



Iowa Genealogical Society

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Full Board Meeting

- I. The hybrid meeting was called to order by President Joe Solem at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 12, 2025.

II. PRESENT

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| a. Joe Solem | President |
| b. Beth Albright | 1st Vice President |
| c. Pam Washington | 2nd Vice President |
| d. Jennifer Darling | Secretary |
| e. Bill Schmidt | Treasurer |
| f. Heather Wells | Region 2 |
| g. Florence Nicolou | Region 3 |
| h. Judi Pohorsky | Region 4 |
| i. Jeanine Wichman | Region 6 |
| j. Dennis Allen & Cris Nagle | Region 7 |
| k. Karla Wright | Region 8 |
| l. Sue Terrell | Region 9 |
| m. Linda and Mary Cae Maden | Region 14 |
| n. Sandra Bengsten | Region 16 |
| o. Dennis Davies | Education/Technology |

ABSENT

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| p. Vacant | Region 1 |
| q. Stephen Bartenhagen | Region 5 |
| r. Saundra Clem Leininger | Region 10 |
| s. Ron Gruber | Region 11 |
| t. Vacant | Region 12 |
| u. Vacant | Region 13 |
| v. Carrie Irlbeck | Region 15 |

- a) President Solem declared a quorum present, 14 of 18 members were present at the meeting.

III. MEETING MINUTES

Bill Schmidt moved to accept the minutes of the January 24th board meeting. Sue Terrell second. Motion passed.

Bill Schmidt and Beth Albright were appointed to review today's meeting minutes.

IV. PRESIDENT REPORT

IGS purchased an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for the library. CPR classes will be scheduled for front-desk volunteers.

HVAC system for conference center: we need one to hold events in the summer months. Golden Rule quoted \$12,000 for new system. Previous quotes were for a commercial system vs residential system. We have a residential heating system. Looking to have 3 zones for the AC. The compressor would go outside and behind the building, saves \$1000 dollars as it's closer to the electric box. We will put a gate on the NW side of the building to access the compressor.

Jennifer Darling moved to spend up to \$15,000 to proceed with Golden Rule quote for new HVAC system. Jeanine Wichman second. Motion passed.

Joe is starting a website committee to review all requests for making changes to the website. They will put a process in place for adding/changing info on the website and determine what requests will be addressed. Website committee members need to understand how EasyNetSites works. (EasyNetSites is a suite of web-based tools designed for any membership-based organization; IGS uses these tools.)

A new cash register for use at the front desk was purchased for \$1200. Using the new register will simplify the IGS financial bookkeeping process.

A consultant says we can wait up to 2 years to make the repairs to the west wall siding. We will regularly monitor the situation for further deterioration.

Joe will create a Strategic Plan committee in the next few months with 5 or 6 members. The committee will be evaluating where does IGS want to be in 2-5 years.

V. 1ST VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Spring conference is in 2 weeks: Get the most out of using FamilySearch including new features
Fall conference is October 18th with Tina Beaird speaking about Archives Across America.
Beth's term of office ends in October and she does not plan to continue in this position. She will stay on the committee.

VI. 2ND VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

IGS/PBS Genealogy Workshop Series generated about \$14,000 for IGS. All attendees will receive a free one-day IGS library pass.

We are looking for renters to use the conference room space.

The following marketing events are on the 2025 calendar (details on IGS website under classes and events):

- May 17—Slumber Party, 4 pm–6 am
- June 11–14 —Jewelry Sale (members-only event June 11)
- July 14—Show & Tell, 2–4 pm
- September 20—Woodland Cemetery Tour and lunch, 9 am–1 pm
- October 25—Slumber Party, 4 pm–6 am
- November 8—Archie Cook presentation on Des Moines Public Schools, 2–4 pm
- December 8—Holiday Open House, 2–4 pm

VII. TREASURER REPORT

Checking account = \$29,187.25

Savings account = \$61,152.68

Bill reports that three-fourths of all IGS expenses are for the building itself; three-fourths of all IGS income is from members. So far in 2025 total income is greater than total expenses.

An audit will be conducted this year.

VIII. REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

See all written reports submitted online at:

<https://iowagenealogy.us/igs2/home/board-of-directors/>

IX. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

HRDP Grant Update: The final report was submitted on time; no follow-up has been received. April 12th is the next board meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Jeanine Wichman moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Darling, Secretary