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2025 Feb Advisory Board Meeting Adjourned / 2025 Mar Advisory Board Meeting Convened

01 March 2025

The February 2025 meeting of the Advisory Board is now adjourned and the March 2025 Advisory Board Meeting is now convened.

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2024-2025

2024/25 Mar Order of Business

01 March 2025

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

Minutes

Announcements

Reports

- EC Software Research Committee Monthly Report

Unfinished Business

New Business

- Appointment: Representative at Large (RAL)

Adjournment

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

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2024-2025

Feb 2024/25 Advisory Board Minutes

06 March 2025

Please review the 2024/25 February Advisory Board Minutes and advise if corrections or revisions are needed.

<https://www.usgenweb.org/about/pdfs-minutes/AB-2025-02.pdf>

If no corrections are heard, these Minutes will be accepted as of March 8, 2025, at 11:59 PM.

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2024-2025

I didn't notice any errors.

Nancy Janyszeski
Northeast/North Central Region
State Coordinator Representative 2024-2026

Advisory Board Vacancy - Call for Volunteers for RAL

07 March 2025

PLEASE FORWARD TO ALL LISTS

With this announcement, we seek to appoint a Project member to fill the vacant RAL AB seat.

Call for Volunteers - Representative at Large

Under Articles IX and XIV of Standard Rules of The USGenWeb Project, the Advisory Board now issues a Call for Volunteers to fill the vacant RAL seat.

- The person selected from those who submit their interest shall serve the remainder of the current term for this seat, ending 8/31/2025.

- The person who can fill this position must be a **Project member in good standing continuously since Jul 1, 2023.**

DUTIES:

- During temporary absences of the National Coordinator, the RAL will serve as Acting Presiding Officer. See Standard Rule VIII. Designation of Acting Presiding Officer. <https://www.usgenweb.org/about/standardrules.html>
- If the National Coordinator is declared permanently absent, the RAL will immediately become Acting National Coordinator until a new NC is appointed. See Standard Rule IX. VACANCY ON THE ADVISORY BOARD, A. National Coordinator. <https://www.usgenweb.org/about/standardrules.html>
- The RAL will be appointed as a co-owner of the Project's National Mailing Lists / Google Groups as a backup in the event the National Coordinator is temporarily unavailable or is declared permanently absent.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE:

From the USGenWeb Bylaws, revised July 2010.

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

Article VI. Section I. DUTIES/QUALIFICATIONS OF ADVISORY BOARD:

“Nominees for National Coordinator shall have the following qualifications: at least one year (the twelve months immediately preceding an election) of continuous service and current activity as a member in good standing, and eligibility to vote within The USGenWeb Project. Qualifications of nominees for State Coordinator Representative, Local Coordinator Representative, and Special Project Representative are the same with the addition that their service shall have been as a State Coordinator, Local Coordinator, or one of the various positions associated with the Special Projects, respectively. "In good standing" is demonstrated by responding promptly to email, actively supporting researchers' efforts to find information, maintaining their website with appropriate, up-to-date content, and serving as a good example of the guidelines and standards of The USGenWeb Project.”

The "twelve months immediately preceding an election" applies to the 1st of July, the actual start of the election.

Familiarity with the Project Bylaws, Standard Rules, Special Rules, and Sturgis Parliamentary Procedure are beneficial.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR INTEREST TO THE NATIONAL COORDINATOR, webm...@cottonhills.com, OR ANY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER, WITHIN 15 DAYS OF THE POSTING OF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT. <https://www.usgenweb.org/about/advisoryboard.html>

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS 11:59 PM EST, MARCH 13, 2025.

Include the following information in your submission:

Name
Email address
Current State and County Positions

Please include any other information you would like the Advisory Board to consider, such as any previous Advisory Board experience, length of time as a member of USGW, etc.

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2024-2025

**Motion to Appoint
RAL**

17 March 2025

The response period expired for the Call for Volunteers to fill the empty Representative At Large (RAL) seat for the remainder of the 2024/25 term ending 31 Aug. 2025. Linda Ziemann, current NWPL State Coordinator Representative, responded to the call to fill this position.

May I hear a motion, by general consent, to appoint Linda Ziemann as Representative At Large (RAL) for the remainder of the 2024/25 term ending 31 Aug. 2025?

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2024-2025

Motion

17 March 2025

I motion, by general consent, to appoint Linda Ziemann as Representative At Large (RAL) for the remainder of the 2024/25 term ending 31 Aug. 2025

Rebecca Maloney
Special Projects Representative 2024-2025

I second this motion.

Nancy Janyszeski
Northeast/North Central Region
State Coordinator Representative 2024-2026

**2024/25-08 Motion to 17 March 2025
Appoint RAL**

Moved by Rebecca Maloney, seconded by Nancy Janyszeski, dated Mar. 17, 2025, and numbered as Motion 2024/25-08, the motion reads:

"I motion, by general consent, to appoint Linda Ziemann as Representative At Large (RAL) for the remainder of the 2024/25 term ending 31 Aug. 2025." Please state any objections, or respond No Objection.

The motion will pass if no objections are heard within the response period, or if all members respond "No Objection" before the response period elapses.

The response period expires Wednesday, Mar. 19, 2025, at 11:59 p.m., EDT.

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2024-2025

No objection.

Nancy Janyszeski
Northeast/North Central Region
State Coordinator Representative 2024-2026

No objection.

Norma Hass
Southeast/Mid-Atlantic Region
County Coordinator Representative 2024-2026

No Objection.

MaryAlice Schwanke
Southwest/South Central Region
County Coordinator Representative 2024-2026

No objection.

Doreen Harunaga-Ewing
Southwest/South Central Region
County Coordinator Representative 2023-2025

No objections

Kris Meyer
Northwest/Plains Region
County Coordinator Representative 2024-2026

No Objections

Randy Cummings
Northwest/Plains Region
County Coordinator Representative 2023-2025

No Objection

Jeff Kemp
Southeast/Mid-Atlantic Region
State Coordinator Representative 2024-2026

No objection.

Dale H. Cook
Northeast/North Central Region
County Coordinator Representative 2023-2025

No objection

Tricia Aanderud
Southeast/Mid-Atlantic Region
County Coordinator Representative 2023-2025

No objection

Linda Simpson
Southwest/South Central Region
State Coordinator Representative 2024-2026

No objections

Rebecca Maloney
Special Projects Representative 2024-2025

18 March 2025

No objection.

Mary Ann Lubinsky
Northeast/North Central Region
County Coordinator Representative 2024-2026

My humble thanks – and – No objection regarding this Motion.

Linda Ziemann
Northwest/Plains Region
State Coordinator Representative 2023-2025

ANNOUNCEMENT: 18 March 2025

**Advisory Board
Vacancy - Call for**

*****PLEASE FORWARD TO ALL LISTS*****

Volunteers for NWPL SC Rep

Linda Ziemann was appointed to the new RAL Advisory Board seat by motion 2024/25-08, and her NWPL SC Representative seat is now vacant and needs to be filled by and SC in the NWPL region through 8/31/2025.

Call for Volunteers - Northwest/Plains State Coordinator Representative

Pursuant to Articles IX and XIV of Standard Rules of The USGenWeb Project, the Advisory Board now issues a Call for Volunteers to fill the vacant NWPL SC Representative seat.

- The person selected from those who submit their interest shall serve the remainder of the current term for this seat, ending 8/31/2025.
- The person who can fill this position must be a **State Coordinator in good standing in the NWPL region.**

The NWPL region includes: Alaska, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington, and Wyoming.

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**NWPL SCS PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR INTEREST TO THE
NATIONAL COORDINATOR, webm...@cottonhills.com, OR ANY**

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER, WITHIN 15 DAYS OF THE POSTING OF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT. <https://www.usgenweb.org/about/advisoryboard.html>

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS 11:59 PM EST, April 3, 2025.

Include the following information in your submission:

Name
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Current State and County positions

Please include any other information you would like the Advisory Board to consider, such as previous Advisory Board experience, length of time as a member of USGW, etc

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2024-2025

**2024/25-08 Motion to 18 March 2025
Appoint RAL
Results**

The motion passes with all members responding within the allotted period and having heard no objections. Linda Ziemann is now seated as Representative At Large, and with this notice her previous seat as NWPL State Coordinator Representative is declared vacated.

Congratulations LindaZ, and thank you!

Motion: "I motion, by general consent, to appoint Linda Ziemann as Representative At Large (RAL) for the remainder of the 2024/25 term ending 31 Aug. 2025."

Members Responding No Objection:
Nancy Janyszeski, NENC SC
Norma Hass, SEMA CC
MaryAlice Schwanke, SWSC CC
Doreen Harunaga-Ewing, SWSC CC
Kris Meyer, NWPL CC
Randy Cummings, NWPL CC
Jeff Kemp, SEMA SC
Dale H. Cook, NENC CC
Tricia Aanderud, SEMA CC
Linda Simpson, SWSC SC
Rebecca Maloney, SP

Mary Ann Lubinsky, NENC CC
Linda Ziemann, NWPL SC

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2024-2025

Congratulations Linda.

Nancy Janyszeski
Northeast/North Central Region
State Coordinator Representative 2024-2026

Hello to Everyone — Oh, my.
I appreciate so much everyone's confidence in me being able to fill this
RAL duty!
I am willing to learn — and I will have questions, I am sure! I am happy to
fill-in online in our NC's absence.
Wow, it won't take long and the end of the term (Aug 31st) will be here in a
quick space of time!
Meanwhile there is plenty of USGenWeb and individual state genweb's for
us all to tend to, as well.
Also — today — Congrats to the Safe Splash-down and return of 4
Astronaut Heroes!!

Proudly, we all represent the USGenWeb and our individual States!

Linda Ziemann
AB Representative at Large 2025

19 March 2025

Congratulations, Linda!

Dale H. Cook
Northeast/North Central Region
County Coordinator Representative 2023-2025

**Fwd: ECSRC Report 25 March 2025
for March**

For the record, the March ECSRC report is submitted below by MaryAlice
Schwanke, Chair.

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

From: **Mary Schwanke** Date: Mon, Mar 24, 2025 at 9:50 PM
Subject: ECSRC Report for March
To: ECSRC <usgenweb-...@googlegroups.com>

The ECSRC submits the following report,

- February 28th to March 8th - We finished Q & A between the EC and other committee members.
- March 9th - We began the Discovery Phase that will end March 31st. (to collect information about available options for Member Management, Elections/Voting, Broadcast E-mail) Initial information being collected: Site/Product Name, URL to site, Cost, what is included, any system requirements, Pros/Cons, other useful information.

April 1st the ECSRC will begin to discuss the options that have been discovered.

MaryAlice Schwanke
ECSRC Chair

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2024-2025

Adjournment

01 April 2025

The March 2025 meeting of the Advisory Board is now adjourned and the April 2025 Advisory Board Meeting is now convened.

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2024-2025

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.