

**IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
2007 ANNUAL MEETING  
Friday, October 5, 2007**

The 2007 Annual Meeting of the Iowa Genealogical Society (IGS) was held Friday, October 6, 2006 at the Best Western Regency Motel in Marshalltown, Iowa.

**Present:** Theresa Liewer, President; Denise Gripp, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Dennis Allen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Barbara Hug, Treasurer; Diane Densmore, Secretary; Regional Representatives: Betty Cross, Janice Danielson, Grace Hertz, Stan and Fran Jeffers, Eileen Johnson, Ted Lussem and Phyllis Rothlauf; Margaret Foster, Historian; and about 70 other members.

1. **Call to order:** President Theresa Liewer called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.
2. **Adoption of the agenda:** Item #9 will be deleted. The Outstanding Chapter Award will be presented at this evening's banquet.
3. **Approval of the minutes of the 2006 Annual Meeting:** Secretary Diane Densmore read the minutes from the 2006 Annual Meeting. Phyllis Rothlauf made a motion to accept the minutes with one correction; Grace Hertz seconded. Motion carried.
4. **President's comments:** President Theresa Liewer reported that members continue to be generous in their financial support of IGS. We are still working on publishing the *Hawkeye Heritage*. We have a hard copy, but it needs to be scanned and put into computer format for printing. IGS member Joan Hanlon has agreed to manage this project. Cris Nagla was recognized for her work on publishing the bi-monthly newsletter. Our roof is leaking again. A donation of 67 boxes of books has been received. These have been inventoried and Hazel Demirjean has begun cataloging them. Billie Murano and Dennis Davies were able to locate and purchase shelves from the Iowa State University surplus store to give us space for those books. Our energy bill is down \$1000 for the year due to the insulation project done last year.
5. **Vice Presidents' comments:** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Denise Gripp presented her written report. (See Attachment 1). She has enjoyed planning this year's conference and will be working with expanding our education program next year. She would also like to see more research trips sponsored by IGS. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Dennis Allen reported that he recently attended a meeting with the Iowa State Legislature representatives concerning open records. He encouraged all IGS members to contact Gordon Henrickson of the Iowa State Historical Society with their suggestions. Dennis also encouraged us to contact our own legislature representatives.

6. **Treasurer's report:** (See Attachment 2 and 3) Barbara Hug introduced herself, but as she has only been in this office for one month, she deferred this report to President Theresa Liewer. Theresa reported that our total assets are down because of depreciation, but our cash flow is good due to the \$15,000 grant we received. Our liabilities are down from \$681,000 to \$649,000; this is partly due to paid off leases. The mortgage is down by \$13,000 thanks to donations and that we are now making principal payments. This leaves a mortgage balance of \$549,000.
  
7. **Report of the Election Committee:** Helen Phillips reported that 127 ballots were returned of which five lacked the proper identification and could not be counted, leaving 122 valid ballots. The majority voted for the names shown on the ballot, as follows:
  - a. Region 1: Phyllis Rothlauf
  - b. Region 2: Alan Neve
  - c. Region 3: Pat Border received a majority of write-in votes and has agreed to fill this office.
  - d. Region 4: Michael Magee
  - e. Region 7: Eileen Johnson
  - f. Region 9: Betty Cross
  - g. Region 10: Saundra Leininger
  - h. Region 11: Judith Runestad
  - i. Region 12: Grace Hertz
  - j. Region 14: Janice DanielsonRegions 6 and 13 remain vacant.
  
8. **Recognition of retiring board members; introduction of new board members:** There are no retiring board members this year. Judith Runestad was introduced as the new Region 11 Representative.
  
9. **Election of the 2007/8 Nominating Committee:** Margaret Foster, Dennis Davies, Nicoe Hart, Denise Gripp and Fran Jeffers volunteered to be on this committee. Janice Danielson made a motion to adopt this slate; seconded by Grace Hertz. Motion carried. Barbara Hug made a motion to elect this slate; Dennis Allen seconded. Motion carried.
  
11. **Discussion and adoption of By-Laws:** Helen Phillips chaired this committee which also included Jean Babcock, Karen Hanley, and Theresa Liewer. They met for a total of 165 hours which resulted in a whole new document to meet state law. These new By-Laws have been reviewed twice by the Board of Directors. Barbara Hug made a motion to adopt these new By-Laws; seconded by Tom McGarvey. Motion unanimously carried by a standing vote.
  
12. **Questions and comments from the membership:** A comment was made

about IGS selling its extra books. Theresa reported that we sell our extra books at our annual fall conference and that Region 15 Representative Adrian Brisee is in the process of selling some of our books on Ebay.

- 13. Adjournment:** Lewis Kearney made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Martha Devoe. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Densmore, Secretary  
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