

IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
August 8, 2009

The regular meeting of the Iowa Genealogical Society (IGS) Board was held Saturday, August 8, 2009 at the IGS Library Conference Room in Des Moines, Iowa.

Present: Barbara Hug, President; Kathy Gourley, 2nd Vice President; Diane Densmore, Secretary; Alan Neve, Region 2 Representative (Rep.); Pat Border, Region 3 Rep.; Betty Cross, Region 9 Rep.; Saundra Leininger; Region 10 Rep.; Jim Lawton, Region 11 Rep.; Adrian Brisee, Region 15 Rep.; Linda Abercrombie, Region 16 Rep.; Margaret Foster, Chairman, Library Committee

Excused: LaWanda Nepsted, Treasurer; Nicoe Hart, Region 8 Rep.; Grace Hertz, Region 12 Rep.; Janice Danielson, Region 14 Rep.

Absent: Mike Magee, Region 4 Rep.; Eileen Johnson, Region 7 Rep.

Staff Present: Debi Chase, Administrative Assistant; Billie Murano, Librarian

Other IGS Members Present: Ted Lussem, Carl Nollen, Alice Veen

1. **Call to order and determine quorum:** President Hug called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.. A quorum was present.
2. **Appoint minute approval committee:** Pat Border and Adrian Brisee volunteered to approve the minutes.
3. **Approve Alice Veen as chair of Publicity Committee:** President Hug introduced IGS member Alice Veen to the Board. Saundra Leininger made a motion to approve Alice Veen as the Chairperson of the Publicity Committee. Alan Neve seconded. **Motion carried.**
4. **Reports**
 - a. **President:** (See Attachment 1, 2 pages) President Hug reported that Ricki King has resigned as 1st Vice President, so she has been assisting Kathy Gourley in the plans for the fall conference. President Hug attended a meeting with our bank who will no longer grant us interest-only payments. She asked the Regional Representatives to encourage our chapter members to purchase lines on our Ancestry Wall, so that we might finish off the third panel.
 - b. **Financial:** (See Attachment 2, 5 pages) President Hug presented the current financial statement, as well as Profit & Loss statements covering 2005-2008, inclusive. Our mortgage payment has been made for August. President Hug then presented the Audit Report for the year ending December 31, 2008. (See Attachment 3, 16 pages) Diane Densmore made a motion to accept the audit. Adrian Brisee seconded. **Motion carried.**

- c. **Annual Conference Facilities:** 2nd Vice-President Kathy Gourley reported on the status of plans for the fall conference. She asked the board to approve a waiver of the table rental fee for the State Historical Library. Jim Lawton made a motion to waive the table rental fee at this year's fall conference for the State Historical Society. Sandra Leininger seconded. **Motion carried.** (See Attachment 4, 2 pages) Kathy then presented the list of 47 new IGS members to be approved. Betty Cross made a motion to approve these new members. Jim Lawton seconded. **Motion carried.**
- d. **Regional Representatives:** (See Attachment 5, 5 pages) Written reports were submitted by Regions 2, 9, 12 and 16. No verbal reports were given.
- e. **Staff:** (See Attachment 6, 5 pages) Billie Murano submitted her written report of library attendance, library acquisitions and volunteer hours. (See Attachment 7) Debi Chase reported that our total paid membership is 1478.
- f. **Library Committee:** (See Attachment 8) Margaret Foster presented ideas from Library Committee to reduce hours of operation for IGS. (See Attachment 9) President Hug submitted a report for Library Attendance Comparison, 2006-2009.
- g. **Building – repair of front wall:** President Hug has removed this issue from the agenda. The company has lowered the estimate and two members have donated the money needed to repair the two glass panels on the exterior.
- h. **Publicity:** Alice Veen has been working on sending out e-mail newsletters to our members, as well as posting our events and sending press releases to newspaper and television websites.

5. Old Business

- a. **Copy and send *Hawkeye Heritage* to libraries:** Diane Densmore made a motion to create and mail paper copies of the *Hawkeye Heritage* to IGS Chapters and member libraries. Pat Border seconded. **Motion carried.**
- b. **Any other old business:** None.

6. New Business

- a. **Voting procedures:** President Hug pointed out the cost to IGS of mailing ballot envelopes for the annual election. After discussion, no motion was made to send out the ballot with the newsletter.
- b. **Building options:** President Hug had contacted a real estate agent about the possibility of IGS selling our building because of the continued problems with our financial issues. After much discussion, Kathy Gourley made a motion to get an outside facilitator to undertake a strategic planning process to assist the IGS Board in determining how to best serve our membership both now and in the future. Sandra Leininger seconded. **Motion carried**, with Adrian Brisee voting no.
- c. **Show building:** President Hug reported that the real estate agent would like to show the building to a possible buyer. Adrian Brisee made a motion to allow Kevin Crowley to show the building at 10 a.m. on Monday, August 10 without a contract. Pat Border seconded. **Motion carried.**

- d. Library hours:** Adrian Brisee made a motion to keep the IGS library days and hours of operation as they are currently. Jim Lawton seconded. **Motion carried,** with Sandra Leininger, Betty Cross and Pat Border abstaining.
- e. Restated Bylaws:** (See Attachment 10, 4 pages) Kathy Gourley presented a draft of the proposed Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation which have not been amended since 1971. Kathy Gourley made a motion that the Board resolve that the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation be presented to the membership for approval at the 2009 Annual Business Meeting. Sandra Leininger seconded. **Motion carried.** Kathy Gourley then reported that the bylaws are being rewritten to streamline them. She will distribute copies by e-mail to the Board members for their perusal. Kathy Gourley made a motion that the Board resolve that amended Bylaws be presented to the membership for approval at the 2009 Annual Business Meeting. Betty Cross seconded. **Motion carried.**
- f. Any other new business:** Diane Densmore raised the issue of raising membership due fees. Jim Lawton made a motion that dues increase \$5.00 for both single and family memberships effective January 1, 2010. Pat Border seconded. **Motion carried.** Diane Densmore made a motion to re-set the fee at \$10.00 for the Pioneer, Statehood, Century and Civil War certificate programs. Sandra Leininger seconded. **Motion carried.**

President Hug noted that this was Adrian Brisee's last Board meeting as he is not returning to the Board after the annual election. The Board expressed their appreciation for Adrian's years of service.

7. Adjourn: President Hug adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Diane Densmore
Secretary, Iowa Genealogical Society

Minutes approved (See Attachment 11, 2 pages) via email by Pat Border on August 12, 2009 and by Adrian Brisee on August 13, 2009.