

**IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING  
May 9, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Iowa Genealogical Society (IGS) Board was held Saturday, May 9, 2009 at the IGS Library Conference Room in Des Moines, Iowa.

**Present:** Barbara Hug, President; Ricki King, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Kathy Gourley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; LaWanda Nepstad, Treasurer; Diane Densmore, Secretary; Alan Neve, Region 2 Representative (Rep.); Pat Border, Region 3 Rep.; Eileen Johnson, Region 7 Rep.; Nicoe Hart, Region 8 Rep.; Betty Cross, Region 9 Rep.; Adrian Brisee, Region 15 Rep.;

**Absent:** Mike Magee, Region 4 Rep.; Sandra Leininger; Region 10 Rep.; Jim Lawton, Region 11 Rep.; Grace Hertz, Region 12 Rep.; Janice Danielson, Region 14 Rep.; Linda Abercrombie, Region 16 Rep.; Margaret Foster, Chairman, Library Committee

**No other members present.**

- 1. Call to order and determine quorum:** President Hug called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. A quorum was present.
- 2. Approve agenda:** President Hug amended the agenda to add:  
New Business: c. Resolution of adoption of "Iowa Principles and Practices for Non-Profit Excellence" LaWanda Nepstad made a motion to approve the agenda. Ricki King seconded. **Motion carried.**
- 3. Appoint minutes review committee:** Pat Border and Eileen Johnson volunteered to do this.
- 4. Reports:**
  - a. President:** (See Attachment 1) President Hug has met with several groups in Des Moines to discuss partnerships with IGS. She is working with Kathy Gourley to rewrite the Bylaws. Two committees are in place for a fall cemetery walk and quilt show. Work is still in progress for redesigning our website with a "members only" section.
  - b. Treasurer:** (See Attachment 2, 2 pages) LaWanda Nepstad reported that the furniture lease was paid off two months ago. The reader/printer lease has just the May and June payments remaining to be paid off. Our financial status is still difficult.

**c. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:**

**i. Finalize fall conference:** Ricki King has finalized the fall conference plans. It will be held in the same location as last year. There will be no evening banquet. Instead, attendees will be able to spend Friday evening researching at IGS. Alan Neve made a motion to set the charge for IGS members attending the two day conference as \$75 if paid before September 1<sup>st</sup> and \$85 if paid after September 1<sup>st</sup>. Betty Cross seconded. **Motion carried.** Ricki King made a motion to set the charge for non-IGS members attending the two day conference as \$110 if paid by September 1<sup>st</sup> and \$120 if paid after September 1<sup>st</sup>. Adrian Brisse seconded. **Motion carried.** Diane Densmore made a motion to set the charge for IGS members attending one day of conference as \$45 if paid by September 1<sup>st</sup> and \$55 if paid after September 1<sup>st</sup>, and for non-IGS members attending one day of conference as \$65 if paid by September 1<sup>st</sup> and \$75 if paid after September 1<sup>st</sup>. Eileen Johnson seconded. **Motion carried.** LaWanda Nepstad made a motion to refund the conference fee if the attendee cancelled by September 25<sup>th</sup> with no refund to be given after September 25<sup>th</sup>. Alan Neve seconded. **Motion carried.** Nicoe Hart made a motion to set the 2010 conference date on October 8 and 9. Ricki King seconded. **Motion carried.**

**d. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** (See Attachment 3, 3 pages)

**i. Approve new members:** Kathy Gourley made a motion to accept the list of 55 new members. Pat Border seconded. **Motion carried.**  
**ii. Bylaws discussion:** Kathy also reported on rewriting the bylaws with Barb Hug. They are in the process of pulling out details from the old bylaws and putting them into standing rules to give us more flexibility as an organization. She will be sending a draft copy to the board members via email.

**e. Regional Representatives:**

**Region 2:** (See Attachment 4) Alan Neve reported that the Iowa County chapter has purchased microfilms of the Marengo newspaper, 1871-1921 and will be participating in the North English 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. The Washington County chapter hopes to move into their new facility, just across the street, sometime in August. Keo-Mah chapter will be having a rummage sale in Oskaloosa on June 5 and 6.

**Region 3:** Pat Border reported that the Scott County chapters is indexing the 1925 census for the city of Davenport. This will be put on their website which is on the Davenport library website, along with the index for the rest of the county for 1925.

**Region 7:** (See Attachment 5) Eileen Johnson reported the Wright County chapter has done the Norway Township cemetery records and are collecting obituaries. At the February meeting of the Hamilton Heritage Hunters, the Hamilton County Recorder shared ideas on how to use the records available in that office. The Franklin County chapter had a program in April on data sources for Civil War research. Eileen presented a program on cluster genealogy at the April meeting of the Butler County chapter.

**Region 8:** Nicoe Hart – no report.

**Region 9:** (See Attachment 6) Betty Cross reported that the Appanoose County chapter has started re-walking cemeteries to update the records. The Davis County chapter has a new reprint of the 1882 history book with a complete index for sale at \$70. The Lucas County chapter will have a “grave witching” demonstration at their May meeting. The Monroe County chapter has reprinted the 1937 Monroe county plat book for sale at \$8.00. This adds to their collection of the 1896 and 1919 plat books for sale.

**Region 10:** (See Attachment 7, 2 pages) Sandra Leininger was absent, but submitted her written report. The Second Annual Southwest Iowa Genealogy Seminar was held May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Attendees are looking forward to next year. Adams County has added 1997 C, E, F and G surnames to their cemetery index. Clark County have Pioneer (here by 1856) certificates and Settler (here by 1885) certificates available. Application forms are on their website. Ringgold County has made new additions on their website. Taylor County as completed tax records for 1851-1919. They recently received a grant to digitize all the Taylor County newspapers. Union County has added Talmage School history and 1923 rural school graduates among other databases.

**Region 12:** (See Attachment 8) Grace Hertz was absent, but submitted her written report. The Laurens Genies continue to answer research requests and clip obituaries. Pocahontas Genies will have a booth at the county fair this summer. They are also extracting birth records to be part of the IGS revenue sharing program. Palo Alto County will hold a beginners genealogy workshop on June 6 in Emmetsburg. Emmet County has digitized newspapers on the Estherville library website, but you need a password from that library to access them. Humboldt County will have a booth at the county fair this summer. Webster County is extracting probate records and indexing newspapers. Calhoun County continues updating cemetery records. Kossuth County have the following for sale: 1896 Kossuth plat book and death record book 1 and 2.

**f. Committees:**

- i. Events:** President Hug reported that she has committees in place for a fall cemetery walk and a quilt show. Diane Densmore reported on the upcoming book sale on June 13 and June 20 for IGS members only. Flyers will be posted soon. She has located a vendor who will sell books for us on consignment in Salt Lake City after the book sale is over.
- ii. Publicity:** President Hug reported that she has found a volunteer to help with publicity.
- iii. Library Committee:** No report.
- iv. Staff:** (See Attachment 9, 4 pages) President Hug reported that we have recently had three IGS members die and their families were generous in having memorial money directed to us. We have 43 spaces left to fill to complete the third panel of the Ancestry Wall. The summer travelers are starting to come through the library and we have received many compliments about our website, staff and volunteers. We have added 173 books to our shelves so far this year. Our volunteers have put in over 2064 hours of their time this year.
- v. Other:** None

**5. Old Business – None.**

**6. New Business**

**a. Future of the *Hawkeye Heritage*:** President Hug reported that the next issue of the *Hawkeye Heritage* is almost ready; however, it has become cost prohibitive to print (about \$1700) and to mail (about \$700). Nicoe Hart made a motion that due to the rising costs of printing and mailing, that IGS publishes all future issues of the *Hawkeye Heritage* on our website only. Pat Border seconded. **Motion carried.**

**b. Summer funding of IGS:** President Hug expressed her concerns of having the funds needed for IGS operations. This is an annual summer problem. Hopefully, the book sale will alleviate the budget strain.

**c. Resolution of adoption of “Iowa Principles and Practices for Non-Profit Excellence”:** (See Attachment 10 – booklet) President Hug presented the guideline by the Iowa Governor’s Nonprofit Task Force which outlines how nonprofits commit themselves to continuous improvement. This is important for us to adopt for grant writing. Niche Hart made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

“The Board of Directors of the Iowa Genealogical Society, in a regular meeting at which a quorum was present, reviewed the Iowa Principles & Practices for Charitable Nonprofit Excellence. We the Board of Directors hereby affirm that our organization is committed to being guided by the Principles & Practices and is actively engaged in good faith efforts to meet each of them, or already meets the Principles & Practices.”

Betty Cross seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**7. Adjournment:** Alan Neve made a motion to adjourn. Betty Cross seconded. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 2:04 pm.

Diane Densmore, Secretary  
Iowa Genealogical Society

(See Attachment 11, 2 pages) Minutes approved by Eileen Johnson on 5-11-09 and Pat Border on 5-14-09 by email.