

Advisory Board Minutes – June 2021

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SESSION OPEN 01 June 2021

The May 2021 meeting of the Advisory Board is adjourned and the June 2021 meeting of the Advisory Board is now convened.

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National Coordinator 2020-2021

2021 June Order of Business 01 June 2021

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IV. ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Order of Business will be renewed and announced to the assembly at the beginning of each month by the Presiding Officer. The Order of Business will be flexible and may be adapted to cope with immediate business. Members will advise the Presiding Officer of suggested agenda items for future Orders of Business.

<https://www.usgenweb.org/about/specialrules.html>

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**Announcement:
USGenWeb
Project Election
2021 -
Nominations
Open**

01 June 2021

From Tina Vickery, Chair, Election Committee:

----- Original Message -----

From: tsvi...@gmail.com

To: webm...@cottonhills.com

Date: June 1, 2021 1:06 AM

Subject: USGenWeb Project Election 2021 - Nominations Open

The USGenWeb Election Committee is now accepting nominations for the 2021 Annual Election.

Open positions are listed at <http://usgenweb.org/usgwelections/nominee-ndx.html>. This page is updated nightly and will show who has been nominated and whether they have accepted or declined.

Nominations will close on 14 Jun 2021 at 11:59 p.m. CT.

To submit a nomination, click the Nomination button at <http://usgwelections.org> and follow the instructions.

Tina Vickery,
USGenWeb Project Election Committee Chair

Linda K. Lewis
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**Announcement:
USGenWeb in
FTM 101 Best
Websites**

04 June 2021

I am proud to announce that the USGenWeb Project is listed in Family Tree Magazine's 101 Best Genealogy Websites for 2021. We are listed in the category of Best US Genealogy Sites.

<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/best-genealogy-websites/>

The front page of our National website now displays the new 2021 badge and links to the press release.

<https://www.usgenweb.org/>

Congratulations!

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**Announcement:
USGenWeb
Featured on
Family History
Fanatics**

10 June 2021

USGenWeb was recently featured in a spot entitled "10 Little-Known Free Genealogy Websites Professionals Use" by Devon Noel Lee on the Family History Fanatics channel on YouTube. Many thanks to Devon for the great promo, and thank you to Tim Stowell for letting us know!

Watch, share, and leave comments:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ziAj8aD7XA>

Timecode: 9:54

Please let us know if you see USGenWeb or a State or local project featured in media!

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**2020/21 May
Advisory Board
Minutes**

10 June 2021

The 2020/21 May Advisory Board Minutes are located at the link below. Please review and advise if corrections or revisions are needed. If no corrections are heard, these Minutes will stand as accepted as of June 12, 2021, at 11:59 PM.

<https://www.usgenweb.org/about/pdfs-minutes/AB-2021-05.pdf>

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**Announcement:
USGenWeb
Project Service
Marks Renewed**

12 June 2021

I am very happy to announce that the two USGenWeb Project servicemarks were renewed and are valid for the next 10 years!

It takes a village!

Back in January, I announced that our two servicemarks were due for renewal this year at a cost of \$425 each. In turn, I received an outpouring of generous contributions from our members for a total of \$1188.64.

Thank you all so very much, on behalf of our Project!

- Shortly before the first servicemark was due, the USPTO raised the cost to \$525 per renewal. Due to the generosity of our members, we raised enough money to cover the \$200 increase!

- Denise Wells used her superpowers to navigate the USPTO legal process to get the forms filled out, filed, and paid on time. We might still be floundering to get this done without her knowledge, time, and talents!

Summary

Servicemark 3968468, renewal due 3/29/2021, cost \$525, paid 3/29/2021, next due 3/29/2031

Servicemark 3936386, renewal due 5/29/2021, cost \$525, paid 5/29/2021, next due 5/29/2031

Donations received: \$1188.64

3/29/2021 USPTO Renewal: -\$525.00

5/29/2021 USPTO Renewal: -\$525.00

Surplus: \$138.64

All surplus funds will be earmarked for use for upcoming USGenWeb domain and hosting renewals.

Thank you for your support of The USGenWeb Project®

Linda K. Lewis

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Website Review Special Committee June 2021 Report

18 June 2021

The June 2021 Website Review Special Committee report below was received from Rebecca Maloney, Chair, and is posted for the record.

Many thanks to all Committee members for reviewing our pages to help us keep the National website up-to-date. The suggested revisions were great! These updated pages are valuable resources for researchers that any State or Local site is welcomed and encouraged to link to once our web managers have completed the updates. Thank you!

----- Original Message -----

From: Rebecca Maloney <rebeccama...@gmail.com>

Date: June 18, 2021 8:26 PM Subject: Formal Report Web pages Committee

Formal Report submitted by Rebecca Maloney June 18, 2021

Our committee was formed April 2021 to review and submit update proposals to all of the pages under www.usgenweb.org

Our committee has been working regularly on pages and so far as of June 14, 2021 we have submitted to the AB for update proposals the following pages:

In May –

<https://www.usgenweb.org/tutorials/pro-cem-photos.html>

In June-

<http://usgenweb.org/research/starting.html>

<http://usgenweb.org/research/calendar.html>

<http://usgenweb.org/research/diseases.html>

<http://usgenweb.org/research/epidemics.html>

<http://usgenweb.org/research/occupations.html>

<http://usgenweb.org/research/tidbits.html>

<https://www.usgenweb.org/research/documents.html>

These proposals have been accepted by the AB and pages are being updated by our webmaster

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Announcement: 20 June 2021

**USGenWeb #1 /
AncestralFindings
Top Free
Genealogy
Websites**

A recent podcast from AncestralFindings.com highlights 4 top free Genealogy Websites and WE'RE #1!!

Check it out here: <https://ancestralfindings.com/what-are-the-four-best-free-genealogy-websites/>

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The full text of all BOARD-L messages can be viewed in the threaded list archives for this list by subscribing members in their email.

All Advisory Board Minutes are located at <http://usgenweb.org/about/minutes.html>.

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](#), Secretary.