

**MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

**Saturday, November 12, 2005
IGS Conference Room**

The regular quarterly meeting of the Iowa Genealogical Society (“IGS”) Board of Directors was held Saturday, November 12, 2005, at the Genealogical Society Library in Des Moines. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by president Theresa Liewer.

Present: Theresa Liewer, President; Joyce Brown, 1st Vice President, Helen Phillips, 2nd Vice President, Chuck Prickett, Treasurer and Region 6 representative; Ray Senor, Region 1 Representative; Don and Toni Mulert, Region 5 Representatives; Patricia Bernard, Region 7 Representative; Ted Lussem, Region 8 Representative; Jane Jass, Region 9 Representative; Judy McClure, Region 11 Representative; Adrian Brisee, Region 15 Representative, Margaret Foster, Historian; and Robert Aubrey, Secretary. Several members of the society were present. Not present: Pat Border, Region 3 Representative; Al Miller, Region 4 Representative; Grace Hertz, Region 12 Representative; Stan Bastman, Region 13 Representative; Janice Danielson, Region 14 Representative.

1. **Call to order.** The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by president Theresa Liewer.
2. **Approval of agenda:** Modifications: 7. New Business: B. Fundraising projects: vii. Individuals participating in revenue sharing.
7. New Business: C. Regional reps need to elect one of their members to the executive board.

Motion by Patricia Border **second** by Helen Phillips to approve agenda as amended.
Motion carried.

3. **Approval of minutes** of September special board meeting. **Motion** to waive reading by Ted, **second** by Chuck. **Motion carried.** Without objection, the minutes stand.
4. **Officers’ reports**
 - a. **President:** Theresa Liewer presented a written report. Report attached. Theresa presented the following appointments for approval:
 - 1) Judy McClure, representative for Region 11 **Motion** by Joyce, **second** by Ted to appoint. **Motion carried.**
 - 2) June Beals, newsletter editor; Jean Babcock, Parliamentarian; Margaret Foster, Historian; Dennis Davies, Revenue Sharing Coordinator. **Motion** by Ray, **second** by Helen to appoint. **Motion carried.**

- 3) Tom McGarvey as chair of the Audit Committee. **Motion** by Ted, **second** by Chuck to appoint. **Motion carried.**
 - 4) Ted Lussem as chair of the building committee. **Motion** by Joyce, **second** by Helen to appoint. **Motion carried.**
- b. **1st Vice President:** Joyce Brown presented a written report. Report attached. Joyce also expressed special thanks to Helen Phillips and Deb Chase for their special help for the fall conference.
 - c. **2nd Vice President:** Helen Phillips presented a written report. Report attached.
 - d. **Treasurer:** Chuck Prickett presented written reports. Report attached. Discussion followed.
 - e. **Library Report:** Theresa said that library use is down a bit from last year. She mentioned that we recently had a busload of 44 people from Guthrie County who came for a day. This is an area where the regional reps can help by encouraging this kind of venture. It will help to get more people introduced to the library.
5. **Region Reports**
 - a. **Region One:** Ray Senor presented a written report. Report attached.
 - b. **Region Five:** Toni and Don Mulert presented a written report. Report attached.
 - c. **Region Six:** Chuck Prickett presented a written report. Report attached.
 - d. **Region Seven:** Pat Bernard presented a written report. Report attached.
 - e. **Region Eight:** Ted Lussem presented a written report. Report attached.
 - f. **Region Nine:** Jane Jass is newly appointed to this region. Monroe chapter has done a cemetery walk twice recently and got some good publicity. They used memorials received and have made microfilm purchases and a new reader printer.
 - g. **Region Eleven:** Judy McClure is newly appointed to this region. No report at present.
 - h. **Region Twelve:** Grace Hertz sent in a written report. Report attached.
 - i. **Region Fourteen:** Janice Danielson sent in a written report. Report attached.
 - j. **Region Fifteen:** Adrian Brisee presented a written report. Report attached.
 6. **Committee reports**
 - a. **Building Committee:** Ted Lussem presented a written report. Report attached.
 - b. Joyce expressed thanks to Margaret for the tremendous job on the 40th anniversary celebration.

Break at 11:54. Reconvene at 12:15.

7. **Unfinished business**

a. **Capital campaign**

Lucas county pledged 5000, Bremer 2000 and Woodbury 1000. Right now we stand at \$56,000 in pledges. With 50,000 down on the principal, the banker has said that we could go interest only for a while.

- b. **Payments due to chapters for revenue sharing.** We are planning on getting current and have a legal and moral obligation to do so.
- c. **Fundraising & grant proposals.** We are struggling and working on this. It is easier said than done. Marcia Martin is helping us. We have applied in the past to Prairie Meadows
- d. **German research trip.** We had cancelled it, but it is being discussed again. The same company (Bob Oliver from Fort Dodge) handled the Lords and Ladies tour. Research in Germany is different than research in England. We have to see if the regions that people want to visit for research will make it a viable trip. They are bonded and will handle the funds.

8. **New business**

- a. **Insurance review.** Ted Lussem presented a written report. Report attached.

b. **Fundraising projects**

- i. **Garage sale:** next weekend. We have gotten some very nice articles donated. Margaret Foster is in charge of it. We have people lined up to price for us.
- ii. **Toner and ink cartridge recycling:** people bring in used cartridges and that can generate income. Theresa asked Chris Nagla to check it out and she is going to take charge of it.
- iii. **Antiques road show:** Decorah chapter did one. It cost \$5 an item for appraisal, \$1 admission. The greatest need is for the appraisers, and several board members had leads.
- iv. **Old fashioned ice cream social:** East Village has events on Fridays. A&E may donate ice cream. Chris Nagla suggested one a month, or at the least, once a quarter.
- v. **Slumber party:** interest has been expressed. Winter will be a difficult time, especially for the older members. Joyce suggested a winter hibernation, or a Friday through Sunday retreat, where we could arrange rates at local motels. Scouts have a badge available for genealogy. The Press Citizen is always looking for columns. A monthly genealogical column could be a way to interest people in genealogy and in the library. This would also be something that could be placed in local papers by the local chapters.
- vi. **Individuals participating in revenue sharing.** We have no policy except for the chapters to pay for publishing people's work. Theresa appointed Joyce and Adrian to a committee to discuss non-chapter publications.

- c. **Regional Representative to Executive Committee: Motion** by Chuck,

- second** by Ray to appoint Ted Lussem as representative to the Executive Board. **Motion Carried.** Patricia Bernard volunteered to be an alternate.
- d. **Funds for *Hawkeye* printing and postage:** Theresa said she will approach people to underwrite the *Hawkeye Heritage*. Bob raised the question of using an offset press rather than copier to produce it less expensively. He has a press he would donate if we have people who could operate it. Theresa said that getting the *Hawkeye* out and paying the chapters are two priority items. We do not have at the present time editors for either the newsletter, nor for the *Hawkeye*.
- e. **Keys and access codes to building.** Ted, Dennis Davies, Theresa, and all staff have keys and access codes. The librarian has access to the offices. Any of these people can be contacted for entry for scheduled groups on Sunday.
- f. **NGS in Chicago:** NGS will be in Chicago in June. We have had a person (Mark Pierce) volunteer to pay for our representation there. **Motion** by Joyce **second** by Bob that we accept the donation and attend the NGS in June. **Motion carried.**
- g. **2006 calendar:** meetings for the year ahead;
Executive Board: Jan 14, April 8, July 8 and Oct 5 or 6 (at Fall Conference).
Board of Directors: Feb 11, May 13, Aug 12 and Nov 11.
- h. **Other business:** Pat Bernard asked about what we are doing with the closing of public records. Theresa observed that Iowa has gone to an extreme on this question, and suggested that we find out what the nearby states are doing and using that as ammunition. Much discussion. Ray Senor said he would contact MO; Jane Jass, IL.
Pioneer certificates are still available, although numbers have been down.

9. Adjournment at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Robert J. Aubrey, Secretary