

**IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
Friday, October 9, 2009**

The 2009 Annual Business Meeting of the Iowa Genealogical Society (IGS) was held Friday, October 9, 2009, at the West Des Moines Christian Church, 4501 George Mills Civic Parkway, West Des Moines, Iowa.

Board Members Present: Barbara Hug, President; Kathy Gourley, 2nd Vice President; Diane Densmore, Secretary; Nicoe Hart, Region 8 Representative (Rep.); Sandra Leininger, Region 10 Rep.; Margaret Foster, Library Committee Chair; Alice Veen, Publicity Committee Chair

Board Members Excused: LaWanda Nepstad, Treasurer

Board Members Absent: Alan Neve, Region 2 Rep.; Pat Border, Region 3 Rep.; Mike Magee, Region 4 Rep.; Eileen Johnson, Region 7 Rep.; Betty Cross, Region 8 Rep.; James Lawton, Region 11 Rep.; Grace Hertz, Region 12 Rep.; Janice Danielson, Region 14 Rep.; Adrian Brisee, Region 15 Rep.; Linda Abercrombie, Region 16 Rep.

Staff Present: Debi Chase, Billie Murano, Sue Claman

1. **Call to order:** President Hug called the meeting to order at 11:12 a.m. She appointed Cleon Babcock as Parliamentarian for today's meeting.
2. **Appoint minutes review committee:** President Hug appointed IGS members Diana Wagner and Roselene Springer to perform this duty.
3. **Report from credentials committee:** Ted Lussem reported that there were 73 IGS members present.
4. **Approve the agenda:** President Hug adopted the agenda as written.
5. **Minutes of Annual Meeting, October 3, 2008:** As there were no questions from the members, President Hug stated the minutes stand as approved.
6. **Reports of the Officers**
 - a. **President:** (See Attachment 1, 3 pages) President Hug reported about the difficulties of this past year. However, we did pay off all leases on furniture and equipment. She hopes to refocus the purpose of the organization by letting go of the past and concentrate on the future and urged members to step forward and volunteer to accomplish this goal.

- b. Treasurer:** (See Attachment 2, 6 pages) President Hug reported that the gross profit is down 7.6% for January-September of this year, compared to the same time period of 2008. Expenses are the same, or less in some categories.
- c. 1st Vice President – Educational report:** (See Attachment 3) President Hug submitted a written report about the number of classes presented during the past year.
- d. 2nd Vice President – Membership:** Kathy Gourley reported that IGS currently has 1501 members compared to 1649 members a year ago. She reminded the members that IGS would be 45 years old next year and challenged all members to invite one friend to join IGS.

7. Reports of Standing Committees

- a. Publicity Committee:** Alice Veen reported that her goals have been to inform the membership and reach out beyond the membership. She has issued press releases to the media, posted our events on on-line calendars and sent flyers to local libraries. She asked the members to post these events in their local communities. She sends monthly e-newsletter to members, media, libraries, and educational facilities. Alice Veen made a motion to establish donation sponsorship levels using a gift certificate for incentive up to the \$2000 level or higher and work to establish other incentives for larger donations. Theresa Liewer seconded. **Motion carried by two-thirds voice vote.**
- b. Library Committee:** Margaret Foster reported this committee had recommended to the Board of Directors to implement a \$3 per day fee for the use of computer scanners, digital cameras, or other computer devices by patrons. The Board adopted this fee which became effective on March 16, 2009.

8. Reports of Special Interest Groups: (See Attachment 4, 4 pages) President Hug presented these written reports that are required by the by-laws.

9. New Business:

- a. Articles of Incorporation:** President Hug reported that two years ago the society adopted bylaws that included sections required by the State of Iowa. However, these cannot take effect until they are amended into the Articles of Incorporation and filed with the Secretary of the State of Iowa. The Board of Directors has recommended adopting a new statement of purpose which is more general and adds the word “cultural”. This will make it easier to match our purposes with various grant offerings. This change was presented to the members in writing. (See Attachment 5, 3 pages) Saundra Leininger made a motion to approve the Articles of Incorporation as presented. Helen Phillips seconded. **Motion carried by a two-thirds voice vote.**

b. Election Results: Helen Phillips, Chair of the Election Committee, reported that 165 ballots were counted. The election slate this year was for the Region Representatives from the odd numbered regions. The following were elected by majority vote:

Region 1: One write in. This person will be contacted by the Board.

Region 3: Pat Border

Region 5: Bernice Kimball

Region 7: Eileen Johnson

Region 9: Betty Cross

Region 11: James Lawton

Region 13: Virgil Karstens

Region 15: Donna Kelly

c. Increase dues to 35 & 45 beginning Jan. 1, 2010: President Hug reported that the Board of Directors has recommended raising dues. Ted Lussem made a motion to raise dues from \$30 to \$35 for a single membership and from \$40 to \$45 for a family membership, effective January 1, 2010. Kathy Fetters seconded. **Motion carried by a two-thirds voice vote.**

d. Elect nomination committee: President Hug reported that Margaret Foster and Sue Claman have volunteered to be on this committee, but one more person was needed. Theresa Liewer volunteered to serve on this committee. This committee was approved by voice vote by the membership.

10. Adjournment: President Hug adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Diane Densmore, Secretary
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Minutes approved by email (See Attachment 6, 2 pages) by Diana Wagner and Roselene Springer.