

**IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
2008 ANNUAL MEETING
Friday, October 3, 2008**

The 2008 Annual Meeting of the Iowa Genealogical Society (IGS) was held Friday, October 3, 2008, at the West Des Moines Christian Church, West Des Moines, Iowa.

Present: Theresa Liewer, President; Denise Gripp, 1st Vice President; Dennis Allen, 2nd Vice President; Barbara Hug, Treasurer; Diane Densmore, Secretary; Regional Representatives: Adrian Brisee, Janice Danielson, Eileen Johnson, Sandra Leininger, Ted Lussem, Judith Runestad; Staff Members: Billie Murano, Debi Chase, Sue Claman and about 80 other members.

1. **Call to order:** President Theresa Liewer called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m.
2. **Approval of agenda:** President Liewer amended the agenda for the approval of the minutes committee as item #3A.
3. **Reading and approval of minutes from the Annual Meeting, October 5, 2007:** Copies of this meeting's minutes were distributed to the members prior to today's meeting. Nicoe Hart made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and accept them as written. Bernice Kimball seconded. **Motion carried.**
- 3A. **Approval of minutes committee for today's meeting:** Janice Danielson, Dennis Davies and Shirley Titus volunteered to fulfill this duty.
4. **Introduction of current officers:** President Liewer introduced the officers, regional representatives and library staff who were present.
5. **President's comments:** President Liewer stated that the financial crisis she took over three years ago is still not entirely resolved. A group of anonymous IGS members stepped up and donated month after month and helped with our expenses. The new board will continue with this financial problem. Membership numbers are stagnant, which is a common current problem with genealogy societies. We are making new strides to push ourselves into the digital age.
6. **Vice Presidents' comments:** 1st Vice President Denise Grip talked about having planned this weekend's conference with help from 2nd Vice President, Dennis Allen. She had the job of education coordinator and had arranged quarterly class schedules with the addition of new classes during the past year. She worked at informing local chapters of IGS happenings. 2nd Vice President Dennis Allen thanked President Liewer for her hard work to keep IGS running the last three years. He stated that increasing membership is a problem. He has been working with Dennis Davies to put databases, available to members only, on our website to attract new members, especially those who live out of state. He gave a presentation on the large screen of how this might work.

- 7. Treasurer's report:** (See Attachment 1, 4 pages) Treasurer Barbara Hug thanked the county chapters who have forgiven their revenue sharing debt. Direct public support shows a loss, but in 2007 we had received grant money not received in 2008. Actual donations from our members remains steady. Program service revenue is down this year. Last year, we had a couple of very large orders from large libraries for our publications. The German Interest Group's challenge of paying off leased equipment was a great help to our budget. About \$13,000 of leases have been paid off. Mortgage interest being lower reflects a year's worth of mortgage payments and about \$15,000 of the mortgage has been paid.
- 8. Election committee report:** (See Attachment 2) Chairman Helen Phillips presented this report. Besides Helen, Ted Lussem and Tom Scott were also on this committee. The following nominees were elected: President: Barbara Hug; 1st Vice President: Ricki King; 2nd Vice President: Kathy Gourley; Secretary: Diane Densmore; Region 8: Nicoe Hart; Region 16: Linda Abercrombie. The election committee declares the treasurer position vacant and the board will have to resolve.
- 9. Comments by Secretary:** Secretary Diane Densmore gave a presentation encouraging members to use Goodsearch.com. This internet search engine has potential for earning IGS money without cost to our members. If 100 people do two searches a day, that would generate \$730 a year to IGS. Goodsearch also has Goodshop. Shopping through this website will earn us even more money, at no cost to our members.
- 10. Questions and comments from the membership:** One member stated she was very pleased with the new classes offered at IGS this year which covered computer and software education.
- 11. Recognition of retiring officers and board members; induction of new officers and board members:** President Liewer recognized Denise Gripp, Dennis Allen, and Ted Lussem as departing board members. She recognized Barbara Hug, Kathy Gourley, Diane Densmore and Nicoe Hart as the new board members.
- 12. Calendar:** The date for the 2009 annual meeting has not been set. Members will be notified when a decision has been made.
- 13. Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Carlita Beltz. Seconded by Shirley Titus. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Diane Densmore, Secretary
Iowa Genealogical Society

Minutes approval (See Attachment 3, 3 pages): Approved by Janice Danielson by email on October 7, 2008. Approved by Dennis Davies by written note on October 10, 2008. Approved by Shirley Titus by email on October 13, 2008