

Idaho Genealogical Society Board of Directors Meeting
Held at the Idaho State Historical Public Archives and Research Library
2205 Old Penitentiary Road, Boise, Idaho

Meeting March 20, 2010 at 12 Noon:

In Attendance:

Mary O'Malley

Shelly Kuther

Renaë Beal

Juvanne Martin

Anne Jennings

Laila Suter

Kate Fredericksen

1. Review/Approval of Minutes of February 20, 2010 meeting.

Correction: Mary O'Malley will not be 'writing' about the Girl Scouts as she will be 'finding information' regarding the Girl Scouts for the Quarterly.

February 20, 2010 Minutes motioned for approval by Juvanne Martin and seconded by Laila Suter. All approved. Passed.

2. Financial Report:

We only had two transactions in February which were fairly minimal in amount (about \$100), so I will combine the February and March financial reports.

Balance in account for February: \$3,638.69

March Quarterly is paid for.

Receipts need to be turned in as needed for reimbursement.

3. Membership Committee Meeting:

The board being the committee:

1. The newsletter has been sent out. All those who have helped on making the lists of members and their addresses and emails current, thank you.

2. The Membership Packet: Inclusive of:

a. Membership card has been designed by Renaë with approval of the board.

b. The packets shall include:

b1. Membership card

b2. Bylaws [2008]

b3. Publication List

b4. Benefits of being a member

b5. Blurb asking for verification of current data regarding address/email/phone from member and whether or not they wish a paper or email rendition of their Quarterly.

b6. A Quarterly as an example

3. These membership packets will be placed on IGS logo papers and the responsibility of the New Member Packets is within the duties of the current Vice – President of IGS who will maintain with the current Treasurer a list of members and their data. Renaë Beal will finesse the paperwork for the packets.

4. The mailings of New Member Packets will be placed in a manila envelope 9x12 with a self-addressed [to IGS] response envelope [no stamp] for the members current data return.

These membership packets will be sent out to our 2009-2010 new members before the next board meeting if not sooner.

She states that October 8, 2010 is OPEN **and being Held for IGS for both** the 10AM and 1PM tours

CONFIRMATION is made for October 8th, Friday, 2010 for a room in the West Wing [Room WW02] which will seat 250 persons ...has a laptop there with a screen....all you need bring is your CD or thumbdrive. Contact person is: Mary Sue Jones at 332-1302. There is NO CHARGE for this room. Mary Sue is on the Pro-Tem Senate side of the Capital Building.

Trolley lady is Debra@BoiseTrolleyTours.com

TOURS: 9:30AM, 11AM, and 1PM on **the 8th. (Fri)**

"The 9th is questionable. I'm not planning to be open on Sats.

this year because they close the streets down here alot

for jogging races. If we do Sat. in would have to be in the afternoon.

Probably 2pm or later. I never know what they are doing with the roads here."

\$16.00 adults. \$14.00 Seniors (65 +) \$8.00 children (3-12), \$4.00 under 3.

"I can only do three tours a day. That's 93 people. My trolley holds 31 people

We do a 1 hour daily historical tour of Boise."

5. Quarterly Report – Renae Beal

The Quarterly has been sent by email and paper. No returns on the emailed rendition at this time.

No emails on the exchanges, however, that may be completed by this afternoon.

More articles were given then could fit into the Spring 2010 Q and will be processed in the following Q's.

***The board wishes to thank David Blackwell for his support in gaining input and stories for the Spring 2010 issue. All articles were intriguing and enlivened the history of early Idaho from the perspective of African –American Idaho pioneers. Thank you!!*

***The board wishes to thank Renae Beal, our format to publication editor, for her continued commitment to maintain the Quarterly as a publication that reflects Idaho.*

We certainly can't do any of this without any of you!!!! Thank you!!

Juvanne Martin will work on the List of 300 and place it in Excel for the Summer Q.

6. Distribution Report – Gail Wilson

Attached you will find the exchange lists. I have checked the emails on the [IGS] member list [*this list available to board members only- not included in these minutes*] and they are as accurate as I can get them. We have 4 members that want e-versions of our Quarterly; unfortunately they have not submitted email addresses for our use. You will find them listed directly below the 'paper' version section. I will be sending them a paper issue this time with a cover letter explaining that we need the email address in order to send the e-version as they have requested. If, however, they wish to receive the Quarterly in the 'paper' format an additional \$10.00 needs to be sent in.

Those at the bottom of the list with no designation of 'e' or 'p' have not paid for 2010 and will receive a cover letter explaining that this is their final issue of the IGS Quarterly. They will be notified of the option of paying \$30.00 for membership fees and subscription for the 2010 Quarterly or they can pay \$20.00 for membership and submit an email address that we can email subsequent issues to them. **They will have until May 1, 2010 to respond to the letter. After that, we will have no choice but to discontinue their membership.**

For those on the exchange list who did not bother to respond to our first request, they will get one final Quarterly with a letter very similar to what the members are getting and will have the same time deadline.

Regarding the Quarterly count information:

I ordered 190 copies at about \$363.00 and additional paperwork (@ \$6.42) mentioning to delinquent paying members that they had not paid for 2010. I have about 30 copies left. The Quarterly issue comes out to be about \$1.97 per copy and will continue at that rate unless the coping rates go up.

There are 92 Exchanges as of the date. I ended up sending out 78 Exchanges, 75 received the letter notifying those Exchange groups that they were receiving their last issue unless payment or other (email) arrangements were made. 3 went to paid subscriptions, and there are 14 Exchanges with email. The Exchanges have until May 15th to decide what they want to do.

Of the members, there are 122 total at this time. 44 of these have opted to do the E-version of the Quarterly, and of those 17 are Life members. There are 51 paid members, 23 of those are Life members. We currently have 27 members who have not paid for 2010. These members also received a letter notifying them that this was their last issue unless they renewed their membership or opted for the E-version of the Quarterly. The members have until May 1st to decide what they want to do.

I also sent 5 additional 'comp' copies to David Blackwell for the contributors of the 2010 Spring issue; I don't remember what the postage was for that one, somewhere around \$4.50 (?). The cost of the postage was \$1.56 for each paid Exchange and member issue(54 total). The postage was \$1.76 for each unpaid Exchange and member issue(132 total). There were 3 additional ones sent out that are E-versions, they didn't give us email addresses and I needed to enclose the necessary paperwork for them to correct that problem. The total cost of postage was \$270.87, I also purchased a few extra stamps for mailing those additional ones that always come up.

Something that you might want to consider when thinking about the additional costs of mailing 1st class instead of Bulk Rate, is that there will be fewer issues sent this way. Also while the additional \$10.00 will not cover the total cost of the postage; in the previous years the \$20.00 membership fee also included money to cover the \$1.97 issue cost, the Bulk Mail postage and the annual renewal fees for the Bulk Mail Permit. [Per Laila: We paid \$185 last July 22, 2009. That was the basic Bulk Mail Permit fee.]

Gail has made her time available in April to access the Exchange lists at ISHS and to access the IGS storage locker to gain information on exchange viability and the available publications for sale. Noted some of the board has volunteered to help her in these endeavors. Thank YOU!! This information may be ready in time for the April 24, 2010 meeting.

7. Website – Renae Beal

Difficulties in accessing the current Web server with Paul Schaefer continue. And Renae has suggested that we drop our current server and link with Mike St. Clair if that is still an option.

MOTION***** Kate Fredericksen motions that we drop our current web server, Paul Schaefer, and make contact with Mike St. Clair of IDGENWEB as Mike St. Clair has offered to allow the IGS to share the web hosting account of IDGENWEB. As per an email addressed to Juvanne Martin, Mike St. Clair has stated:

From: "Mike St. Clair/ST" <mike@saintclair.org>

Sent: Feb 19, 2010 2:13 PM

To: Juvanne Martin <juvanne@earthlink.net>

Subject: Re: your server - Idaho Genealogy Society

> I offered to allow the society to share the web hosting account of IDGENWEB. {The rest of the email can be requested by contacting Juvanne Martin.}

Seconded by Shelley Kuther. All approved. Motion passed.

Juvanne Martin and Renae Beal will continue to make the necessary contacts to make our website viable.

8. Cemetery Assessment Project – Ann Jennings

For IGS Cemetery Assessment Project Recap
March 20, 2010

For Review:

I've been at this now for about 7-8 months, and I think we've come quite a long way. Ada County is all but done; Canyon County is all but done; Boise County IS done and Idaho County IS done (and it is huge, with 63 sites!); Payette County IS done. So is Caribou County. Mary O'Malley and Nick Ihli have done a wonderful number with Owyhee County, with only one district left to report there. 4 Counties are done!

Some reports are in for Bannock, Adams, and one for Bear Lake.

I should receive over the summer reports from Benewah;
Christine Storey said she would do Twin Falls and Jerome counties and Carol Prentice is emailing me one for Twin Falls;
Bonnie Stoddard will do Clark County;
I have a couple reports in from Clearwater and a contact;
Pat Packard will do Custer;
Pat Harris said she would do Elmore County;
Charlene Olorenshaw has submitted a couple for Franklin County;
Gail Ulrey said she would do Gem County;
I have 3 reports for Gooding County;
Carol Leppan says she will have completed Kootenai County soon (AND she volunteered to do Benewah and Shoshone Counties, too!!!);
Mike St. Clair said he would do Teton County;
David Blackwell will be doing Valley County this summer;
and Ellen Potter says she's almost done with her part in Washington County.
17 Counties being worked on!

Need volunteers for: Bannock, Adams, Bear Lake, Camas, Blaine, Bonner, Bonneville (have 1 from Lisa Olorenshaw), Butte, Franklin, Fremont, Gooding, Jefferson, Latah, Lemhi, Lincoln, Madison, Minidoka, Nez Perce (although I do have one report); Oneida, and Power 20 Counties need volunteers!

Might have volunteers for: Bingham (Jared Denlinger), Boundary (Oma Sanders), and I believe Shelley Kuther is going to do Lewis County,

To sum up, Idaho is soooo lucky to have 44!!! Counties – darn! Less than half of them need volunteers. That's 44 counties, 24 counties have volunteers, and 20 counties don't, and FOUR are done!. Not too bad, since I only was given reports from Ada and a few odd ones from other counties. I myself have one more to go in Canyon County. So I am earnestly hoping that the summer will bring in a lot more for me to work on next Fall and Winter.

The Website

Last Fall I worked with Mags on updating the county-by-county listing of cemeteries on the IGS website. I collated information from the ISHS website with reports I had received from volunteers and some random information I ran across while checking various Idaho county and historical websites. I also included the names of the volunteers we had to that time, and I also highlighted the cemeteries that we had received CAP reports on. I, with help, also created a Privacy statement regarding information on private property locations and those sites where desecration has taken place already or might be subjected to such devastation. I also included the Idaho Code statement on the illegality of desecration of gravesites. And then...Mags had to resign. He was about to enter the information I'd given him on Ada County (and he still has that paperwork!).

What I'd like to see on the website is:

Links to copies of additional information I have received from volunteers. (For instance, a Glen Jones in Oregon has sent me information on a couple of graves of relatives in Idaho graves plus some pictures.)

Links to relevant county websites.

Links to each copy of the CAP form submitted (unless there is a privacy issue). (Another for instance, Charlene Olorenshaw has included some very interesting additional information on her forms.)

Links to County Clerk sites.

Each county's cemetery district names and cemeteries within those districts.

Carol Anglen in Idaho County would like to see pdf access to the CAP information on our website; she wasn't able to access Excel and wants to see the work other counties have done.

I'd like to include a box for "Lone" cemeteries. Right now we have "Public" and "Private," but there a quite a number of lonesome graves out there in our more primitive areas and along the Oregon Trail and from miners exploring in the hinterlands, etc.

Relist some of the cemetery sites on our web, such as if a cemetery is known by two different names, include both names alphabetically with a reference to the other one. Also, the graves of individuals are currently listed alpha by first name, probably an Excel rearrangement deal, but these should be listed by the person's last name first, such as Sullivan, Christine, rather than the other way around.

Questions That Have Come Up:

Because of the numbers of "lone" or "isolated" graves in Idaho, some volunteers have asked what to do with them. I hope you agree with what I have told them, and that is, every site in our state is important and should be listed. If there is a name or names associated with it or them, great. If there is a GPS that can be calculated, great. If any of this information is unattainable, that is a real shame, but nevertheless that person was important to somebody and may be important to a modern-day researcher and whatever information we can offer should be included in our CAP census. Information such as, at the crossing of the Blank Branch into the Lolo River, up the hill and a little to the right, will have to do. However, I always include the caveat that IF the volunteer can pinpoint any missing information it should be noted and included. Again, all privacy rights to be exercised are automatically in force.

Questions I Have:

What about corrections found to the ISHS Cemetery Listings? Who would I contact?

There are some listings in ISHS that our volunteers say they know nothing about. Who to contact about the original submission information to make certain we aren't missing something.

My Goals for the Future, Beginning This Very Spring, are:

Contact genealogy and/or historical societies in our missing volunteer counties asking for volunteers to do the work we need in their county.

Contact volunteers who SAID they would help but from whom I have not heard!

Contact those volunteers who I know are working hard to see how they are doing, do they have any questions, and can IGS help in any way.

Work with the "NEW WEBMASTER" – PLEEEEEEASE! – to get as much information out as we have gleaned. Perhaps I could have access to the program itself to be the generator of such info. AND, there are several of you who have said you would help with data entry, so that will be wonderful.

Things Ann would like to see made available on the IGS website:

Links of each cap form unless privacy issue

Gravesites from Idaho – Glen Jones of Oregon sent pics

Links to each counties website

Links to clerks

Links to cemetery districts and cemetery names (including current and previous names)

Access the website in excel, wants results in pdf as well
CAP form – box checked for lone cemetery, on its own
Individual Gravesites – check first, last name combination – be consistent
Also, Anne needs access to the website so that she can update the CAP list

9. Making the IGS board meetings heard.

Shelley Kuther has enlightened the board on how we are heard to those out of the meeting room. We have a far to go to reach success for statewide communication. With the website and communication technical difficulties which IGS continues to endure it is surely noted that this need to improve is great.

Thus, the meeting of March 20, 2010, is adjourned.
Minutes respectfully submitted March 20, 2010 by,
Kate Fredericksen, Secretary, IGS