

Advisory Board Minutes – March 2022

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01 March 2022

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Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

2021/22 March Order of Business

01 March 2022

Per Article IV. of the Special Rules, the Order of Business is as follows:

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- USPTO "USGENWEB" Service Mark 3936386 Update

Statement of USGenWeb Donations Funds

Continuing Business

New Business

1. Election Committee Appointment
2. Grievance Committee Appointment

Adjournment

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

ANNOUNCEMENT: 02 March 2022

USPTO

"USGENWEB"

Service Mark

3936386 Update

***** ANNOUNCEMENT: FORWARD TO ALL USGENWEB
PROJECT LISTS *****

For the record:

The 10-year renewal for our Project's original logo as a legally registered stylized Service Mark was approved. But the renewal of the Service Mark for the plain-text single word term "USGENWEB" was canceled by USPTO. As the new owner of the service mark, I was notified by USPTO of their decision to cancel our renewal on Dec. 28, 2021.

Upon research, it appears that USPTO sent a notification on Jun 24, 2021, to the previous owner informing us that the specimen submitted showing the word USGENWEB "in use" was unsatisfactory. The June notice provided a 6-month window to submit a different specimen. Unfortunately, the June notice was never received, a new specimen was not submitted, and the renewal was canceled.

After considerable research the Advisory Board identified an option to submit a "Petition to Director" by Feb 28, 2022, to request reconsideration of the decision due to non-receipt of the June notification. I filled out this document to the best of my ability, attached a new specimen, and submitted the form on Feb. 26, 2022, with the required non-refundable fee of \$250. The fee was paid for by donations from Advisory Board members.

Per USPTO, the next steps are to actively monitor the account for status updates, the Director's decision, and/or any further requested submissions. The USPTO receipt advised that a decision could take 4+ months.

Serial Number: 77908096

Registration Number: 3936386

Status: **Dead / Cancelled**

<https://www.uspto.gov/>

Timeline of Events

3/29/2021: Renewal submitted with a non-refundable fee of \$525

6/24/2021: USPTO posted a notice requesting a new specimen within 6 months (not received)

12/17/2021: SM ownership changed to Linda L.

12/24/2021: Deadline to provide a new specimen to USPTO (missed)

12/28/2021: Notice of cancellation sent by USPTO and received by Linda L.

1/2-2/11/2022: AB investigation

2/14-2/25/2022: Review of Petition to Director document requirements and collection of donations to pay the filing fee

2/26/2022: Petition submitted with a non-refundable fee of \$250

2/26/2022: Petition to Director and specimen received and posted

2/28/2022: Deadline to file Petition to Director for reconsideration (met)

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

**2021/22 Feb
Statement of
USGenWeb
Donations Funds**

03 March 2022

For the record:

Feb 2022 **Beginning Balance:** **\$66.69**
Feb 2022 AB Donations: \$290.00
Feb 2022 USPTO Expense: (\$250.00)
Feb 2022 **Ending Balance:** **\$106.69**

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

Thanks for the update

Nancy Janyszeski
Northeast/North Central Region
State Coordinator Representative 2020-2022

**February 2021/22
Advisory Board
Minutes**

05 March 2022

Please review the 2021/22 February Advisory Board Minutes and advise if corrections or revisions are needed.

<https://www.usgenweb.org/about/pdfs-minutes/AB-2022-02.pdf>

These Minutes will stand as accepted as of Feb. 7, 2022, at 11:59 PM if no corrections are heard.

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2020-2021

The "Amendment to GC Standard Procedures Motion" has a 27 January 2022 date in the heading. While that is the date the issue started it was the 4 February 2022 date that finalized it. It was confusing to me to see the January date as the heading in the February minutes. Maybe it's just me but seems that somehow the 4 February date should be in the heading, the date we approved.

Mike Peterson
Northwest/Plains Region
Country Coordinator Representative 2020-2022

The January date reflects when the motion was actually started. The motion results item reflects the date when the motion was completed.

The February minutes Links section has been updated to link to each item within the minutes.

<https://www.usgenweb.org/about/pdfs-minutes/AB-2022-02.pdf>

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

Motion

22 March 2022

I motion, by general consent, to seat the following members for the Grievance Committee: Karen De Groote for a 2-year term ending 3/1/2024; Linda Fox Hughes for a 2-year term ending 3/1/2024; Steve Conner for a 2-year term ending 3/1/2024; Kris Meyer for a 1-year term ending 3/1/2023; and Dianna Curtis for a 1-year term ending 3/1/2023

Rebecca Maloney
Special Projects Representative 2021-2023

I second the motion.

Mike Peterson
Northwest/Plains Region
Country Coordinator Representative 2020-2022

**Grievance
Committee
Appointment**

22 March 2022

The Grievance Committee seats expired on March 1, 2022. Per Standard Rule V. Grievance Procedures, Karen De Groote, GC Chair, submitted a new slate of volunteers on March 21, 2022, for appointment by the Advisory Board. See <https://www.usgenweb.org/about/standardrules.html>

In addition, Cathy von Hassel Davies has agreed to serve as a mediator as needed. Thank you very much to all of these Project members for volunteering to serve on the Grievance Committee.

May I hear a motion, by general consent, to seat the following members for the Grievance Committee: Karen De Groote for a 2-year term ending 3/1/2024; Linda Fox Hughes for a 2-year term ending 3/1/2024; Steve Conner for a 2-year term ending 3/1/2024; Kris Meyer for a 1-year term ending 3/1/2023; and Dianna Curtis for a 1-year term ending 3/1/2023?

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

From: Karen De Groote <iage...@gmail.com>
To: webmaster <webm...@cottonhills.com>
Date: March 21, 2022 7:01 PM
Subject: Grievance Committee Slate

Greetings Linda,

As per your latest note the following slate has been agreed upon and I have added terms.

Karen De Groote-2yrs
Linda Fox Hughes-2yrs
Steve Conner-2yrs
Kris Meyer-1 yr
Dianna Curtis-1 yr

Also Cathy von Hassel Davies has agreed to serve as committee mediator.

Please let me know what else I am supposed to be doing if anything.

Thanks much,
Karen

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

I move to seat the following members for the Grievance Committee: Karen De Groote for a 2-year term ending 3/1/2024; Linda Fox Hughes for a 2-year term ending 3/1/2024; Steve Conner for a 2-year term ending 3/1/2024; Kris Meyer for a 1-year term ending 3/1/2023; and Dianna Curtis for a 1-year term ending 3/1/2023

Dale H. Cook
Northeast/North Central Region
County Coordinator Representative 2021-2023

**2021/22-011 Motion
to Appoint
Grievance
Committee**

22 March 2022

Moved by Rebecca Maloney, seconded by Mike Peterson, dated Mar. 22, 2022, and numbered as Motion 2021/22-11, the motion reads:

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Please state if there are any objections, or respond No Objection.

If there are no objections heard within 48 hours the motion will pass.

The response period expires Thursday, March 24, 2022, at 11:59 p.m., EDT.

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

No objection

Rebecca Maloney
Special Projects Representative 2021-2023

No Objection

Nancy Janyszeski
Northeast/North Central Region
State Coordinator Representative 2020-2022

No objections

David Gochenour
Northwest/Plains Region
State Coordinator Representative 2021-2023

No objection

Linda Simpson
Southwest/South Central Region
State Coordinator Representative 2020-2022

No objection.

Mike Peterson
Northwest/Plains Region
Country Coordinator Representative 2020-2022

No objections.

Dale H. Cook
Northeast/North Central Region
County Coordinator Representative 2021-2023

No objections.

Doreen Harunaga-Ewing
Southwest/South Central Region
County Coordinator Representative 2021-2023

No objection.

Linda Blum-Barton
Southeast/Mid-Atlantic Region
State Coordinator Representative 2020-2022

No objection.

Mary Ann Lubinsky
Northeast/North Central Region
County Coordinator Representative 2020-2022

No Objection

Martha A. Graham
Northwest/Plains Region
County Coordinator Representative 2021-2023

No objection

Jeff Kemp
Southeast/Mid-Atlantic Region
County Coordinator Representative 2020-2022

No Objection.

MaryAlice Schwanke
Southwest/South Central Region
County Coordinator Representative 2020-2022

No objection.

Trish Elliott-Kashima
Southeast/Mid-Atlantic Region
County Coordinator Representative 2021-2023

No objection.

Taneya Koonce
AB Representative at Large 2021-2023

2021/22-011 Motion to Appoint Grievance Committee Results **25 March 2022**

With all members responding within the allotted time period and having heard no objections, the motion passes, and the Grievance Committee is now seated.

I would like to thank Cathy von Hassel_Davies for volunteering to remain on as a mediator for the upcoming term, and thank you to outgoing committee member Bruce Coyne for his service for the past 2 years.

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Members Responding No Objection:

Rebecca Maloney, SP
Nancy Janyszeski, NENC SC
David Gochenour, NWPL SC
Linda Simpson, SWSC SC
Mike Peterson, NWPL CC
Dale H. Cook, NENC CC
Doreen Harunaga-Ewing, SWSC CC
Mary Ann Lubinsky, NENC CC
Linda Blum-Barton, SEMA SC
Martha Graham, NWPL CC
Jeff Kemp, SEMA CC
MaryAlice Schwanke, SWSC CC
Trish Elliott-Kashima, SEMA CC
Taneya Koonce, RAL

Members Not Responding: (None)

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

Adjournment **01 April 2022**

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Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

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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](#), Secretary.