



2011 Regular (Annual) Meeting
National Genealogical Society Annual Conference
Charleston, South Carolina
12 May 2011
Minutes

Meeting called to order: 5:10pm by President, Billie Fogarty

Board members and committee chairs in attendance:

Billie Fogarty, President
Jean Wilcox Hibben, Secretary and chair of Introductions Committee
Diana Crisman Smith, Treasurer
Phyllis Matthews Ziller, Newsletter Editor
Gary Smith, National Conference Coordinator and Nominating Committee Chair

9 additional individuals in attendance.

Absent board members:

C. Ann Staley, Vice President
Debby Horton, Webmaster
Eric Basir, Director
Fredrea Gregath Cook, Director
Thomas MacEntee, Chair of Virtual Technology Committee

Introductions of all present were made

Minutes of 18 August 2010 meeting were read by Jean W. Hibben, Secretary. No additions or corrections noted (beyond those already made through electronic correspondence).

Minutes were approved by consent and placed on file.

Treasurer's report – Diana Crisman Smith:

Detailed report in treasurer's file
More than 160 members are currently in good standing

GSG promotion discussion re: banner for events in Canada. Financial issues and having a second banner to be discussed among members in the booth on Friday.

Billie reminded those present to take GSG brochures to large events to promote the organization.

Question raised (by _____): How many GSG members are also APG members or vice versa? Something to investigate.

Election, nominees presented by Gary Smith, nominating committee:

Vice President: C. Ann Staley
Treasurer: Diana Crisman Smith
Secretary: Jean Wilcox Hibben
Director: Eric Basir

All have agreed to continue for another term; all re-elected

Committee reports – Billie Fogarty:

- 1) *Virtual Technology Committee* (working title)
chair: Thomas MacEntee
co-chair: Marian Pierre-Louis
vice-chair: Eric Basir
No report sent for this meeting and none of the above were present; information will be placed on line when received
- 2) *Committee to review web page updates*
chair: none of the 12 participants wishes to chair the committee;
Wevonned Minis volunteered to chair and was thusly appointed
- 3) *Booth committee*
chairs: Gary Smith
co-chair (unofficial): Diana Crisman Smith
No report – everything is status quo
- 4) *Introduction of speakers (at NGS and, if desired, FGS)*
chair: Jean Hibben
co-chair: Margo Fariss Brewer
Report – Need to receive the actual listing of who does/does not want to be introduced much sooner than obtained for this conference. Will work on that earlier next year.
Josh Taylor (FGS) will be contacted re: introductions in Springfield in September.
All remaining introduction spots were dispersed at the meeting.

Nominating committee appointed by Billie: Gary Smith (chair), Debra Braverman and Jeannette Piecznski, members

Positions up for vote: President and two Board Members

Auditing committee to be appointed and audit completed before FGS in September

Newsletter report – Phyllis is looking for fillers for SPEAK! – Short, 100-word items are preferred.

Discussion: Should we have more media presence?

Blog

Facebook Page

YouTube

No conclusions drawn beyond looking into the different options.

Not addressed: discussion from last year's meetings – Ann Staley asked about the status of the issue of the different “call for papers” submission requirements maintained by NGS and FGS, requesting a uniform policy (this to have been discussed with David Rencher). No new information, but members were encouraged to broach this subject with the administrators of the two organizations to see if the situation can be improved.

Meeting adjourned: 6:12pm

Respectfully submitted, Jean Wilcox Hibben, Secretary