



GENEALOGICAL SPEAKERS GUILD

2018 Annual Meeting
National Genealogical Society Annual Conference
Grand Rapids, Michigan
2 May 2018
Minutes

Meeting called to order: 5:44 p.m. by Margo Fariss Brewer, President

Board members in attendance:

Margo Fariss Brewer, President
C. Ann Staley, Vice-President

Others present:

Janis Forte
Anita Finger-Smith
Jeff Bockman

Billie Fogarty
Mark Middleton
Daniel Earl

Tim Pinnick
Judy Muhn

Absent board members:

Diana Crisman Smith, Treasurer
Katherine Willson, Secretary
Jean Wilcox Hibben, Director
Luana Darby, Director

Quorum:

A quorum was not present.

Minutes of May 2017 meeting were read. The minutes were filed as read.

Old Business:

1. **Website:** The Board is moving forward on this project, putting out a bid to 3-4 people. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please advise a board member. Mark Middleton volunteered to help with reviewing the website proposals.

New Business:

1. **Election Report:** Information provided by Margo Brewer, President:

Margo Fariss Brewer, President
Diana Crisman Smith, Treasurer
Tim Pinnick, Director

2. **Guild Benefit:** It was suggested that the Guild purchase a webinar service to share with members. It was also noted that Julie Miller has a webinar that she might be willing to provide for speakers.

3. **Conferences:** It was suggested that the Guild Board talk with the various conference organizers (especially NGS, FGS, and OGS) to see if a more standard format for the Call for Presentations could be obtained. For instance:

Standard number of words/characters for titles, bio, etc.

A better clarification of what is meant by "brief, but comprehensive"

Within the same discussion, it was suggested that the various program planners be surveyed as to what was disqualifying factors/deal killers for speakers. Also suggested a checkbox be added for "I will be at the conference anyhow."

4. The **GSG Get-Together** for this conference was announced.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Ann Staley, Vice-President