

## Advisory Board Minutes - April 2009

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<b>SESSION OPEN</b>	<b>1 Apr 2009 By the NC</b>
<b>AGENDA</b>	<p><b>1 Apr 2009 By the NC</b></p> <p>Please make any additions or corrections.</p> <p>At the conclusion of the copyright discussion, I would like to see the first two items under old business opened for discussion. I look forward to bringing to a close the Copyright Information page agenda item.</p> <p>Thanks!</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: 0;"/> <p>New Business (and/or continuing from March, 2009):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- March Advisory Board minutes - Linda Haas Davenport;</li> <li>-- Review and approval of Copyright Information page on National website - 2nd Draft <a href="http://usgenweb.org/volunteers/copyright-draft.shtml">http://usgenweb.org/volunteers/copyright-draft.shtml</a>.</li> </ul> <p>Old Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- Discussion and clarification of the EC role in determining a member's eligibility to vote [Discussion opened by Chair on August 23, 2008];</li> <li>-- Discussion and clarification of the role and responsibilities of the State Coordinators in helping the Election Committee develop an up-to-date lists of members [Discussion opened by Chair on August 23, 2008];</li> <li>-- Discussion of using a web form for members to submit when they</li> </ul>

	<p>want to respond to an AB request for volunteers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- Discussion of a Standard Rule to cover requirements for a Project to be accepted as a Special Project of the USGenWeb Project.</li> <li>-- Discuss the findings of the Fact Finding Committee;</li> <li>-- Discuss a procedure / improvement for how the Advisory Board presents and follows an agenda; [Special rule note on this item: SECTION IV. ORDER OF BUSINESS. <a href="http://usgenweb.org/volunteers/special-rules.shtml">http://usgenweb.org/volunteers/special-rules.shtml</a> ];</li> <li>-- USGenWeb members serving on multiple standing sub committees;</li> <li>-- Non responsive Advisory Board members;</li> <li>-- Educational and Promotional Resources (continued discussion if warranted).</li> </ul>
<p><b>MINUTES</b></p>	<p><b>15 Apr 2009 by the NC</b></p> <p>The March, 2009 Minutes have been posted for review to the national website at: <a href="http://usgenweb.org/business/AB-03-2009.shtml">http://usgenweb.org/business/AB-03-2009.shtml</a></p> <p>If there is no objection or corrections the minutes will stand approved April 17, 2009, 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>19 Apr 2009 by the NC</p> <p>Having heard no objection, the March minutes are approved as presented and are available at <a href="http://usgenweb.org/business/AB-03-2009.shtml">http://usgenweb.org/business/AB-03-2009.shtml</a></p>
<p><b>COPYRIGHT STATEMENT</b></p>	<p><b>1 Apr 2009 by the NC</b></p> <p>The list <a href="mailto:usgenweb-all@rootsweb.com">usgenweb-all@rootsweb.com</a> [AB-CHAT] is now back on moderated status (read-only) to all but Advisory Board members. The Advisory Board would like to thank all Project members who participated in this discussion. Your input was much appreciated and constructive. You have all given us a lot to think about.</p> <p>To members of the Advisory Board, how do you all wish to proceed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 - Finalize the draft presented incorporating the comments received in this last open discussion period;</li> <li>2 - Reference the US Copyright laws for the benefit of our volunteers and visitors or</li> </ol>

	<p>3 - Leave the page as presented currently. Discussion, please.</p>
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<p><b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b></p>	<p><b>2 Apr 2009 by the NC</b> EC REMINDER ** Please Forward to All Lists and Members** This is a reminder for members to register or update their registration in Preparation for the National Election. <a href="http://www.usgwelections.org">http://www.usgwelections.org</a> The registration site will be closed at midnight May 31st and will remain closed for the duration of the election. Shirley Cullum USGenWeb Election Committee</p>
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<p><b>EC AGENDA ITEMS: DISCUSSION OPENED ON ABCHAT</b></p>	<p><b>10 Apr 2009 by the NC</b> Agenda items for discussion. Below are the next two agenda items on the April, 2009 agenda. As they both deal with the Election Committee, I have presented them together for discussion. Will the Advisory Board(s) that placed these items please open the discussion. Thank you, -- Discussion and clarification of the EC role in determining a member's eligibility to vote; -- Discussion and clarification of the role and responsibilities of the State Coordinators in helping the Election Committee develop an up-to-date lists of members.</p>
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<p><b>MOTION 2008/09-14: COPYRIGHT INFORMATION NATIONAL PAGE</b></p>	<p><b>13 Apr 2009 by Mike St. Clair, 2nd by Larry Flesher</b> "I move that we approve, by general consent, a replacement for the current copyright page located at: <a href="http://usgenweb.org/volunteers/copyright.shtml">http://usgenweb.org/volunteers/copyright.shtml</a> The replacement page should be worded exactly as the current draft located at: <a href="http://usgenweb.org/volunteers/copyright-draft.shtml">http://usgenweb.org/volunteers/copyright-draft.shtml</a> with the addition of the first paragraph shown in the text version of the</p>

proposed page below, beginning with "Copyright is a complex area of law," which addition should be in bold.  
(full text at:  
<http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/read/BOARD/2009-04/1239674456>)

14 Apr 2009 by the NC

By requirement of general consent, having heard no objection from the vast majority of the Advisory Board members, this Motion has passed. The web manager will be directed to make the necessary adjustments to the National pages.

Thank you all very much for your work on this issue. The Board also extends a thank you to Pat Asher for her work with the Board preparing the content for this page.

**AGENDA ITEMS  
FOR MAY 2009  
AGENDA**

**18 Apr 2009 by Mike St. Clair**

I'd like to propose for the May agenda, discussing a standard procedure or rule for what to do if a State Coordinator doesn't respond to the few issues that are essential to be handled if the project is to operate smoothly. These might include such items as responding to requests for member lists from the Election Committee, confirming state project membership to the Election Committee, responding to communications from their state membership and the Advisory Board and remaining subscribed the the State Coordinator's mailing list.

In the past, if problems arose they were handled on an ad hoc basis. I'd like us to discuss whether it would be desirable to handle these in a standard and more predictable way, and what such a procedure or rule should consist of.

**19 Apr 2009 by Gail Kilgore**

Also, would like to get the grievances cleared up so we can get that off our backs.

We need to work on this stuff in a speeder time frame to get thru it all.

	<p><b>20 Apr 2009 by Mike St. Clair</b></p> <p>For either the May or June agenda at your discretion, depending upon how we do on the current list (but no later than June) I'd like to see us discuss getting the USGENWEB Newsletter back into operation. I'd prefer to see a newsletter that is published on a predictable and consistent schedule and which would be available as both an email and in a web format.</p>
<p><b>MOTION 2008/09-15: ELECTION PROCESS REVIEW COMMITTEE</b></p>	<p><b>30 Apr 2009 by Phyllis Rippee, 2nd by Ann Allen Geoghegan</b></p> <p>I move that a committee be established and given the charge of reviewing the rules and procedures of the Election Process in general and voter registration in particular. This committee will report out a document that simplifies and brings cohesiveness to the current rules and procedures.</p> <p>The committee is to be composed of two (2) members chosen by the EC to be their representatives; two (2) members chosen by the AB to be their representatives; one (1) member chosen by the Special Projects to be their representative; two (2) members chosen by the SCs to be their representatives; and the NC who will act as ex officio member. No more than four (4) members who are also SCs are to serve on this committee. Members chosen to represent the EC, or the AB, do not have to be currently serving on either, but should at minimum be past members of the respective entities.</p> <p>Recognizing time constraints in regard to the current Election Cycle, this committee's report probably will not effect the work of the Election Committee this cycle.</p> <p><b>[discussion continued in May 2009 session]</b></p>
<p><b>ADJOURNMENT</b></p>	<p><b>1 May 2009 By the NC</b></p>

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

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