

Advisory Board Minutes - August 2010

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<p>SESSION OPEN</p>	<p>1 August 2010</p> <p>The July 2010 meeting of the Advisory Board is adjourned. The August meeting is convened.</p> <p>Sherri Bradley National Coordinator</p>
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<p>Approval of Minutes</p>	<p>1 August</p> <p>The entry for Motion 2009/10-28 has been removed from the minutes. The motion had been declared out of order therefore it was stricken from the record. Having heard no further objections, the June minutes stand approved.</p> <p>17 August</p> <p>The July 2010 minutes of the Advisory Board have been posted for review at http://usgenweb.org/business/AB-07-2010.shtml If there are no objections or corrections, they will stand approved on 20 August 2010 @6:00 p.m.</p>

	<p>21 August</p> <p>Having heard no objections, the July 2010 Advisory Board minutes stand approved.</p> <p>Sherri Bradley National Coordinator</p>
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<p>MOTION 2009/10-31 Approve GC Term Extensions</p>	<p>20 August</p> <p>Forwarding from John Quigley, the Chairman of the Grievance Committee.</p> <p>Currently, the terms of all GC members end on 31 August 2010. The list indicates those members that have indicated that they are interested in extending to August 31, 2011. (A call will go out to the membership to fill the positions of members that are either not interesting in extending and the ones that state that they'll stay on until a replacement is identified.)</p> <p>Can I hear a motion to approve these extensions?</p> <p>Sherri Bradley National Coordinator</p> <p>21 August</p> <p>Presented by Larry Flesher and seconded by Les Shockey and dated 21 August 2010, the motion reads:</p> <p>"I move that the Grievance Committee term extensions described in Mr. John Quigley's email of 20 August 2010 and recorded at http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/read/BOARD/2010-08/1282356419 be approved."</p> <p>Discussion is now open. If you have no discussion, please respond "No discussion".</p>
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Sherri Bradley
National Coordinator

22 August

Everyone having responded with "no objections", discussion on motion 2009/10-31 is declared closed.

Please vote on motion 2009/10-31. The motion reads: " I move that the Grievance Committee term extensions described in Mr. John Quigley's email of

20 August 2010 and recorded at

<http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/read/BOARD/2010-08/1282356419> be approved."

If you agree with the motion, please respond with "aye" or "yes"; if you disagree with the motion, please respond with "nay" or "no".

Voting will continue until 6:00 pm EDT 25 August 2010 unless responses are received from everyone prior to that time.

24 August

With all 14 members voting, motion 2009/10-31 passes.

Those voting "yes": Alice Allen, Ann Allen Geoghegan, Bill Oliver, Dale Grimm, Denise Wells, Jeff Kemp, Larry Flesher, Les Shockey, Linda Lewis,
Pauli Smith, Cyndie Enfinger and Tina Vickery.

Those not voting: None

Those voting "no": Colleen Pustola and David Samuelsen.

Sherri

**Announcement: EC
Report Second
Quarter 2010**

2 August

For the record - are there any corrections or additions? If not, the report will stand as approved on 5 August 2010 @ 9:30 p.m.

Sherri Bradley
National Coordinator

Below is the 2010 Regional Assignments:

Dataset Manager-Gayle Triller - gaylelt@comcast.net

Northeast/North Central

Dave Dinham - ddinham@kc.rr.com

NENC-Connecticut, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island,
and Vermont

Northwest/Plains

Lynn McCleary - ebmccleary@machlink.com

NWPL-Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming
Alaska,
Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, and South Dakota.

Southeast/Mid-Atlantic

Mary Hatton - mahat@roadrunner.com

SEMA -Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, New Jersey, South Carolina,
Tennessee.

Terri Buster - backwardbranch@gmail.com

SEMA - D.C., Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia,
West
Virginia

Southwest/South Central

Christina Palmer - christina_palmer@ymail.com

SWSC - Arizona, Arkansas, California, Hawaii, Kansas, Louisiana

John Quigley -johnquigley2@yahoo.com

SWSC - Missouri, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Utah

May 14, 2010 Christina Palmer welcomed Jane Colmenares (evancol@yahoo.com) as a temp volunteer.

May 14, 2010 Christina Palmer welcomed Shanda Gage (sgage2@oh.rr.com) as a temp volunteer.

May 30, 2010 Christina Palmer welcomed Tina Vickery (tsvivkery@gmail.com) to fill the vacancy left by Sherri Bradley & Ann Allen Geoghegan by the National Election.

On May 31, 2010 Sherri Bradley & Ann Allen Geoghegan were unsubbed due to running for a national office.

On May 31, 2010 Christina Palmer welcomed Nancy Lohr (nancy_lhr@yahoo.com) as a temp volunteer.

(nancy_lhr@yahoo.com)

On June 2, 2010 Christina Palmer removed Shanda Gage as a temp volunteer.

On June 7, 2010 Christina Palmer announced that John Quigley has

resigned
from the EC.

On June 1, 2010-June 15, 2010 nominations were taken for National
USGenWeb
openings.

Members: 1926

Members registered to vote: 1463

Members not registered to vote: 463

Total Members removed completely from USGenWeb projects: 88

Members removed from projects only: 29

New Members registering for the first time: 42

New Registrations: 57

117 Members gave up projects: 137

Bounces: 29

Deaths:

Mike Sandridge, OHGenWeb CC for Defiance, Henry and Williams
Counties. He

passed away December 27, 2009

<http://www.legacy.com/Obituaries.asp?page=lifestory&personid=137963482>.

Gloria Mayfield-LAGenWeb CC for-

<http://www.ladytexian.com/LA%20Jefferson%20Davis/index.htm>
Jefferson Davis

	<p>Parish, http://www.ladytexian.com/La%20Vernon/index.htm Vernon Parish.</p> <p>She passed away in May 2010.</p> <p>Sharon Burnett Crawford-OKGenWeb CC OKObits special project, and Comanche and Cotton Counties. She passed away on Thursday, June 10, 2010.</p> <p>Respectfully Submitted,</p> <p>Mary Hatton Election Committee, Sec/Pub</p> <p>USGenWeb Advisory Board Agenda: http://usgenweb.org/agenda2.shtml</p>
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**Announcement: AB
Rep to the EC**

2 August

With the end of the National Elections and the NWPL CC Representative position that Ann Allen Geoghegan completed, she has been re-subbed to the Election Committee mailing list as the Advisory Board Representative to the Election Committee.

I am still subbed as Representative at Large in lieu of the National Coordinator (ex-officio), which is a position to be involved in the upcoming run-off election.

"STANDING ELECTION SUBCOMMITTEE

2. Formation of the Subcommittee:

ELECTIONS

Any EC member or individual (including those from the AB) that is subscribed to the EC List, is required to notify the EC chair of his or her intent to accept a nomination in any election conducted by the EC. The notification must be made no later than 24 hours before the opening of

	<p>nominations, so that he/she may be temporarily unsubscribed from the EC List. If the member does not accept a nomination, he/she may rejoin the EC at the end of the nomination period. If the member accepts a nomination, he/she may rejoin the EC once the election has reached a final conclusion regarding the position he/she was seeking."</p> <p>Tina Vickery Representative at Large</p>
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<p>Announcement: Run Off Election</p>	<p>3 August</p> <p>The 2010 Run-Off Election for National Coordinator will begin on Sunday, August 8th 12:00 AM and end at 11:59 PM August 22nd.</p> <p>Passwords will be sent to eligible voters on Friday August 6th or Saturday August 7th.</p> <p>Christina Palmer USGenWeb Election Committee</p> <p>23 August</p> <p>The USGW Election Committee would like to thank all of the candidates and voters for participating in the election process. Below are the results of the Run-Off Election 2010.</p> <p>Eligible Voters overall 1466</p> <p># of voting members: 270 (18.417%)</p> <p>National Coordinator:</p> <p>Bill Oliver: 100 (37.037%)</p> <p>Sherri Bradley: 170 (62.963%)</p>
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	The EC declares Sherri Bradley the winner.
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**Announcement:
Request for Grievance
Committee Arbitrators
and Mediators**

16 August

The Grievance Committee of USGENWEB hereby formally requests candidates for the position of Mediator/Arbitrator. Candidates should have past experience in their personal or professional lives that reflects the following attributes:

- (1) An even disposition
- (2) Reliability and timeliness
- (3) An ability to suspend judgment and distance themselves from their own views in order to hear other points of view
- (4) An ability and willingness to propose solutions that are fair, equitable and consistent with the policies and philosophy of the Project
- (5) Good basic communication [writing by e-mail] skills and an ability to compromise and get along with others.

Interested individuals should send the following information to John Quigley
Chair, Grievance Committee at atjquigley2@gmail.com with the phrase "Mediator/Arbitrator Candidate" in the subject line. John will then forward the submitted material in confidence to the other Committee members for review and selection. The necessary information is:

- (1) Your name
- (2) Your e-mail address
- (3) Your current position(s) in the USGENWEB Project or an affiliated Special Project--you must be a Member
- (4) A brief statement of why you believe you would be qualified for this volunteer position.

	<p>If selected, a Mediator will be asked to Mediate disputes, listen to evidence and arguments from the disputing parties, develop and propose solutions, and provide a logical rationale for their proposals.</p> <p>An Arbitrator will be asked to help arbitrate disputes, listen to evidence and arguments from the disputing parties, and make a judgment as to the side which wins the case. Training and guidance from the Grievance Committee members will be provided. The Committee will be reasonable in its requests and time expectations of appointed Mediators and Arbitrators.</p> <p>John Quigley Chair, USGenWeb Grievance Committee</p>
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<p>Announcement: Updated Bylaws</p>	<p>16 August</p> <p>With the passage of the bylaws amendment during the July 2010 election, the web manager has updated the online document at http://usgenweb.org/volunteers/bylaws.shtml . The amendment modified section IX, GUIDELINES/STANDARDS FOR WEBSITES/MEMBERS, subsection A.</p> <p>Please share this information with all Project members.</p> <p>Sherri Bradley National Coordinator</p>

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<p>Announcement: Disciplinary Hearing - Diane Siniard</p>	<p>22 August</p> <p>The resolution of the disciplinary hearing against Diane Siniard.</p> <p>This resolution is hereby adopted, effective August 22, 2010.</p>

The USGenWeb Advisory Board issues this finding in response to the charges brought against Ms. Diane Siniard.

Charges:

1) the sharing of private GC communications with parties involved in Grievance 2009-08-15 as demonstrated within the evidence submitted to the AB for the resulting disciplinary hearing against two FLGenWeb, Inc. members.

2) the posting of private GC communications to the archived SWSC list that included the name of a party to Grievance 2009-08-15.

Finding:

The Advisory Board finds that Diane Siniard, during the incident in question, was responsible for sharing and publically posting private communications related to Grievance 2009-08-15. Grievance Committee members are tasked to operate within the Grievance Procedures, which specifically state: "All discussion regarding the issues during the grievance process is to be considered privileged and private, and shall not be disclosed during or after the process by either the team or either party, except as allowed by these procedures."

Despite Ms Siniard's protest that she did not take an oath of confidentiality, it was her duty as Chair of the Grievance Committee to insure that all members of the GC not only took the oath of confidentiality but that each understood the terms of it and to make sure that all members

abided by this oath. Her failure to comply was a major disservice to the USGenWeb Project.

Resulting Decision:

1.) Ms. Siniard shall not be recognized as a USGenWeb Project member (whether recognized as a XXGenWeb Project member or not) for a minimum of two years retroactive to her resignation of August 2, 2010; after that mandatory period, she must publically admit her wrongdoing and apologize to the members of this Project prior to being reinstated as a member of the USGenWeb project.

2.) Beginning August 2, 2012, should Ms. Siniard return as a member of the USGenWeb Project, Ms. Siniard shall be considered "on probation" within the USGenWeb Project for a period of five years. Diane may not run for, serve, hold, be appointed or elected to any position higher than the Local Coordinator level in any state or special project, or the national project prior to August 2, 2017.

Members voting to accept:

Sherri Bradley

Larry Flesher

Ann Allen Geoghagen

Dale Grimm

Jeff Kemp

Bill Oliver

Les Shockey

Pauli Smith

Tina Vickery

Denise Wells

	<p>Members voting to reject.</p> <p>None</p> <p>Members abstaining.</p> <p>Alice Allen</p> <p>Colleen Pustola</p> <p>W. David Samuelson</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Cyndie Enfinger, SP Rep., Disciplinary Hearing Chair</p>
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<p>Announcement:</p> <p>Thank You from</p> <p>National Coordinator</p>	<p>31 August</p> <p>I want to take a moment to thank each and every Board member that has served this term. Each of you demonstrated unflagging support for each other, for the Project, its volunteers and to the entire genealogical community as we dealt with the issues presented this term. Thank you all for doing a very hard job very well. It has been a pleasure to serve with all of you.</p> <p>I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Greta Thompson, Suzanne Shephard and Jeff Kemp respectively for their service to the Project in their role as Board Secretary and Web Manager. Their dedication and service to this Project is a credit to each of them. A great big thank you also goes out to all of the Standing Committee volunteers. The volunteers who serve on the committees go the extra mile to assure that the duties of their respective committees are carried out to serve and benefit the entire USGenWeb Project community.</p>
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	Sherry Bradley
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Recessed/Adjournment	<p>Sherry Bradley adjourned the August meeting on August 31, 2010.</p> <p>The 2008-2009 USGenWeb Project Advisory Board session is adjourned.</p> <p>The</p> <p>2010-2011 session of the Advisory Board will convene tomorrow at 6 am.</p>
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The full text of all BOARD-L messages can be viewed in the **threaded list archives** for this list, located at <http://archiver.rootsweb.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 **Greta Thompson**, Secretary.