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2026 Apr Advisory Board Meeting Adjourned / 2026 May Advisory Board Meeting Convened

01 May 2026

The April 2026 meeting of the Advisory Board is now adjourned, and the May 2026 Advisory Board Meeting is now convened.

Linda K. Lewis

National Coordinator 2025-2026

2025/26 May Order of Business

05 May 2026

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

Minutes

Announcements

- Bylaw Amendment Proposal

Reports

- May EC Software Research Committee Report

Unfinished Business

New Business

- Grievance Committee Appointment (On Hold)

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 2025-2026

**USGenWeb
Announcement:
Bylaws Proposal**

05 May 2026

***** To All USGenWeb Members *****

An amendment to Bylaw **XIV. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES AND APPEALS PROCESS** is proposed, co-sponsored by 6 states, and will appear on the July 2026 ballot. You can view the proposed amendment here: <https://www.usgenweb.org/about/proposedamendments.html>

The last grievance was filed 6/28/2011. Due to a lack of qualified volunteers, the 5-member standing Grievance Committee was not seated in March when the seats expired.

This amendment seeks to replace the requirement for a standing committee with a single appointed coordinator to take the necessary actions if a grievance is filed. This will lessen the demand for annual volunteers to staff a standing committee, help right-size the requirement to the size and needs of our current membership, and allow us to focus our energy on our membership and sites.

The amendment requires a 2/3s majority of votes to pass in the July election. If passed, the 2026/27 Advisory Board will appoint a Grievance Coordinator and will update the Grievance Procedures to clarify how the Grievance Committee is formed in the event a grievance is filed.

If the amendment fails, the previous Grievance Committee Chair and the Advisory Board will continue to search for the volunteers needed to seat the 5-member Grievance Committee per the current version of the Bylaw.

While you may not normally vote in our annual election, I urge you to review this proposal and consider voting on this issue.

Thank you so much for all you do for USGenWeb!

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2025-2026

**2025/26 Apr
Advisory Board
Minutes**

08 May 2026

Please review the 2025/26 April Advisory Board Minutes and advise if corrections or revisions are needed.

<https://www.usgenweb.org/about/pdfs-minutes/AB-2026-04.pdf>

If no corrections are heard, these Minutes will be accepted as of May 13, 2026, at 11:59 PM.

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2025-2026

Correction: If no corrections are heard, these Minutes will be accepted as of **May 10, 2026**, at 11:59 PM.

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2025-2026

**Voter Registration
Check**

16 May 2026

Sending on behalf of the Election Committee. Please forward to all lists.

To all USGenWeb Project Members,

It is almost time for our annual USGenWeb Project election. While all eligible members are now automatically registered to vote, you should still check your member registration to make sure that all of your regions show within your record. If any are missing you will not be able to vote in that area of the election. To check your record go to <https://www.usgenweb.org/usgwelections/registration/regGuide.html> for instructions.

STATE and SPECIAL PROJECT COORDINATORS: If you have not notified the Election Committee of changes to your project's membership; new members will not be able to vote, and members who have left your project will still be registered. Login to [Oversight](#) to view and update your Project Membership List. If you have forgotten your Oversight password (it is different than your membership registration password) contact the EC Chair, Pat Asher, - pjr...@att.net; If you prefer, you can still use the Update Form at <https://www.usgenweb.org/usgwelections/updates/updateForm.html> to submit member additions and removals. Whatever method you use, to be effective for the 2026 election, they must be submitted prior to 1 Jun 2026.

Pat Asher, Chair
USGW Election Committee

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2025-2026

May ECSRC Report 25 May 2026

The ECSRC report is submitted below, for the record, by MaryAlice Schwanke.

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

From: Mary Schwanke
To: Linda
Cc: ECSRC <usgenweb-...@googlegroups.com>
Date: 05/23/2026 7:07 PM EDT
Subject: Report for May 2026

The ECSRC submits the following report:

- The ECSRC has finished reviewing and discussing all the options they had on their lists.
- The Chair sent an email asking if there were any new options or ideas.

MaryAlice Schwanke
ECSRC Chair

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2025-2026

**Announcement:
USGenWeb Annual
Election Nomination
Period**

31 May 2026

ANNOUNCEMENT: PLEASE FORWARD TO ALL PROJECT LISTS

The USGenWeb Election Committee will begin accepting nominations for the 2026 Annual Election beginning at 12:01 a.m. CT on **June 1, 2026**.

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

Nominations will close on **Jun 14, 2026**, at 11:59 p.m. CT.

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

Pat Asher, Chair
USGenWeb Project Election Committee

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2025-2026

Adjournment 01 June 2026

The May 2026 meeting of the Advisory Board is now adjourned, and the June 2026 Advisory Board Meeting is now convened.

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2025-2026

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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.