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2022 Jul Advisory Board Meeting Adjourned / 2022 Aug Advisory Board Meeting Convened

01 August 2022

The July 2022 meeting of the Advisory Board is adjourned and the August 2022 meeting of the Advisory Board is now convened.

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

2021/22 Aug Order of Business

01 August 2022

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

Minutes

Announcements

- 2022 National Election Results

Statement of USGenWeb Donation Funds

Status of USPTO Petition to Director for 3936386 renewal

Continuing Business

New Business

- 25+ anniversary logo submission

Adjournment

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

**Jul Statement of
USGenWeb
Donation Funds**

01 August 2022

For the record:

Jul 2022 **Beginning Balance: \$321.69**
Jul 2022 Donations: \$0.00
Jul 2022 Expenses: \$(233.87)
Jul 2022 **Ending Balance: \$87.82***

** Remaining balance is earmarked for the annual EC hosting renewal.*

Jul Itemized Expenses

USGENWEB.ORG 3-yrs \$(62.97)
USGENWEB.NET 3-yrs \$(65.97)
USWELECTIONS.ORG 3-yrs \$(62.97)
USGENWEB.COM 2-yrs \$(39.98)
Renewal Fees \$(1.98)
Jul Expense Total: (\$233.87)

Thank you to all the donors that made these renewals possible!

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

2022 Election Results 02 August 2022

The 2022 Election results are submitted below, for the record, by Pat Asher, EC Dataset Manager. Thank you, Pat, and congratulations to all the candidates! While there may not have been choices for each seat this election, each vote expresses the opinion of an active member who cares deeply about our Project. Thank you for voting!

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

From: Pat Asher <pjr...@att.net>
To: "Linda K. Lewis" <webm...@cottonhills.com>
Cc: Election Committee <usgw-el...@googlegroups.com>
Date: 08/02/2022 10:14 AM EDT
Subject: 2022 Election Results

To: Linda K. Lewis, NC;

Please post results to Board-L and forward as appropriate to USGenWeb

Mail lists.

The USGW Election Committee would like to thank all of the candidates and voters for participating in the election process. Below are the results of the 2022 National Election.

Total Members: 990
Registered to Vote: 655 (66.16%)
Passwords Sent: 227 (34.66%)
Eligible NC: 227 90 (39.64%)
Eligible NENC CC: 84 - Voted: 30 (35.71%)
Eligible NENC SC: 18 - Voted: 9 (50.00%)
Eligible NWPL CC: 73 - Voted: 33 (45.21%)
Eligible SEMA CC: 64 - Voted: 20 (31.25%)
Eligible SEMA SC: 18 - Voted: 7 (38.89%)
Eligible SWSC CC: 84 - Voted: 35 (41.67%)
Eligible SWSC SC: 29 - Voted: 14 (48.28%)

The EC declares Linda K. Lewis the winner
National Coordinator: Linda K. Lewis 90 (100.00%)

The EC declares Mary Ann Lubinsky the winner.
NENC CC: Mary Ann Lubinsky 30 (100.00%)

The EC declares Nancy Janyszeski the winner.
NENC SC: Nancy Janyszeski 9 (100.00%)

The E declares Michael Peterson the winner.
NWPLCC: Michael Peterson 33 (100.00%)

The EC declares Linda Blum-Barton the winner.
SEMACC: Linda Blum-Barton 20 (100.00%)

The E declares Jeff Kemp the winner.
SEMASC: Jeff Kemp 7 (100.00%)

The EC declares Mary Alice Schwanke the winner.
SWSC CC: Mary Alice Schwanke 35 (100.00%)

The E declares Linda Simpson the winner.
SWSCSC: Linda Simpson 14 (100.00%)

Pat Asher
EC Dataset Manager

Linda K. Lewis

National Coordinator 2021-2022

**2nd Quarter
Grievance
Committee Report**

03 August 2022

Karen De Groote, GC Chair, submitted the below GC quarterly report, for the record:

On 08/03/2022 8:05 AM EDT Karen De Groote <iage...@gmail.com> wrote:

Greetings Linda,

The grievance committee received no grievances thus there were no details to report this quarter.

Karen De Groote
USGenWeb Grievance Committee Chair

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2020-2021

**July 2021/22
Advisory Board
Minutes**

03 August 2022

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

<https://www.usgenweb.org/about/pdfs-minutes/AB-2022-07.pdf>

These Minutes will stand as accepted as of August 5, 2022, at 11:59 PM if no corrections are heard.

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

04 August 2022

HI, I just noticed...

05 July 2022 For the record: The Advisory Board facilitated the following State election in 2Q2022

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

Yes, that's correct. The report in July was for Apr-Jun (2Q).

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

USPTO SM 3936386 04 August 2022
Status

For the record:

As of August 4, 2022, no new documents or updates were posted in response to the USPTO Petition to Director filed on 2/26/2022. I sent an email to USPTO's Help 2 months ago but have yet to receive any reply.

In addition, I was notified that beginning Aug. 8, 2022, a new higher-security ID must be obtained to continue to access the USPTO system SM files. This new process / ID will be required for all future owners of our service marks.

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USPTO/bulletins/3201f48>

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

25+ year
Anniversary Logo

04 August 2022

The next order of business is the consideration of a new 25+ year Anniversary Logo that was submitted to the Advisory Board:

<https://usgenweb.org/images/logos/logo-map25plus.png>

Per Motion 2020/21-12, all approved 25-year logos expire on 31 Aug 2022 and will be removed from the Approved Logos page, leaving only the +20 anniversary logo. The above 25+ year logo is submitted for consideration as an alternate Anniversary Logo to take effect once the 25-year logos expire to help celebrate our Project's longevity. <https://www.usgenweb.org/volunteers/logos.html>

The floor is now open for discussion and feedback through 10 Aug 2022 at 11:59 EST.

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

06 August 2022

Yes,
The logo in its updated format is fine.

Martha A. C. Graham
Northwest/Plains Region

County Coordinator Representative 2021-2023

Yes

Rebecca Maloney
Special Projects Representative 2021-2023

07 August 2022

The Advisory Board received positive feedback from our SCs. With their input and support, the logo submitted for consideration is now updated to bold the word "Free", and a version with a transparent background is also submitted. Thank you to all members who participated in this discussion.

<https://usgenweb.org/images/logos/map25plus.png>

background-color: white; dimensions: 168 px w X 128 px h; size: 46.9 kb.

<https://usgenweb.org/images/logos/map25plustrans.png>

background-color: transparent; dimensions: 168 px w X 128 px h; size: 37.3 kb.

The floor remains open for discussion and feedback through 10 Aug 2022 at 11:59 EST. Members are urged to share support or concerns with their SCs or any member of the AB.

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

11 August 2022

The anniversary logo discussion period is now closed.

All 25th Anniversary logos expire on 8/31/2022 and will be removed from the approved logos page, leaving only the +20

logo. <https://www.usgenweb.org/volunteers/logos.html>

As a result of member feedback during the discussion period, two new 25+ logos are now submitted together for consideration as approved ongoing Project Anniversary logos. This updated submission includes both white and transparent background versions.

May I hear a motion, by general consent, to include the two logos linked below as USGenWeb Project Anniversary logos approved for use on project websites?

25+ Anniversary Logos

- **White**

Background: <https://usgenweb.org/images/logos/map25plus.png>
width: 168px; height: 128px; (size: 46.9k)

- **Transparent**

Background: <https://usgenweb.org/images/logos/map25plustrans.png>

width: 168px; height: 128px; (size: 37.3k)

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

I make the motion, by general consent, to include the two logos linked below as USGenWeb Project Anniversary logos approved for use on project websites?

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Rebecca Maloney
Special Projects Representative 2021-2023

I second the motion by general consent, to include the two logos linked below as USGenWeb Project Anniversary logos approved for use on project websites?

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

USPTO Service Mark Document History

09 August 2022

I downloaded the entire document history for each USPTO service mark from the USPTO website, and present them here, for the record.

77908096 for the word USGENWEB (canceled, Petition to Director filed in Feb 2022):

<http://usgenweb.org/USPTO-Filing/SM%2077908096%20USPTO%20TEAS%20Status%20Documents%2020220806.pdf>

77908648 for the official logo image (registered):

<http://usgenweb.org/USPTO-Filing/SM%2077908648%20USPTO%20TEAS%20Status%20Documents%2020220806.pdf>

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

11 August 2022

Good Evening,

First, Thank you Linda for sending along the History on the Service Mark & Logo Stuff

The 'Service Mark' and 'Official Logo' thing has baffled me for a while. I think I remember some flack about other folks using similar wording a long time ago and that is why the USGenWeb had to go to great expense and effort to squash it. But... it seems that the 'squashing' process has become an albatross around the NC's neck.

Second, that is so totally unfair! No one should be saddled with that type of business, especially when the job of NC is totally thankless to begin with.

Third, after all this time is it really necessary to carry on with it? Linda has indicated that the communication process with the 'Powers that Be' is sorely lacking. If they do not have the courtesy to reply, then how can any organization be expected to comply in a timely manner?

Can we just let it go and get on with the business of providing 'Free Genealogical Resources'?
My 2 1/2 Cents.

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

Martha / All,

Thank you, Martha. I am failing miserably at getting a response on our SM, and I appreciate the boost. Nowhere does it state that our SM asset ownership is the sole responsibility of the NC.

I've had 2 suggestions to write to my congressperson. I'm happy to write to Sharice Davids (KS), but USGenWeb is not a KS-registered entity and I

don't have a clue what to say. **Does someone want to start a draft letter and post it here and we work on this together?**

If the Petition is denied it will be up to the members to either donate more money or let it go. I will advocate for continuing this SM because I believe the word "USGenWeb" is our most important and most valuable asset to protect and register. But that's just me.

The USPTO allows for one SM owner and one attorney to be listed. I am clearly not the right person for the job! I have zero legal background and I work 50+ hours a week. I agree that phoning in to request a call back is the best next step, but I just can't deal with USPTO during regular business hours. **Maybe someone else could call? I published the all document history for reference.** I felt it was important to make this public info to all our members. If something were to happen to me, I'm sure it will be very hard to get ownership transferred. USPTO allows for one person listed as the owner and one person listed as the attorney.

FYI - I just logged in and I am still able to see all of the documents. No change of course. I suspect I am not able to access new documents for submission or response until I apply through the new ID.me process.

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

**Motion 2021/22-14
25+ Year
Anniversary Logo**

11 August 2022

Moved by Rebecca Maloney, seconded by Nancy Janyszeski, dated August 11, 2022, and numbered Motion 2021/22-14, 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 Saturday, August 13, 2022, at 11:59 p.m., EDT.

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

No objection.

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

No objection

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

no objection!

Taneya Koonce
AB Representative at Large 2021-2023

No objection.

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

No Objections

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

No objection.

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

No objections

Rebecca Maloney
Special Projects Representative 2021-2023

No objection

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

No objection

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

No objection

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

No objection

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

12 August 2022

No objection.

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

Mike Peterson

13 August 2022

It is with deep sorrow that I must announce the passing of long-time project member Mike Peterson. Mike currently served as NDGenWeb ASC and was recently re-elected as NENC CC representative.

I spoke to his wife, Judy, today. She was quite choked up and unable to tell me the date Mike passed, but I gather it was not in the last few days. The last I heard from Mike was on 7/18/2022.

Judy asked me to tell everyone at USGenWeb that Mike loved being a part of our Project and doing all he could, and that it was one of the few things he could keep busy with and feel good about during his physical decline.

Mike has helped so many Project members and researched over his many years with USGenWeb, and it won't be the same without him. My deepest condolences go out to his wife, daughter, family, and friends.

Thank you for all you have done, Mike. May you rest in peace.

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

Correction - Mike currently served as **NWPL** CC Representative.

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

That is so sad to learn; he truly gave so much to the project. My condolences to his family.

Taneya Koonce
AB Representative at Large 2021-2023

**Motion 2021/22-14
25+ Year
Anniversary Logo
Results**

14 August 2022

With 12 members responding within the allotted time period and having heard no objections, the motion passes. The web managers are requested to add the two logos linked below to the Anniversary Logos section of the USGenWeb Logos page at <https://www.usgenweb.org/volunteers/logos.html>.

Motion:

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Members voting "No Objection":
Doreen Harunaga-Ewing, SWSC CC
Trish Elliott-Kashima, SEMA CC
Taneya Koonce, RAL

Nancy Janyszeski, NENC SC
Martha Graham, NWPL CC
Mary Ann Lubinsky, NENC CC
Rebecca Maloney, SP
Jeff Kemp, SEMA CC
David Gochenour, NWPL SC
MaryAlice Schwanke, SWSC CC
Linda Simpson. SWSC SC
Dale Cook, NENC CC
Mike Peterson, NWPL CC (deceased)
Linda Blum-Barton, SEMA SC (did not vote)

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

ANNOUNCEMENT: 15 August 2022
Annual Call for
USGenWeb
Webmaster
Volunteers

***** PLEASE FORWARD TO ALL MEMBERS *****

Per Article XI of the Standard Rules, the Board hereby issues a call for volunteers for the USGenWeb Webmaster position.

The website manager, and assistant (if any), serve as trusted technical assistants to the Advisory Board and are responsible for the maintenance of the Project website under the direction of the National Coordinator.

The requirements for USGenWeb Webmaster are detailed in STANDARD RULE XI: MOTION 2008/09-04: 'WEBMASTER QUALIFICATIONS' <https://www.usgenweb.org/about/standardrules.html>

Please submit your interest to the National Coordinator, webm...@cottonhills.com, within 15 days of the posting of this announcement. THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS 11:59 PM EDT, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2022.

Please include an introduction, length of time developing and maintaining websites, and links to project websites you created and manage that you wish to highlight as examples of your ongoing work.

Thank you,
Linda K. Lewis 2021-2022

Notice: NWPL CC
Representative Seat
Vacancy

16 August 2022

On Aug 13, 2022, I announced the passing of Mike Peterson, NWPL CC Rep, and long-time USGenWeb volunteer, may he rest in peace. This

resulted in an outpouring of tributes to Mike on our Project lists. I was deeply moved while reading each message as I put this document together, and I hope it will bring comfort to Mike's family. I printed this doc and mailed it to his wife, along with a card, in a flat envelope. Thank you.

Mike is one of two NWPL County Coordinator reps for the 2021/22 AB term that ends in 15 days, and his seat will remain vacant through the end of this term. All activities to fill the upcoming vacancy for Mike's re-elected term are deferred to the 2022/23 AB.

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

Adjournment**31 August 2022**

The August 2022 meeting of the Advisory Board is now adjourned and the 2021/22 Session is concluded.

Thank you to all Advisory Board Members for working together so well this term. We lost 2 AB members and several long-time SCs/ASCs/CCs this term - it hasn't been easy. Thank you for your support of our Project.

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

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.