

Advisory Board Minutes – October 2017

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SESSION OPEN 01 October 2017

The September 2017 meeting of the Advisory Board is now hereby adjourned. This note hereby convenes the October 2017 meeting of the Advisory Board.

Denise Wells
National Coordinator 2014-2018
The USGenWeb Project
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Order of Business 01 October 2017

(Revises 1 September 2017 Order). Per Special Rules, Section II, the following is the current Advisory Board Order of Business. It will be updated and announced on Board each month. It is flexible and may be adapted to cope with immediate business. Advise Presiding Officer of any items for future business:

- 1] Select Webmaster(s).
- 2] Select AB Secretary.
- 3] Finalize establishing USGenWeb Mailing Lists on Google Groups.
- 4] Determine need for Advisory Board Policies and Procedures Manual.
- 5] Develop Standard Rule defining USGenWeb membership.
- 6] Review inactive Tombstone Project.
- 7] Review of Bylaws for possible Amendments (WorldGenWeb, funding for servers, sponsors for Bylaw amendments, etc.).
- 8] Define search engines for USGW SEO.

Mike Peterson
Northwest/Plains Region
Country Coordinator Representative 2016-2018
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**Motion 2017-
2018-01 Motion
to Adopt 20+
USGW Logo**

30 September 2017

As there has been no discussion on this motion, please vote yes or no to same. Voting will continue for 48 hours through and including Monday, October 2, 2017, at 10 a.m.

If you agree with this motion, please vote yes. If you disagree, please vote no. Thank you.

It has been moved by Shirley Cullum, and seconded by Jeffrey Kemp, the motion states as follows:

"It is moved that the 20+ logo be adopted for The USGenWeb Project.

<http://usgeneb.org/forapproval.html>

Denise Wells
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Yes.

Mike Peterson

Northwest/Plains Region
Country Coordinator Representative 2016-2018
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Yes

Trish Elliott-Kashima
Southeast/Mid-Atlantic Region
County Coordinator Representative 2017-2018
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Yes

Shirley Cullum
Northwest/Plains Region
State Coordinator Representative 2018-2019
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Yes.

Nancy Janyszeski
Northeast/North Central Region
State Coordinator Representative 2017-2018
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Yes

Mary Alice Schwanke
Northwest/Plains Region
County Coordinator Representative 2018-2019
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Yes

Jeff Kemp
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Yes.

Mary Ann Lubinsky
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Yes.

Lesley Shockey
Southeast/Mid-Atlantic Region
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02 October 2017

I spoke with Patrice Green yesterday, 10/1/2017, she advised that she is having trouble with her email program and that she had voted YES on the motion but was calling me about something else. She advised that if I did not receive her email, it is because of issues with her email software and she wanted to be sure that I knew she voted YES on the motion.

Thank you.

Denise Wells
National Coordinator 2014-2018
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**Results: Motion
2017/18-01
Motion to Adopt
20+ USGW Logo**

03 October 2017

With voting ceasing on October 2, 2017, Motion 2017/18-01: and having heard from Advisory Board Members below as stated, "Motion to Adopt 20+ USGW Logo" has **passed**.

With a quorum established and those voting:

Yes: Patrice Green, Shirley Cullum, MaryAlice Schwanke, Les Shockey, Mary Ann Lubinsky, Trish Elliott-Kashima, Nancy Janyszeski, Mike Peterson and Jeff Kemp.

Those voting no: None

Those not voting: Lind K. Lewis, Taneya Koonce, Jane Colmenares, Larry Flesher, Adrian Williams

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**Selection of
Advisory Board
Secretary**

03 October 2017

We have received application for the position of Advisory Board Secretary, and we will be moving to Board-Exec to discuss the selection of a new AB Secretary.

Denise Wells
National Coordinator 2014-2018
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**Request for
Motion for
Advisory Board
Secretary**

10 October 2017

I will make the GENERAL CONSENT MOTION to appoint Meagan as the new Advisory Board Secretary

Nancy Janyszeski
Northeast/North Central Region
State Coordinator Representative 2017-2018
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I second Nancy's general consent motion.

Larry Flesher
Southwest/South Central Region
State Coordinator Representative 2017-2018
The USGenWeb Project
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No objection.

Mike Peterson
Northwest/Plains Region
Country Coordinator Representative 2016-2018
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I'll second the consensus for Meagan

Jeff Kemp
Northeast/North Central Region
County Coordinator Representative 2018-2019
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No objection.

Shirley Cullum
Northwest/Plains Region
State Coordinator Representative 2018-2019
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**Fwd: Delivery
Status
Notification
(Failure)**

12 October 2017

Received from Linda K. Lewis

Denise Wells
National Coordinator 2014-2018
The USGenWeb Project
www.usgenweb.org

----- Forwarded message -----

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Date: Thu, Oct 12, 2017 at 9:38 AM
Subject: Fwd: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)
To: Denise Wells <ncusg...@gmail.com>

Still cannot post to Board.

No objection to motion.

Linda K. Lewis
Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy Note8.

----- Original message -----

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To: webm...@cottonhills.com
Subject: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)

Hello webm...@cottonhills.com,

We're writing to let you know that the group you tried to contact (board-l) may not exist, or you may not have permission to post messages to the group. A few more details on why you weren't able to post:

- * You might have spelled or formatted the group name incorrectly.
- * The owner of the group may have removed this group.
- * You may need to join the group before receiving permission to post.
- * This group may not be open to posting.

If you have questions related to this or any other Google Group, visit the Help Center at <https://groups.google.com/support/>.

Thanks,

Google Groups

----- Original message -----

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Board
Secretary
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Motion

13 October 2017

No objection.

Linda K. Lewis
Southwest/South Central Region
County Coordinator Representative 2018-2019
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Motion 2017/18-02: Motion to Appoint Advisory Board Secretary

12 October 2017

Presented by Nancy Janyszeski, and seconded by Larry Flesher, dated October 12, 2017, and numbered Motion 2017/18-02, the motion reads as follows:

"I will make the GENERAL CONSENT MOTION to appoint Meagan [Swartley] as the new Advisory Board Secretary."

Are there any objections to this motion? If so, please state so, or state "No Objection."

If there are no objections recorded within 48 hours from the date and time of this posting, said motion shall pass.

Denise Wells
National Coordinator 2014-2018
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No objection.

Trish Elliott-Kashima
Southeast/Mid-Atlantic Region
County Coordinator Representative 2017-2018
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No objections.

Larry Flesher
Southwest/South Central Region
State Coordinator Representative 2017-2018
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No objection

Adrian Williams
Special Projects Representative 2018-2019
The USGenWeb Project
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No objection.

Mike Peterson
Northwest/Plains Region
Country Coordinator Representative 2016-2018
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No objection.

Taneya Koonce
Southeast/Mid-Atlantic Region
County Coordinator Representative 2017-2018
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No Objection.

Mary Alice Schwanke
Northwest/Plains Region
County Coordinator Representative 2018-2019
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No objection.

Lesley Shockey
Southeast/Mid-Atlantic Region
State Coordinator Representative 2017-2018
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No objection.

Jane Colmenares
Southwest/South Central Region
County Coordinator Representative 2017-2018
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No objections.

Shirley Cullum
Northwest/Plains Region
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No objection

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Mary Ann Lubinsky
Northeast/North Central Region
County Coordinator Representative 2017-2018
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No objection

Jeff Kemp

Northeast/North Central Region
County Coordinator Representative 2018-2019
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**Results: Motion
2017/18-02:
Motion to
Appoint Advisory
Board Secretary**

18 October 2017

Having heard no objection, MOTION 2017/18-02 - Motion to Appoint Advisory Board Secretary has passed.

Presented by Nancy Janyszeski, and seconded by Larry Flesher, dated October 12, 2017, and numbered Motion 2017/18-02, the motion reads as follows:

"I will make the GENERAL CONSENT MOTION to appoint Meagan [Swartley] as the new Advisory Board Secretary."

I will now subscribe Meagan Swartley to the Board list.

Denise Wells
National Coordinator 2014-2018
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Welcome Meagan -

Nancy Janyszeski
Northeast/North Central Region
State Coordinator Representative 2017-2018
The USGenWeb Project
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**Appointment of
National
Webmaster and
Assistant
Webmaster 2017-
2018**

20 October 2017

Marsha Bryant has advised that she would like to continue as Webmaster for The USGenWeb Project national site for the term of 2017-2018. Norma Haas has also advised that she would like to continue as Assistant Webmaster for this same term.

May I please hear a motion to appoint Marsha Bryan and Norma Haas as Webmaster and Assistant Webmaster for the term of 2017-2018, ending on August 31, 2018, BY GENERAL CONSENT?

Denise Wells
National Coordinator 2014-2018
The USGenWeb Project

www.usgenweb.org

To avoid unnecessary time spent in numbering a motion, asking for discussion, then voting; I move that by general consent the Advisory Board appoint Marsha Bryan and Norma Haas as Webmaster and Assistant Webmaster for the 2017-2018 term ending on 31 August 2018.

Mike Peterson
Northwest/Plains Region
Country Coordinator Representative 2016-2018
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I second this motion.

It will still have to be numbered tho. :-)

Linda K. Lewis
Southwest/South Central Region
County Coordinator Representative 2018-2019
The USGenWeb Project
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Linda's statement is correct. By USGW rule all motions will be numbered but once numbered by the chair the asking for discussions, voting, etc. are not procedural but only asking if there are objections and by another rule the chair is open to giving us a 24 or 48 hour timeframe to respond to the general consent numbered motion.

Mike Peterson
Northwest/Plains Region
Country Coordinator Representative 2016-2018
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I second Mike's General Consent Motion.

Larry Flesher
Southwest/South Central Region
State Coordinator Representative 2017-2018
The USGenWeb Project
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Sorry, I did not receive the "2nd" until after I wrote mine. Withdrawn.

Larry Flesher

Southwest/South Central Region
State Coordinator Representative 2017-2018
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**Motion: Motion
2017/18-03:
Appointment of
National
Webmaster and
Assistant
Webmaster 2017-
2018**

20 October 2017

Presented by Mike Peterson, seconded by Linda K. Lewis, dated October 20, 2017, and numbered Motion 2017/18-03, the motion reads as follows:

"I move that by general consent the Advisory Board appoint Marsha Bryant and Norma Haas as Webmaster and Assistant Webmaster for the 2017-2018 term ending on 31 August 2018."

Are there any objections to this motion? If so, please state so, or state "No Objection."

If there are no objections recorded within 48 hours from the date and time of this posting, said motion shall pass.

Denise Wells
National Coordinator 2014-2018
The USGenWeb Project
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No objection.

Mike Peterson
Northwest/Plains Region
Country Coordinator Representative 2016-2018
The USGenWeb Project
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No objection.

Trish Elliott-Kashima
Southeast/Mid-Atlantic Region
County Coordinator Representative 2017-2018
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No objection.

Shirley Cullum
Northwest/Plains Region

State Coordinator Representative 2018-2019
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No objection.

Linda K. Lewis
Southwest/South Central Region
County Coordinator Representative 2018-2019
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No Objection

Jeff Kemp
Northeast/North Central Region
County Coordinator Representative 2018-2019
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No Objection.

Mary Alice Schwanke
Northwest/Plains Region
County Coordinator Representative 2018-2019
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No objection.

Nancy Janyszeski
Northeast/North Central Region
State Coordinator Representative 2017-2018
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No objection.

Larry Flesher
Southwest/South Central Region
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No objection.

Taneya Koonce
Southeast/Mid-Atlantic Region
County Coordinator Representative 2017-2018
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No objection.

Lesley Shockey
Southeast/Mid-Atlantic Region
State Coordinator Representative 2017-2018
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No objection.

Mary Ann Lubinsky
Northeast/North Central Region
County Coordinator Representative 2017-2018
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No objection.

Jane Colmenares
Southwest/South Central Region
County Coordinator Representative 2017-2018
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**Results: Motion
2017/18-03:
Appointment of
National
Webmaster and
Assistant
Webmaster 2017-
2018**

22 October 2017

Having heard no objection, MOTION 2017/18-03 - Appointment of National Webmaster and Assistant Webmaster 2017-2018 within the 48hour period, said Motion has passed.

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Denise Wells
National Coordinator 2014-2018
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**Finalize
establishing
USGenWeb
Mailing Lists on
Google Groups**

22 October 2017

The next item on the Order of Business is: " Finalize establishing USGenWeb Mailing Lists on Google Groups." Our website - <http://usgenweb.org/volunteers/maillinglist.html> - shows that all our mailing lists except Announcements and Rootsweb Archives are now on Google Groups. The states drive their own hosting and that's mentioned twice on the website page. I suggest scrubbing this item. No action for AB.

Mike Peterson
Northwest/Plains Region
Country Coordinator Representative 2016-2018
The USGenWeb Project
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I agree with scrubbing the subject.

Nancy Janyszeski
Northeast/North Central Region
State Coordinator Representative 2017-2018
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Agree

Linda K. Lewis
Southwest/South Central Region
County Coordinator Representative 2018-2019
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Agree

Jeff Kemp
Northeast/North Central Region
County Coordinator Representative 2018-2019
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I agree.

Shirley Cullum
Northwest/Plains Region
State Coordinator Representative 2018-2019
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23 October 2017

I agree.

Mary Ann Lubinsky
Northeast/North Central Region
County Coordinator Representative 2017-2018
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What's next, Mike?

Denise Wells
National Coordinator 2014-2018
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I agree too!

Mary Alice Schwanke
Northwest/Plains Region
County Coordinator Representative 2018-2019
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**Determine Need
for Advisory
Board Policies
and Procedures
Manual**

23 October 2018

The next item on the Order of Business is: "Determine need for Advisory Board Policies and Procedures Manual."

We started a discussion on this sometime back but believe it got overtook by priority events. I believe it was originally suggested by Patrice and a few of us stated it was a good idea. The pros of a P&P is that it takes the requirements that are detailed in our Bylaws and Rules and generates a small document of things which need to be done and when and references the Bylaw or Rule which has the details. It can be used as a convenient check off for what the AB or the NC or both need to do. The con in my mind is that it requires someone to keep the document current and perhaps even post now and then to the AB. I would think we need to decide if we want it. Is it a good idea and a useful tool? If wanted then what should it contain and finally if wanted what does it require to implement; a motion, a rule, ? Sometime back I started a draft of a P&P and have it attached. I think it needs a lot of work if we decide we want it, since I hurriedly went through the Bylaws and Rules to develop it.

Sincerely,

Mike Peterson
Northwest/Plains Region
Country Coordinator Representative 2016-2018
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usgw-ab-p-and-p.pdf Attachment

VERY VERY ROUGH DRAFT - 8/8/2017

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES USGenWeb Advisory Board

Notes:

- 1] There is no requirement to monthly close and open the Advisory Board meeting.
- 2] These Procedures only highlight any action required with the details outlined in the Bylaws and Rules.

1 August Standard Rule XI. Issue call for Webmaster candidates.

1 September Special Rule III. Presiding Officer. 20xx-20xx Meeting Called to Order.

Special Rule I. Sustaining/Changing Special Rules. Only if the National Coordinator permanently changed.

Special Rule VIII. Presiding Officer. Board-Exec confidentially.

Standard Rule XII. Presiding Officer searches for Secretary candidates.

Standard Rule XI. Select Webmaster.

30 September Standard Rule XII. No later than. Secretary candidates presented to Advisory Board.

15 October Standard Rule XII. Advisory Board selects Secretary.

1st Monthly Special Rule III. Presiding Officer initiates preparing Monthly Minutes by Secretary.

Special Rule IV. Presiding Officer posts Monthly Order of Business.

As Occuring Special Rule V. Presiding Officer posts to Board from Announcements List.

Special Rule VI. Presiding Officer uses General Consent where possible.

Special Rule VII. Presiding Officer uses Informal Consideration where possible.

Special Rule IX. Electronic Motions Minimum Wait Times.

a. 24 hours before calling for a 2nd on motion with no motion.

- b. 12 hours declaring a motion not before members after calling for 2nd.
- c. 24 hours before asking for a vote after calling for 'no discussion/discussion" and there is none.
- d. 48 hours for voting unless votes reach a quorum.

Bylaw VIII. Quorum, vote passage, member notification prior to votes, voting records.

Other "As Occuring" actions which would require study of the Bylaws and Rules are: Composition of Advisory Board, Duties/Qualifications of Advisory Board, Election Procedures, Copyrights, Local, State and Special Projects, Grievances, Amendment to Bylaws, Removal of Project Officers, Acting Presiding Officer, Advisory Board Vacancies, Fraudulent Registration Procedures, Parliamentary Authority, inter alia.

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I think it is a good idea, myself. I'll try to look through it in the next few days and see what I think.

Also, it would be a good idea to plant the seed that someone who truly cares about the project run for NC in the next election. Very interesting that no one ran against me this term. However, I would hope to not see Tina Vickery at the helm again. But that's just my personal opinion.

Denise Wells
National Coordinator 2014-2018
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When Sherri was NC she developed a doc that had all of that including when the next actions on the servicemark were due, domain renewal dates and costs, hosting info, etc. It was supposedly everything the NC needed. This info must be kept private. That doc was passed to Tina. Apparently it was not kept up and passed to Denise.

Therein lies both the advantages and downfall. Great idea in concept, but totally up to the NC in practice.

Linda K. Lewis
Southwest/South Central Region
County Coordinator Representative 2018-2019
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I agree with Linda's comments. There certainly are items besides the Bylaws and

Rules that need monitoring. Too bad we don't have what Sherri developed.

Mike Peterson
Northwest/Plains Region
Country Coordinator Representative 2016-2018
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24 October 2017

Tina gave me everything that she had.

Denise Wells
National Coordinator 2014-2018
The USGenWeb Project
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Mike:
Please send this to me as a word document. Thank you.

Denise Wells
National Coordinator 2014-2018
The USGenWeb Project
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Done. Attached.

Mike Peterson
Northwest/Plains Region
Country Coordinator Representative 2016-2018
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Thanks. I'll look at it today and get back with you on it.

Denise Wells
National Coordinator 2014-2018
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Apparently there is no interest in the AB being involved in developing a P&P and some may be thinking it's really a NC issue. A NC P&P, not an AB P&P. There hasn't been much of anything in the way of discussion, except Linda's input, and since I brought it up, I'll now take it off the Board.

Mike Peterson

Northwest/Plains Region
Country Coordinator Representative 2016-2018
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25 October 2017

Mike, for my part it is not a lack in interest. I have been dealing with serious health issues that have been taking more of my time than I would like. I am going to pulmonary rehab twice a week. On October 6th when I arrived at rehab, I was having chest pain and difficulty breathing. Five and a half hours later, after many tests in the ER, they found nothing. My doctor ordered a stress test on the 16th. On the 19th his nurse called saying stop rehab immediately and call your cardiologist. You need to see him immediately as you have blockage. My cardiologist has scheduled an Echo cardiogram as he felt a heart cauterization was not needed as he felt there was a shadow instead of a blockage. My doctor and the stress test is a 45 minute drive each way and my cardiologist is 90 miles away on two lane roads (which are not straight here in WV).

Lesley Shockey
Southeast/Mid-Atlantic Region
State Coordinator Representative 2017-2018
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Wow, Les, the drive sounds stressful enough! Take care of yourself first and chime in when you can. Thanks for letting us know.

Denise Wells
National Coordinator 2014-2018
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Les, I am so sorry to hear all you are dealing with. Having said that you always take the time to let us know or drop a line. It is much appreciated.

Nancy Janyszeski
Northeast/North Central Region
State Coordinator Representative 2017-2018
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Solicitation

26 October 2017

I'm off to real all the info I can find, but can someone tell me the official policy

about county and states soliciting financial donations on their pages? Also, any history on this issue?

Thanks

Jane Colmenares
Southwest/South Central Region
County Coordinator Representative 2017-2018
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Jane,
below is a quote from the bylaws. This is National level and states can add to it providing they don't conflict with the bylaw. History? There's been tons of discussion on this on several different message boards covering different areas on the subject.

Mike Peterson
Northwest/Plains Region
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Section IX.

B. Solicitation of funds for personal gain is inappropriate. This is defined as the direct appeal on the home page of any of the websites comprising The USGenWeb Project for funding to do research, to pay for server space, to do look-ups, etc. A website may, however, acknowledge any entities who may host their website (i.e., provide server space at no cost) or may include a link to a coordinator's personal page on which they offer research services for reimbursement. The acknowledgement may include a link to the hosting entity's website. A website may list research materials and/or services which may be for sale/hire, either by the coordinator, a genealogy society, or others. Such a listing shall not be on the main web page for the site, but may be linked from the main web page. It may be appropriate to include a disclaimer that the coordinator and The USGenWeb Project do not guarantee the contents of such research materials and/or the expertise of any professional researchers.

**Define The
USGenWeb
Project
Membership**

27 October 2018

This subject was introduced some time ago I believe by Patrice. The issue was that the bylaws do not really define who a member is but only states, "The only requirement for membership in The USGenWeb Project is a desire to assist in gathering and disseminating genealogical and historical information for free online access by researchers."

A change to the bylaws was suggested; one which would define who a member is, i.e., County Coordinator, etc. The way the bylaw is worded it is not necessary, in my opinion, to add/change the bylaw itself but under the Rules process we can define/supplement the bylaw by an exact definition of a member through a standard or special rule. A plus to that would be that as membership evolves it is far easier to change a Rule than a Bylaw.

At one time we had a motion on the floor in an attempt to define. At that time I received some input on the issue of defining membership from Pat Asher that made perfectly clear sense to me; however, I can't find that little bugger. Then, the motion got overtaken by a higher priority event(s) so it got pushed to the back burner. It's on the front burner again. I've either lost the Pat input or I put it under a location that has a dozen locks/keys. As I recall, defining a member is not as clear as it first sounds.

Mike Peterson
Northwest/Plains Region
Country Coordinator Representative 2016-2018
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On 10/26/2017 7:11:32 AM, Denise Wells <ncusg...@gmail.com> wrote:
Should we go ahead and begin work on Item 1 of this post? I'm ready to discuss. Thanks, Mike.

Denise Wells
National Coordinator 2014-2018
The USGenWeb Project
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27 October 2017

Rather than try to paraphrase what Pat Asher sent me on this subject, I'll just share it below.

Mike Peterson
Northwest/Plains Region
Country Coordinator Representative 2016-2018
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Bylaw VII. F. ELECTION PROCEDURES, which says:

"All members of The USGenWeb Project, excluding Look-Up Volunteers

and Transcribers, shall be eligible to vote."

This section acknowledges "Look-Up Volunteers and Transcribers" as non-voting "members." However, the EC does not have, and to the best of my knowledge has never had a way to include look-up volunteers or transcribers on the membership rolls. The EC dataset (Oversight) only includes those members who maintain a website within the USGW hierarchy of States or Special Projects. Any change to the definition of member would have to take VII. F. into consideration, as well as Bylaw IV. A. MEMBERSHIP.

Also, after serving as Dataset Manager of the EC for several years, I have become aware of a problem with resolving chronic bouncing email addresses. We currently have 24 names on the membership roll who are designated as chronic bounces (have bounced 3 or more times). Fifteen (15) of these email addresses were first identified as bouncing almost two years ago in November 2015. Under current rules, the EC can not remove these names from the membership roll without authorization from the project coordinator or the member. If the project coordinator does not respond and the EC can't reach the member via email, what should the EC do?

Pat Asher

**Fwd: 3Q Report
to the AB**

30 October 2017

From the Election Committee.

Denise Wells
National Coordinator 2014-2018
The USGenWeb Project
www.usgenweb.org

----- Forwarded message -----

From: <gay...@comcast.net>
Date: Mon, Oct 23, 2017 at 7:11 PM
Subject: Fwd: 3Q Report to the AB
To: Denise Wells <ncusg...@gmail.com>

From: "Pat Asher" <pas...@ee.net>
Cc: pjr...@att.net
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 11:26:04 AM
Subject: 3Q Report to the AB

If you approve, please send to Denise and the AB.

TO: National Coordinator and Advisory Board
FROM: USGenWeb Elections Committee
SUBJECT: EC REPORT 3Q2017
DATE: 23 Oct 2017

The USGenWeb Project's National Election was held during the month of July and a Run-Off Election from 12 Aug through 25 Aug 2017.

Registered Members 1371
Registered Voters 918
Passwords Sent 139 (15.14%)
Eligible National Coordinator 918 Voted: 108 (11.76%)
Eligible Rep at Large 918 Voted: 110 (12.09%)
Eligible for Special Projects 120 Voted: 22 (18.33%)
Eligible NENC_CC 291 Voted: 47 (16.15%)
Eligible NWPL_SC 23 Voted: 15 (65.22%)
Eligible NWPL_CC 209 Voted: 49 (23.44%)
Eligible SEMA_CC 289 Voted: 38 (13.15%)
Eligible SWSC_CC 230 Voted: 40 (17.39%)

ELECTION RESULTS:

National Coordinator:
Denise Wells 108 (100.00%)*

Representative at Large:
Patrice Green 110 (100.00%)*

Special Projects Representative:
Adrian Williams 22 (100.00%)*

NENC CC:
Jeff Kemp 34 (72.34%)*
Colleen Pustola 13 (27.66%)

NWPL CC:
Mary Alice Schwanke 31 (63.27%)*
Billie Walsh 18 (36.73%)

NWPL SC:
Shirley Cullum 8 (53.33%)*
Gail Kilgore 7 (46.67%)

SEMA CC:

Trish Elliott-Kashima 38 (100.00%)*

SWSC CC:

Jeannette Harper 8 (20.00%)

Linda K. Lewis 19 (47.50%)

Linda Simpson 13 (32.50%)

The EC declares a Run-Off between Linda K. Lewis and Linda Simpson

SWSC CC Run-Off:

Linda K. Lewis 18 (56.25%)*

Linda Simpson 14 (43.75%)

Changes to the Membership List occurring during the 3rd quarter:

New Members: 1

Left the project: 28

Deaths reported: 2 - Chris Skelly, TXGenWeb; Frank Lysy, NDGenWeb

We currently have 23 members on the Membership List whose emails are bouncing and we are unable to resolve. Per EC procedures, their membership has been changed to Inactive/no mail and their voter registration has been removed. Three (3) of these members have been bouncing for more than a year, i.e. bounces started on or before Jun 2016. Fourteen (14) members have been bouncing for almost 2 years, i.e. they started bouncing in Nov 2015 or before.

Respectfully submitted,
Gayle Triller, EC Chair

Order of Business 31 October 2017

(Revises 26 October 2017 Order). Per Special Rules, Section II, the following is the current Advisory Board Order of Business. It will be updated and announced on Board at least monthly. It is flexible and may be adapted to cope with immediate business. Advise Presiding Officer of any items for future business:

- 1] EC Guidance on Retaining Members with Invalid eMail Address
- 2] Develop Standard Rule defining USGenWeb membership.
- 3] Accepting Donations at State Level for Hosting
- 4] Review of Bylaws for possible Amendments (WorldGenWeb, funding for servers, sponsors for Bylaw amendments, etc.).
- 5] Define search engines for USGW SEO.

Mike Peterson
Northwest/Plains Region
Country Coordinator Representative 2016-2018
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18 October 2017

(Revises 1 October 2017 Order). Per Special Rules, Section II, the following is the current Advisory Board Order of Business. It will be updated and announced on Board each month. It is flexible and may be adapted to cope with immediate business. Advise Presiding Officer of any items for future business:

- 1] Select Webmaster(s).
- 2] Finalize establishing USGenWeb Mailing Lists on Google Groups.
- 3] Determine need for Advisory Board Policies and Procedures Manual.
- 4] Develop Standard Rule defining USGenWeb membership.
- 5] Review inactive Tombstone Project.
- 6] Review of Bylaws for possible Amendments (WorldGenWeb, funding for servers, sponsors for Bylaw amendments, etc.).
- 7] Define search engines for USGW SEO.

Mike Peterson
Northwest/Plains Region
Country Coordinator Representative 2016-2018
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====Part of Mike Peterson's Email

26 October 2017

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Mike Peterson
Northwest/Plains Region
Country Coordinator Representative 2016-2018
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Should we go ahead and begin work on Item 1 of this post? I'm ready to discuss. Thanks, Mike.

Denise Wells
National Coordinator 2014-2018

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Adjournment

01 November 2017

The October 2017 meeting of the Advisory Board is now hereby adjourned. This note hereby convenes the November 2017 meeting of the Advisory Board.

Denise Wells
National Coordinator 2014-2018
The USGenWeb Project
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Please remember that minutes are a record of actions proposed and taken at the meeting, NOT all the detail about what was said by members or guests. If you have any questions or comments about the minutes, please write to [Doreen Harunaga-Ewing](mailto:Doreen.Harunaga-Ewing@usgenweb.org), Secretary.