

Advisory Board Minutes - September 2007

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ELECTION RESULTS AUG 2007 OMISSION OF POSTING	<p>(Aug 4, 2007) EC announcement of the results of the 2007 annual election.</p> <p><i>The following does not appear in the Board-L archives, although the results of the run-off election do. Therefore the following election results are being included in the Sep minutes so as to appear in the official minutes of the Advisory Board.</i></p> <p>The USGW Election Committee would like to thank all of the candidates and voters for participating in the election process.</p> <p>Below are the results of the Election 2007.</p> <p>The election run-off dates will be Aug. 10-24, 2007.</p> <p>If you use a spam filter, please set it to accept <registrar@elections.org> to prevent your election password from bouncing. Also, if you have changed your email address since the July election, please update it immediately by contacting your EC</p>

representative.

For further Election 2007 information, please visit our site at:
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~usgwelections/index.html>

Thank you,
Jo Branch
USGW Election Committee

Eligible Voters overall 1770; # of voting members: 484 (27.34463)
The EC declares a run-off between Bill Oliver and Tina Vickery. The runoff election will be held on Aug. 10-24, 2007.

National Coordinator:

Charles Barnum 17 (3.51239) - withdrew
Don Kelly 45 (9.29752)
Daryl Lytton 94 (19.42148)
Bill Oliver 132 (27.27272)
Tina Vickery 196 (40.49586)

The EC declares Scott Burow the winner.

National Rep - RAL
Scott Burow 291 (61.78344)
Don Tharp 180 (38.21656)

The EC declares Concetta Franco Phillips the winner.

NENC CC
Concetta Phillipps 130 (100)

The EC declares Jan Cortez the winner.

NENC SC
Jan Cortez 11 (100)

The EC declares Gail Meyer Kilgore the winner.

NWPL CC
Gail Meyer Kilgore 58 (54.2056)
Nancy Thornton 31 (28.97196)
Darrell Schulte 18 (16.82242)

	<p>The EC declares Jason Mendenhall the winner. NWPL SC Sundee Maynez 4 (40) Jason Mendenhall 6 (60)</p> <p>The EC declares Suzanne Shephard the winner. SEMA CC Joyce Reece 54 (31.95266) Suzanne Shephard 115 (68.04733)</p> <p>The EC declares Sherrie Bradley the winner. SEMA SC Sherrie Bradley 16 (100)</p> <p>The EC declares Bettie Wood the winner. SWSC CC Kenneth Thomas: 47 (31.97278) Bettie Wood: 100 (68.02721)</p> <p>The EC declares Cyndie Enfinger the winner. Special Projects Cyndie Enfinger 78 (100)</p> <p>The EC declares that the Amendment has passed. Amendment: For: 353 (75.10638) Against: 117 (24.89361)</p>
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<p>ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS:</p>	<p>(Sep 1, 2007) The Advisory Board Members for the 2007-2008 Session are:</p> <p>NC: Tina Vickery RAL: Scott Burow Special Projects: Cyndie Enfinger</p> <p>Regional Representatives:</p> <p>NENC SC: Jan Cortez NENC CC: Alice Allen, Concetta Franco Phillipps NWPL SC: Jason Mendenhall NWPL CC: Gail Meyer Kilgore, Greta Thompson SEMA SC: Sherri Bradley</p>
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	<p>SEMA CC: Suzanne Shephard, Linda Blum-Barton SWSC SC: Larry Flesher SWSC CC: Bettie Wood, Phyllis Rippee</p>
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<p>2007-2008 SESSION: OPENING STATEMENT</p>	<p>(Sep 1, 2007) By Tina Vickery, NC of the 2007-2008 Session</p> <p>I would like to thank out-going board members Mike Peterson, George Waller, Sundee Maynez, Karen De Grootte-Johnson and Freddie Spradlin for their service to the USGenWeb Project. Your care, thoughtful deliberation and service is much appreciated. I sincerely wish you all well. Thank you for a hard job, well done.</p> <p>I would also like to welcome returning board members and incoming board members -- Concetta, Jason, Gail and Sherrie. I look forward to working with each of you.</p> <p>Special thanks to the out-going National Coordinator (and incoming Representative at Large), Scott Burow. Scott your care and leadership has served the project well. Thank you.</p> <p>As this is a holiday weekend, I will attend to transitional administrative duties over the next couple of days, and open the 2007-2008, September meeting on Tuesday, September 4, 2007.</p> <p>Please all take this weekend to enjoy with family and friends.</p>
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<p>CALL FOR AGREEMENT: CONFIDENTIALITY OF EXEC:</p>	<p>(Sept 1, 2007) By the NC</p> <p>All board members have been subscribed to Board-Exec, Board and AB-Chat.</p> <p>The Board-Exec list is a confidential list. All postings to Board-Exec are required to remain confidential. It will be a list that we use for personnel issues.</p> <p>If you agree that you will honor the confidentiality of Board-Exec please signify by saying "Agree". If you do not feel you can honor the</p>

	<p>confidentiality of Board-Exec please signify by saying "Disagree".</p> <p>MEMBERS AGREEING: Alice Allen, , Bettie Wood, Concetta Phillips, Cyndie Enfinger, Gail Kilgore, Greta Thompson, Jan Cortez, Jason Mendenhall, Larry Flesher, Linda Blum-Barton, Phyllis Rippee, Scott Burow, Sherrie Bradley, Suzanne Shephard, Tina Vickery</p> <p>Members Disagreeing: None</p>
<p>CALL TO ORDER SEP 2007 MEETING</p>	<p>(Sep 4, 2007) By the NC</p> <p>The September session of the USGenWeb Project Advisory Board is called to order. This being a new term, will you all respond that you are present.</p> <p>MEMBERS RESPONDING AS PRESENT: Alice Allen, , Bettie Wood, Concetta Phillips, Cyndie Enfinger, Gail Kilgore, Greta Thompson, Jan Cortez, Jason Mendenhall, Larry Flesher, Linda Blum-Barton, Phyllis Rippee, Scott Burow, Sherrie Bradley, Suzanne Shephard</p>
<p>SEP 2007 AGENDA</p>	<p>(Sep 4, 2007) By the NC</p> <p>Agenda: [please correct and add items as appropriate].</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Renewal of Domains [National Coordinator]. -- Statement on discussion/negotiations of the masthead for USGenWeb Project sites hosted on Rootsweb. [National Coordinator]. -- Resignation of Web master -- Call for Web Master -- TOS/Privacy/Copyright statement proposal - [brought by a member]. -- Continuing discussion on the CC guidelines. [withdrawn motion 07-20]. -- Appointment of Board Secretary. -- Appointment of -Discuss list administrator[s]. -- Appointment of Board Parliamentarian.

<p>AUGUST 2007</p>	<p>as of September 30, 2007, 12:00 pm EST.</p> <p>(Sep 28, 2007) By the NC</p> <p>There has been a concern expressed by a Project member regarding the July minutes. It is being researched. This item will be carried over to the October agenda.</p> <p>(Sep 28, 2007) By the NC</p> <p>The August Minutes have been posted for review to the national website at: http://www.usgenweb.com/business/AB-08-2007.shtml</p> <p>If there are no objections or corrections the minutes will stand approved as of September 30, 2007, 12:00 pm EST.</p> <p>(Sep 30, 2007) By the NC</p> <p>Having heard no objection or corrections, the August minutes are approved as presented and are available at: http://www.usgenweb.com/business/AB-08-2007.shtml</p>
<p>RENEWAL OF DOMAINS</p>	<p>(Sep 4, 2007) By the NC</p> <p>For the record: I have renewed the USGenWeb Project domains:</p> <p>usgenweb.org is renewed through 17-Sep-08. usgenweb.net is renewed through 26-Sep-08. usgenweb.com is renewed through 08-Jul-09.</p>
<p>MASTHEAD FOR USGenWeb RootsWeb HOSTED SITES:</p>	<p>(Sep 4, 2007) By the NC</p> <p>As some of you may know, I attended the FGS conference in Fort Wayne, IN in mid-August where the USGenWeb Project hosted a booth. While there, I had the pleasure of meeting Sean Lloyd [again], Associate Community Development Manager for rootsweb.com and Donna Popelish, RootsWeb Help desk Manager.</p> <p>It was a pleasure to finally meet Donna, who is long overdue a huge</p>

THANK YOU from the USGenWeb Project for her care and responsiveness to the Project. She is one of our unsung heroes for her service!

After the election, but prior to September 1, I received an email from Sean, requesting a teleconference with David Graham, RootsWeb Product Manager; Anna Fechter, Community Operations Manager The Generations Network; and Sean.

While I agreed to the teleconference, I reiterated to them, that I was not National Coordinator yet. But I did agree to listen.

And listen I did. Rootsweb and The Generation Network are very eager to work with us, (the Board and the Project membership), to facilitate a design for our masthead that distinctly displays our mission and goals while at the same time addresses their business concerns and decisions. I have no reason to believe that this negotiation will not be done in good faith, as both parties are eager to enter into a mutually acceptable agreement.

The conclusion of our conversation was that they would prepare and forward to me a proposal for presentation to the Advisory Board and the Project.

I will keep you all abreast of the discussions as they progress.

NEGOTIATIONS

(Sep 5, 2007) By the NC

Please feel free to forward to Project lists.

I want everyone to know, that the Board is very receptive to suggestions, comments, ideas and concerns project members have. The negotiations are in the infancy stage.

You can contact us privately or post to the Project lists. The Advisory Board page has been updated to reflect Board members names and email addresses. <http://www.usgenweb.com/about/advisoryboard.shtml>

CONTINGENCY DISCUSSIONS

(Sep 11, 2007) By the NC

In conjunction with the masthead negotiations/discussions, the Board and I feel that a contingency discussion is also prudent to have.

I offer the below as discussion points only. We welcome all Project members to express their concerns, opinions and to ask questions.

Please forward to XXGenWeb Project lists.

Again, below is intended as discussion points *only*. Main discussion will take place on the -Discuss list.

Subscription information is available at:

<http://lists.rootsweb.ancestry.com/index/other/USGenWeb/USGENWEB-DISCUSS.html>

Please have courtesy and respect for your peers and the hosts of our mailing lists as we have this discussion.

If you wish to contact Advisory Board members privately their names and email addresses are available at:

<http://www.usgenweb.com/about/advisoryboard.shtml>

(Sep 27, 2007) By the NC

Update - Negotiations TGN/Ancestry/Rootsweb

--Please forward to all USGenWeb Project lists--

To all USGenWeb Project members:

Discussions with TGN/Ancestry/Rootsweb are on-going regarding several issues, and results will be shared as they progress. Discussions have included many of the topics that have been broached by members on various Project lists.

-- Placement and presentation of the masthead/banner;

-- Prior contractual agreements that the USGenWeb Project may have with TGN/Ancestry/Rootsweb;

-- Clarification of TGN/Ancestry/Rootsweb TOS/AUP policies

	<p>as it relates to the USGenWeb Project.</p> <p>The Advisory Board would like to thank the membership for their on-going questions and issues submitted as we all work together for the benefit of the USGenWeb Project mission to provide free online access to our visitors and the greater genealogical community.</p>
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ANCESTRY'S IBC	<p>(Sep 4, 2007) By the NC</p> <p>Please feel free to forward to appropriate Project lists.</p> <p>---</p> <p>Good morning all --</p> <p>There has been much discussion throughout the genealogical community and USGenWeb Project lists regarding Ancestry's IBC launch. The USGenWeb Project has been contacted by TGN, and all correspondence to date regarding this collection has been shared with the Project. They have halted and dismantled the collection.</p> <p>The Advisory Board is also aware of continuing concerns throughout the Project that cached pages are still being accessed. The Advisory Board will contact Ancestry for further clarification of this issue. Thank you all very much for your patience as we work to answer your concerns.</p>
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WEBMASTER	<p>RESIGNATION OF WEBMASTER (Sep 4, 2007) By the NC</p> <p>It is with regret that I announce the resignation of Julie McGrew-Ayres as our USGenWeb Project web master. I want to thank Julie for her care and excellent work with the USGenWeb Project National pages. You have done a terrific job! The Advisory Board and I wish you much success with all your future endeavors.</p> <p>CALL FOR WEB MASTER (Sep 13, 2007) By the NC</p>
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	<p>*****Please forward to USGenWeb Project lists*****</p> <p>The USGenWeb Project is recruiting a web master to maintain its USGenWeb Project National pages. Volunteers should have these qualifications:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strong demonstrated knowledge and understanding of HTML and CSS [Cascading Style Sheets]; 2. Knowledge of FTP software; 3. Understanding of the USGenWeb mission and goals; 4. Member of the USGenWeb Project with a minimum of six months as a member in good standing; 5. Ability to spend at least one day a month on site maintenance and upkeep. This time will be spread over the course of a month to assure that updates are completed in a timely fashion; 6. Ability to respond in a timely manner to requests for updates as needed. <p>If you are interested, please send a short statement of your qualifications and a minimum of three reference urls for the Advisory Board to consider. Please send your qualifications to Tina Vickery tsvickery@gmail.com</p> <p>Your statement will be shared with Advisory Board members. Applications will remain open through Wednesday, September 19, 2007.</p>
<p>APPOINTMENTS 2007-2008 SESSION</p>	<p>USGenWeb DISCUSS LIST ADMINISTRATORS (Sep 7, 2007) By the NC.</p> <p>It is my pleasure to announce the appointment of the new Co-list Administrators for -Discuss. Alice Allen and Betsy Mills have agreed to serve in this role.</p> <p>Please take a moment to welcome Alice and Betsy to their role.</p>

BOARD RECORDING SECRETARY

(Sep 11, 2007) By the NC

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Linda Haas Davenport as Board Recording Secretary for the 2007-2008 term of the USGenWeb Project Advisory Board.

If there are no objections, this appointment will stand approved as of September 13, 2007, 8:00 am EST.

(Sep 12, 2007) By the NC

With all 14 Advisory Board members stating "no objection", Linda Haas Davenport is appointed as the USGenWeb Project Recording Secretary of the USGenWeb Project Advisory Board for the 2007-2008 term. Thank you Linda for agreeing to serve in this role. We all look forward to working with you.

USGenWeb PROJECT WEB MASTER

(Sep 22, 2007) By the NC

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Linda K. Lewis as the USGenWeb Project web master for the 2007-2008 term of the USGenWeb Project Advisory Board.

If there is no objection, this appointment will stand approved as of September 24, 2007, 5:00 pm EST

(Sep 24, 2007) By the NC

Having heard no objection, Linda K. Lewis is appointed as the USGenWeb Project Web Master of the USGenWeb Project for the 2007-2008 term. Thank you Linda for serving in this role. We all look forward to working with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: LIST RULES FOR USGenWeb DISCUSS LIST:

(Sep 7, 2007) By the NC

The rules that were instituted Wednesday, June 27, 2007, by then National Coordinator, Scott Burow still apply to all.

These are the rules:

1. Any post that, in the opinion of the moderator(s), is inflammatory, derogatory, demeaning, or otherwise inappropriate will be subject to an immediate period of moderation of 5 to 10 days at the moderator(s) discretion. This applies to all.
2. There will be no warnings and there is no appeal of the moderation.
3. Any second offense that would result in a second period of moderation will earn that poster a 30 day ban from discuss.
4. Any third offense results in a permanent ban from the discuss list.
5. Any post that questions or complains about a moderation that has taken place will secure for that poster a 5 day moderation period.

USGenWeb NATIONAL MAIL LISTS DISCUSSION MOVED TO AB-CHAT

(Sep 9, 2007) By the NC

The following was posted to AB-Chat [ALL], by Advisory Board member Greta Thompson, and is posted here for the record. I will follow this post with my response to AB-Chat. Discussion will be conducted on AB-Chat.

----- Original Message -----

From: "bluebear"

To: "ABChat"

Sent: Saturday, September 08, 2007 2:34 PM

Subject: [ABChat] USGenWeb National Mail Lists

Last month, you may remember, I proposed to add a section to the USGenWeb Standard Rules on "Mailing Lists Managed by the Advisory Board." [Motion 07-18] It was not well-received. :)

Most of the criticisms focused on the severity of the penalties involved for infractions of the rules, a potential conflict with the Bylaws, and the concern that the NC's authority was being compromised. I withdrew the motion a couple of days later so that the AB could consider and revise the motion in response to the expressed concerns of the membership. This was received somewhat more positively. :)

Full text: <http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/read/BOARD/2007-09/1189357380>

USGenWeb NATIONAL MAIL LISTS

(Sep 9, 2007) By the NC

Forwarded for the record.

----- Original Message -----

From: "Tina S. Vickery"

To:

Sent: Saturday, September 08, 2007 3:18 PM

Subject: Re: [ABChat] USGenWeb National Mail Lists

Thank you Greta for outlining your thoughts and presenting a *DRAFT* of this potential motion.

I, along with other Advisory Board members, welcome all Project members to participate in this discussion.

I will open up the posting ability to Project members to discuss the merits and offer constructive suggestions of this draft to all subscribed on Tuesday, September 10 - Tuesday, September 18, 2007. 8am - 11:59 EST.

For those that wish to participate in this discussion, subscription information is at the following link.

<http://lists.rootsweb.ancestry.com/index/other/USGenWeb/USGENWEB-ALL.html>

We all look forward to Project members participating in this very important discussion.

**USGenNet OFFER
TO HOST
NATIONAL SITE**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

(Sep 19, 2007) By the NC

The Advisory Board is in Executive Session considering an offer received from USGenNet to host our National pages.

	<p>OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION RESPONSE TO OFFER (Sep 23, 2007) By the NC</p> <p>The Advisory Board has been in Executive Session considering an offer from USGenNet to host the Project's national site. The Advisory Board, after careful consideration of the offer has reached a consensus to decline the offer.</p> <p>The following is a copy of the letter sent to Virginia Cisewski, President USGenNet:</p> <p>Dear Virginia,</p> <p>Thank you for your kind offer to host the USGenWeb Project's national site. After much discussion, the Advisory Board declines the offer.</p> <p>On behalf of the USGenWeb Project's Advisory Board Tina Vickery National Coordinator</p>
<p>THE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT MOTION - MOTION [07-12]</p>	<p>(Sep 24, 2007) By the NC</p> <p>Please share with appropriate USGenWeb Project lists.</p> <p>The Financial Management motion [Motion 07-12] that passed in June will be added to the Advisory Board agenda for October.</p> <p>The Advisory Board will revisit the topic, solicit comments from members and reissue the call for volunteers at the appropriate time.</p> <p>The motion is located here: http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/read/BOARD/2007-06/1182581192</p>

The full text of all BOARD-L messages can be viewed in the threaded list archives for this list, located at <http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/index/BOARD/>

Please remember that minutes are a record of actions proposed and taken at the meeting, NOT all the detail about what was said by members or guests. If you have any questions or comments about the minutes, please write to Linda Davenport, Secretary.