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The December 2020 meeting of the Advisory Board is now convened.

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2020-2021

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IV. ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Order of Business will be renewed and announced to the assembly at the beginning of each month by the Presiding Officer. The Order of Business will be flexible and may be adapted to cope with immediate business. Members will advise the Presiding Officer of suggested agenda items for future Orders of Business.

<https://www.usgenweb.org/about/specialrules.html>

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**Special
Committee
Report: Filling
Advisory Board
Vacancies**

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Mike has indicated the Special Committee has an update on their progress to share. The Special Committee was seated in November to propose an update to the Standard Rules to clarify terms when filling vacated Advisory Board seats.

Mike, please share your Committee update.

Thanks!
Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2020-2021

The Special Committee is ready to submit to the Advisory Board and the full membership a proposal for review, discussion, editing, changing, etc. The committee reviewed the Bylaws, Standard Rules, and Special Rules to determine which may involve the process of replacing a vacant position on the Advisory Board. From that we have developed a proposal which currently involves completely replacing one Standard Rule and adding a subparagraph to another Standard Rule.

Mike Peterson
Northwest/Plains Region
Country Coordinator Representative 2016-2022

Thank you, Mike and Committee. This is great news - thank you for your effort.

The replacement for the legacy Rootsweb ABChat list is <http://usgenweb...@googlegroups.com> and the Advisory Board members have been subscribed. I will prepare an announcement to the Membership to invite their participation and feedback. To allow a little time for interested members to subscribe, the start date for discussion will begin Wed., December 9, 2020.

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**Announcement:
USGenWeb
Advisory Board
Invites Your
Participation**

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*** PLEASE FORWARD TO ALL PROJECT LISTS ***

All members of USGenWeb are invited to provide discussion and feedback on a proposal to modify our Standard Rules.

A Special Committee is seated to clarify the Bylaws when an Advisory Board

seat is vacant and must be filled by appointment. The Committee now has a proposal ready to present to the membership for informal consideration.

All members are invited and encouraged to join USGenWeb-Discuss (ABChat): <http://usgenweb...@googlegroups.com>

To subscribe, send an email to usgenweb-disc...@googlegroups.com

Members will be subscribed in read-only mode and may send feedback directly to any Advisory Board

Member: <https://www.usgenweb.org/about/advisoryboard.html>

The discussion will begin on Wednesday, December 9, 2020.

Your participation in USGenWeb is welcomed and appreciated.

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National Coordinator 2020-2021

**November 2020
Advisory Board
Minutes**

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The November 2020 Advisory Board Minutes are located at the link below. Please review and advise if corrections or revisions are needed. If no corrections are heard, these Minutes will stand as accepted as of December 8, 2020, at 11:59 PM.

<https://www.usgenweb.org/about/pdfs-minutes/AB-2020-11.pdf>

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**Announcement:
Hostek
USGWElections.
org Hosting Paid**

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For the record:

The HOSTEK hosting renewal invoice for \$71.95 was paid today, thanks to generous contributions by Advisory Board members. This hosting invoice is due yearly by December 21.

The USGenWebElections.org website is hosted on HOSTEK. The EC software, developed by Larry Stephens uses Cold Fusion, and this is one of the few remaining hosting services that support this technology.

March 2021 Renewals

Our two Service Marks are due for renewal by March 29, 2021, with USPTO. The renewal cost will be \$300 for each Service Mark. There may be additional filing fees required. If the renewal date is missed there is a 6 month grace

period for completing renewal and additional fees will be incurred. I believe the renewals are for a 10-year period, but this needs to be validated.

Another announcement regarding the Service Mark renewals will be forthcoming as soon as all fees and costs are determined. These are our largest expenses and we will need donations from the membership in order to be able to renew these two Service Marks.

Below is a list of due dates for USGenWeb paid renewals as of today:

3936386 USGENWEB Service Mark Word Mark (USPTO): 3/29/2021
3968468 THE USGENWEB PROJECT Service Mark Word Mark (USPTO): 3/29/2021

USGWElections.org hosting (HOSTEK): due 12/21/2021 (last paid in term 2020/21)

USGenWeb.org domain (GoDaddy): due 9/17/2022 (last paid in term 2020/21)

USGenWeb.net domain (GoDaddy): due 9/27/2022 (last paid in term 2020/21)

USGWElections.org domain (GoDaddy): due 11/20/2022 (last paid in term 2020/21)

USGenWeb.com domain (GoDaddy): due 7/9/2023 (last paid in term 2019/20)

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Adjournment 24 December 2020

The December 2020 meeting of the Advisory Board is hereby adjourned and will reconvene on January 2, 2021.

Happy and Safe Holidays to all of our USGenWeb members and sincere wishes for a better 2021 for all!

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2020-2021

The full text of all BOARD-L messages can be viewed in the threaded list archives for this list by subscribing members in their email.

All Advisory Board Minutes are located at <http://usgenweb.org/about/minutes.html>.

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 [Doreen Harunaga-Ewing](#), Secretary.