excited about doing the breakout rooms on ZOOM for research day. She is reporting on the 50th Anniversary and what does the Board wants in terms of ideas. She thinks maybe stretch out the 50th Anniversary to a full year~~ly~~ event. Do things as a service to the community and then the 50th Celebration. She wants to make use of publicity as effectively since it is our 50th. Tiffani asked do you want a monthly feature or what? Lynda responded she wants a group of speakers to go out into the community to inform the public about AGS being around the past 50 years. To encourage the public to come and use our services. Louise said it might be useful to get the new public relations person involved. Lynda wants to put together a framework for activities for 2022. Then next year get more detailed with what needs to be done. Lynda is wanting any input from the Board, Lynda is collecting ideas. Karen Jones corrected that the last BIG Anniversary event that she was remembering was in 2002, the 30th (not the 40th as stated last month.) Lynda said it doesn't seem like it was that long ago. Karen can remind us of past activities. Lynda's goal this year is to set a framework for 2022. Louise likes the idea of getting into the classrooms to talk about AGS. Lynda said no one person can do this alone. But there is a need to assign people tasks for our 50th.

- Victoria Sullivan, *Education Coordinator*

She reported and is excited to offer her beginning classes on ZOOM. She is worried about how to get the word out to potential students. Discussion continued on how to put out the invite to join the class. The suggestion might be to get the library to post the class invitation. Linda Koch suggested using NextDoor social media. Lynda Katonak thinks NextDoor is a good place to post the invitation. Our members who want to join should be sent an invitation. On Scheduling, Victoria doesn't want to do a class on the 3rd Saturday because she wants to attend the DNA lecture. She may need a month or possibly two to get the publicity out. Phil said TV Stations have the option to post activities and contact information. Phil hasn't done that but she should check out the local stations. Lynda Katonak said you should set the dates. Victoria will look into setting the schedule. Rosemary said if you start in August, she can put it in the Quarterly. Victoria agreed. Victoria signed off from the meeting for another appointment.

- Carole Everton, *Celtic SIG Facilitator*
Not present

- Lark Robart, *Saturday Research Days*

Lark not present but sent out the membership lists. Marty reports we have new members.

- Charlotte Green, *Used Book Sales*
Not Present

- Rosemary McNerney Winkler, *Newsletter and Bookkeeper*

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Rosemary reported the deadline for next Quarterly is July 10th. Some of the questions have been answered by the program committee and she still needs something for October by July 10th. Rosemary needs an article from Marty and also John Farris/Lark combined-short article for the computer corner. She just needs the changes. She is not sure about what to do about SIG dates. Discussion continued about the Quarterly input. Rosemary needs a board member story. Lynda reported Mike Blackledge had suggested filler about the plagues of the past and how people responded in the past.

- Michael Wilson, *Webmaster*

Not Present

- Frankie Ewing, *Programs*

Frankie reported most of you at the meeting this AM the meeting think it went well. Frankie reported that wonderful suggestions about preserving and disseminating our genealogy were made by the two presenters. Lisa reported she has a directory of various repositories in states where you want to donate. The handout is very good and if you don't have it, please free to download it. Next month we have Lee Black who joined our society a couple of years ago. Rosemary suggested that I contact Lee Black, and Lisa also had met him and was impressed. The pandemic threw the schedule out the windows. We emailed him and Lee responded he could do the program. Frankie asked Tiffani about the Rabbi. Tiffani had not heard back from him. Discussion continued about Lee Black's program for next month. Lark sent an email to Frankie about the membership. Frankie doesn't have the July program info yet. As soon as Frankie gets it and she will forward it to Mike Wilson to post on the website. Frankie talked to Nancy Greenburg and Nancy has declined to speak. In August is the end of WW2, Stuart and Mike have signed up. Mike declined to come into town because of Covid. Stuart and Mike will have to work it out. Linda Koch – She can contact Stu and she has a lot of her dad's WW2 Pacific photos. She also has a 4-page piece her son wrote about her dad's service. She can contribute and maybe be a small piece of the program. Frankie says she can too. Her dad was a Squadron commander in the European theater. The discussion continued about military contributions by family members.

Mike Blackledge emailed a couple of times. He said with pandemic and ZOOM, we have so many resources available for programs. Frankie reported we're at the forefront with this and for September we have scheduled Sunny Jane Morton (originally the program was to be offered by Skype). She has a new book "Finding Your Ancestors Through Church Records". We were able to contact and schedule her. By the time we get to September, we will probably still be doing ZOOM. That's the program schedule through September. We didn't schedule an October program because NMGS was going to offer its annual program. But that may be up in the air. John Farris reported NMGS has canceled their October meeting. So we will figure out something. Discussion continued about future October programming. John Farris said he didn't get a notice about this morning's meeting. Victoria said the same. Frankie said it was an email blast. Discussion about how the meeting notice was sent and received. Comcast was talked about being the

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problem. More discussion about how to get the notice out. Check your spam folders for messages.

- Tiffani Loiacono, *Hospitality*
Nothing to report.

New Business

Phil reported on the status of ABCs of DNA. He mentioned putting together a list of possible topics to cover and tasks for people to do. He will put together that list. Lark and Phil will do a session on GEDmatch in August. July is still up about putting together a panel. Marty reported getting together in the next week. Rosemary asked if the ABCs of DNA is going to be on the 3rd Saturday. Phil said yes. He commented it better to start from scratch to help people get a foundation on DNA basics. The meeting starts at 1:30PM. Yes, we will put it on Archive.org. Marty reported there is already a link available for a previous session on Archive.org. There should be a link soon about today's program. It allows members to watch later.

Linda Koch asked if anyone has seen the CeCe Moore show "The Genetic Detective"? Yes was the response. Discussion continued about DNA being used to solve cold cases. Phil did suggest a possible session or program about how DNA is used to solve crimes. Phil was encouraged to develop it. Discussion continued about the information available on the internet and genealogy.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.



Secretary

12 Aug 2020

Date