

ALBUQUERQUE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
Virtual Meeting via ZOOM
September 9, 2020

September 9, 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*

Appointed Committee Moderators and Volunteers:

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

Guests:

None

The following persons were absent.

Elected and Appointed Officers:

- Stuart Murray, *Secretary & Military SIG Facilitator*
- Susan Johnston, *Member-at-Large (1st consecutive term)*
- Louise Rosett, *Member-at-Large (1st consecutive term) & Online Book Sales*
- Lark Robart, *Saturday Research Days*
- Tiffani Loiacono, *Hospitality*
- Carole Everton, *Celtic SIG Facilitator*
- Charlotte Green, *Used Book Sales*
- Mike Blackledge, *Writing & Publishing SIG Facilitator*
- Michael Wilson, *Webmaster*
- Dal Jensen, *IT Team*
- Patricia Harris, *Public Relations*

Appointed Committee Moderators and Volunteers:

- VACANT, *Historian*

Marty Brady (President):

Additions/changes to the Agenda: Accepted.

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Approval of the August Minutes (Motion :): Accept the August minutes.

Approval of the August Minutes (Motion): John Farris reported on Line 88 of the August Minutes a correction. He reported “DNA SIG is on pace for the DNA GEDmatch program” is in error and should read “DNA SIG is on pace for the ABCs of DNA program”. The August Minutes were accepted as amended.

Marty reported he has a lot of contacts since the last meeting. Lisa Kindrick was contacted by Veronica Cordova, Community Program Director for Senior and Social Services for Bernalillo County. Veronica is interested in putting together an educational program for seniors and is willing to provide funding for someone to put together a program. Some programs for seniors are on hold and funding is available. Victoria reported she did talk with Veronica at the last beginners' class meeting. She will contact Veronica this week to discuss this. Marty wanted to know about accepting funding from an outside organization. Rosemary wanted to know how much money are we talking about. Rosemary said if the organization brings in more than \$50K in a year from all sources, then we have to file a tax return and hire a CPA. Rosemary is worried about it being a government grant. Victoria reported more than likely they would pay for her services and not be a huge amount. John Schlue asked if Victoria could perform the service as a private citizen and not a member of AGS. Victoria responded she can ask Veronica about how she might pay for it. John Schlue wanted to know if she is asking for AGS resources. Victoria said she hasn't talked to Veronica but is looking for a series of ZOOM meetings for beginning genealogy classes. Lind Koch said Victoria could be paid a stipend for her speaking without going through AGS. Victoria responded it is possible. Lynda Katonak said she would prefer that method. Lynda is uncomfortable funneling money through AGS to Victoria. As is Frankie. Victoria said she will contact her and this is still in the discussion stage. Marty reported on the background information he received. Victoria said they discussed an online program or series for seniors 50+ to teach and guide individuals in genealogy. They are interested in collaborating with AGS (or Volunteers) to offer 60 minutes ZOOM meeting to citizens in Bernalillo. Marty said it is a good public relations opportunity. Victoria said she will contact Veronica and happy to talk with her. Marty has emails and talked with her on the phone. She was not specific about how to proceed. Marty will send Victoria her phone number.

John Farris asked about Marty if he had received an email on a ZOOM German program from Henrietta ? Marty was not aware of the email. John Farris reported it went to Rosemary and Victoria beside himself. Henrietta wanted to make us aware of a program possibly in October. Marty said if John could forward the email to him, he will send it out as an eBlast. John said he will do it.

Marty reported he received another email from the AGS website that he forwarded to Philip and Victoria. “Jardineros de Placitas” (<http://www.jardinerosdeplacitas.org/our-organizations.htm>) who might provide a speaker for their monthly meeting. Would like to have someone speak on ancestry/genealogy. Philip is in favor. Philip wanted to know if Marty has talked with anyone or did he want him to contact them? Marty responded no. Victoria said she is not very good in this area. Cheril Raub would be better than Victoria. Philip said we need to figure it out. Both Philip and Victoria said they are not very knowledgeable about Hispanic genealogy. Marty said her name is Rosanne. Marty said she is looking for general ancestry/genealogy. She is not a current member. Bob Harper said that we could pick up additional members through these presentations.

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Marty asked Philip to contact her. Discussion continued about Henrietta had a good 1-hour presentation for volunteers on Hispanic genealogy.

Marty has also received a couple of items. Mike Wilson sends Marty things he gets from the AGS website. Marty wanted to run it by the Board. He got something from a place in France offering their services. Discussion continued about the pros and cons of forwarding this information as a recommendation. The group is comfortable not moving forward with their offer.

Someone else is a professional genealogist offering their services and Marty passed this on to Philip. Marty said we'll talk about professional speakers soon. It was suggested to pass on it Frankie if we are looking for program ideas. Dr. Penny Walters is her name. Frankie said she will put her name into the program file and we can review her for a potential speaker. Philip said he knows her but not well.

Marty asked Rosemary if John Schlue is set up to send eBlasts. Rosemary said he is. Marty said he would set up a ZOOM meeting with John S. how to send out eBlasts to the membership. Rosemary mentioned that if people do not get an eBlast; let her know so she can correct the email address to make sure they get them. Typically Rosemary says she deletes the email address and re-enters it and it works. Victoria said her eBlasts are still going to spam from her Comcast account, but that is a Comcast issue, not the eBlast itself.

John Schlue (Vice-President):

John reported along with the eBlasts topic, he said he sent Linda Koch an email declining the President position for next year. Marty asked if he would be willing to act as Vice-President and he is willing. He doesn't mind chairing an occasional meeting or other things that come his way. Others participate on the Board that would fill the position with no problem. Discussion continued about filling the President position. Linda Koch said she will discuss this more in her report. Discussion continued about how AGS have fared this year when other organizations might not recover from the Covid-19 pandemic.

Stuart Murray (Secretary & Military SIG):

Not present.

Bob Harper (Treasurer & Publicity):

We have less money this month than we had last month. He reported paying for the online renewal on our website by paying an annual amount of \$87.27 (would have been \$114 with monthly payments) saving \$26.73. Bob paid the ZOOM account for Marty. The cost for mailing the Quarterly is down to \$1.01 per person (average). We have more people requesting online copies. Down from \$1.25 per person. Rosemary wanted to know if everyone got the financials last month. (Yes was the response.) Victoria responded she may request payment for her educational ZOOM meeting account. Marty doesn't have a problem with reimbursement for that and the Board agreed. Linda Koch said Victoria should request payment for costs already incurred. Bob said just send him the bill and he will cut her a check.

Linda Koch (Past-President):

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Linda reported we need to discuss the nominating committee this year and how we are going to do it. Linda researched the by-laws and in October, the President will appoint two members plus the past president and they are to be approved by the membership, not the Board. She wants to know how to manage that using the ZOOM webinar. Then the President is to report to the membership in December and the membership can make nominations. Linda wanted to know could we do that in a ZOOM chat. Then the nominations are to be posted in the Library. (Victoria said post them on the website). Linda said we could post them in the Library. Lynda Katonak said we could fulfill the requirement by posting it in the Library since it is open. Linda talked about how we are reluctant about putting names on the website. Philip said we could post the names on the AGS Facebook group. Lynda Katonak also said we could post the names on the website just do not put contact information with them. Election and installation happen in January. Linda reported that's the parameters for the nominations. Linda said she needs to contact the nominating committee and contact Marty for appointments. Discussion continued how to use ZOOM to adopt, approve the nominations, present the nominations at the January meeting and have the membership vote. Marty reported there is a polling function on ZOOM webinars or we could send a Survey Monkey with the eBlast. There are a couple of ways to do that. Linda will put the word out for nominating committee members. Linda mentioned John Schlue and Marty have declined the position of President. Linda is looking for recommendations for President although she feels a person should have led committees or other positions in AGS. Linda wants everyone to think hard for replacements.

Linda hopes that AGS will support buying Sunny Jane Morton's book for the library. (Victoria reported it is already there.)

Susan Johnston (Member-at-Large):

Not Present.

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

Not Present.

Appointed Committee Chair Reports & Discussion:

- *Phil Spivey, DNA Education Program Coordinator*—
Phil has a presentation for DNAPainter and we have two presentations left in the year's schedule. They are Ancestry and MyHeritage and he is looking for someone to lead them. Frankie wanted to know if Lisa Kindrick was present at the meeting and Marty responded she was there.
- *John Farris, DNA SIG Facilitator*
John Farris reported he hopes that everyone has had a chance to look over his proposal for a one-day seminar for discussion. Frankie thought it is a very good idea. She has watched three presentations by Maurice Gleeson on the Celtic Connection Conference by Zoom. Bob Harper said he is not sure he could handle an 8-hour presentation on ZOOM. Discussion continued about the content and how to present it. John Farris said we could do it either as one session or two like Dallas handles their presentations. Other options were discussed on how to pay for the sessions. Linda Koch asked if this would fall under the program committee. Victoria said she thinks John is asking for board permission to

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add to Frankie's list. Lynda Katonak responded this might fall under special events. The discussion continued on how to set this up. Linda made a motion to proceed, Bob Harper 2nd the motion. The motion passed unanimously (4 yes votes). Lynda Katonak commented on how to get the general public participation along with the membership. Marty said we could set up pre-registration and John Farris reported we could collect money electronically. John Farris is thinking about this spring for the event and Frankie thinks that is too soon. She is looking for 2022 for an all-day seminar. The discussion continued about the timing. Frankie thinks spring 2022 would be better, but we need to be cognizant of NMGS and their fall seminar if we are looking at fall 2021. Phil said Maurice is perfect and John has talked with him about why it cannot be part of the same thing. Linda said we might be back in the auditorium by 2022 and not a problem. Phil said we have a window of opportunity to discuss this. It is an opportunity with ZOOM to bring speakers to AGS without incurring a lot of costs. Comments are being made by speakers that even for Post-Covid, ZOOM might be utilized as a way to get to more audiences. Frankie thinks John Farris should contact Henrietta about their fall session and maybe we could start working on it. Lynda thinks ZOOM eliminates a lot of issues about having a seminar and 6 or 7 months might be adequate to plan a ZOOM seminar. Linda Koch said maybe this spring might be the right time to even get the publicity out. Phil said Dallas promoted their event over just a few months and they had people who participated from all over the world. There is a lot of publicity we can do with a speaker of Maurice's caliber and get outside participation. Lynda responded Phil has a lot of experience doing something like this and Phil said he is happy to help out. He did say we do have a marketing person now, don't we? Marty responded yes, we do. Phil is happy to assist with this. Frankie says as long as it is early May since school activities take place later in the month. The consensus is for an April 2021 date for an all-day seminar. Victoria likes online seminars for both presenters and attendees. Lynda thinks that John Farris, Patricia, and Phil should get together for marketing the seminar. Marty said that most seminars are two hours in the morning and two in the afternoon. Most sessions allow for breaks between sessions.

John Farris reported had a DNA SIG meeting with 17 participants and it worked great. Good discussions. Lynda thinks we had more participants than being present face to face.

- Lynda Katonak, *Tuesday Research Days*
Lynda said she hasn't anything new on the research days. On the 50th anniversary, she has talked to Mike Wilson and he is willing to take charge of the celebration books. Stu has offered to help Mike. If you are interested in participating in the book, contact Mike Wilson or Mike Blackledge. Conclusions are the same for publishing about the 50th AGS Celebration, there will be 3 books. Rosemary will do a book on the Early Albuquerque families; Pat Eker is going to do a book on how to research your military veterans or services, and the committee itself a 50-year retrospective book on the Quarterly, officers, and persons within the organizations. Victoria found a cookbook from past celebrations. Does the committee want it? Lynda said yes but not to have it published again. Lynda is

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happy to see the enthusiasm. AGS will be working on nationally known speakers for events and Phil has agreed to work on this. Lynda wants to know from the Board what we might want to see for 2022. Are we looking at more than one seminar? Phil responded we could have self-sustaining fees and there are enough good people to do one or two sessions per quarter. Marty asked are we looking to bring them in or doing ZOOM. Phil thinks that digitally is almost a better option and makes it easy to get them here. It is so much easier. Marty pointed out availability might be easier. Linda thinks maybe doing one in person and maybe one on ZOOM. Phil thinks Frankie will still be doing monthly programs with other local speakers available. Lynda said it takes more planning, money, and schedule for an in-person speaker. Lynda thinks having two or three digital seminars intersperse with our monthly programs would put our name out there. Phil said using electronic payment would be key as important to help with the cost. It is so much easier to try and recoup costs. Marty asked do we want to consider having these seminars on Saturday rather than Wednesday since we don't have a broad audience for our monthly programs. There was agreement about Saturday or Sunday ZOOM events. Frankie mentioned if we had it on Saturday, we could have it ZOOM with the audience in the auditorium. Lynda plans to put an article in the November Quarterly but let the Board review it before publishing.

- Victoria Sullivan, *Education Coordinator*

Victoria reported the beginner's series went well this year. She thinks she had about 10 or 11 people total attending although no more than 6 people at a time. Victoria said she recorded the meetings but she doesn't have video editing capabilities. Victoria had a question about posting a video on the website. The attendees were not members. Marty said it is easy to edit the video and we can put the video on archive.org. Marty said people have interacted with you and given you their personal stories. Do you really want to post a person's personal stories on the web? Victoria is uncomfortable with posting the video. Linda Koch said that without the person's permission, it shouldn't be posted to the website. That is how Victoria will present that to the person who requested the video be posted.

Victoria will follow up on the program for seniors. Victoria is thinking about a spring and fall beginner's class in the future using ZOOM. Phil has offered to help especially on DNA. Victoria said that is one of the topics people request. Linda Koch also mentioned that Easter is on 04 April 2021 and we should be aware of the date for the all-day seminar.

- Carole Everton, *Celtic SIG Facilitator*

Not Present

- Lark Robart, *Saturday Research Days*

Not Present. Marty reported we had one new member join. Lark did send out the update.

- Charlotte Green, *Used Book Sales*

Not Present

- Rosemary McNerney Winkler, *Newsletter and Bookkeeper*

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Rosemary thanked everyone for mentioning the Quarterly. When she gives a deadline that is the last time she can include things into the Quarterly. For this upcoming Quarter, the Computer Corner has no article, and the DNA Column needs an article. She is wondering who might be doing them. Phil offered to do the DNA article. Lynda wondered if Mike Wilson might do it on the website if he doesn't have something prepared. Rosemary commented about PayPal and how we can use it for future seminars. Rosemary also wanted to comment on Sherri Burr. Rosemary met her because she lives in her sister's neighborhood. At the time, she was a professor of Intellectual Property law at UNM. Sherry urged Rosemary to join the NM Press Women's Association and enter the Quarterly in the contest. Rosemary did win the state contest but not the national contest. Sherri is very interested in stories about people who enslaved others. She wants to have a dialog about enslaved persons and their owners. Frankie said that might be a potential program item. It would be a different program from Sherri's previous presentation. John Farris thinks it might be a better article for the Quarterly than a program. The discussion continues about content either as an article or program. Frankie wanted to know if Bob had sent a check to Sunny Jane Morton for her services and he said he had. Victoria wanted to know how to get on the digital list. You can contact Mike Blackledge to be added to the email list. Marty reported the absolute deadline is October 10th for the November Quarterly.

- Michael Wilson, *Webmaster*

Not Present

- Frankie Ewing, *Programs*

Frankie reported she enjoyed Sunny's presentation today and delving into her book. When Sunny was answering questions she was referring to her book and we could do that as well. Next month, Phil will talk about newspapers. Frankie has a question. The November meeting was scheduled for November 4th and is the day after the election. Frankie thinks we should move the meeting to November 11th. It would be an easy change and give time for things to calm down after the election. The consensus is to move the meeting to November 11th. Frankie reported the AGS survey monkey is finished and will take the results to the program committee in October. Marty will help facilitate the meeting. Frankie said we are losing good people that have been on the program committee in the past for various reasons. Tiffani said she will help. Linda Koch said Sunny's other book looks interesting. Marty has a copy and discussed it with the Board. Marty says it is a workbook on how to outline your documentation and things in your life. Linda wondered if the workbook might lend itself to a program presentation. Discussion continued about members' experiences. Maybe we could get Sunny back as a future program. Marty said AGS had 38 persons in attendance for today's meeting. One of the best attendance records yet.

- Tiffani Loiacono, *Hospitality*

Not Present

New Business

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The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Secretary

Date