

IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Library and Research Center

628 East Grand Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50309

Meeting Agenda

September 16, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

Executive Committee Meeting

Invitees: Lois Trinity, Pam Washington, Jennifer Darling, Kevin Spire, Dennis Allen/Chris Nagla, Mark Wheeler (Zoom), Joe Solem.

- I. Call to order
Roll call (Quorum – need 3)
- II. President
 - a. Handicap ramp
 - b. Nomination Update
 - c. Strategic Planning Meeting – September 30 1:00
 - d. IT Support
- III. 1st Vice President
 - a. Future classes
 - b. Fall conference
- IV. 2nd Vice President
 - a. Upcoming marketing events
 - b. Prepared classes for outside presentations
 - c. Image solutions
 - d. PBS
 - e. Rentals
 - f. Orientation update
 - g. Post Florence items
- V. Secretary
 - a. By-Law/Standing Rule Changes

b.

VI. Treasurer

- a. Treasurers Report
- b. Quick Books Online

VII. Regional Rep-Dennis Allen/Chris Nagla (Region 7)

- a. Region 7 Report

VIII. Regional Executive - Rep-Mark Wheeler

- a. See handout
- b. Online outreach and engagement
- c.

IGS Executive Committee Regional Executive Report

September 16, 2026

A summary of region contacts and related updates are below:

Regions 1-6

No report.

Region 7 (Rep: Cris Nagla)

I am planning to attend the 10/10 Hamilton Heritage Hunters Genealogical Workshop and roundtable discussion about the future of county genealogical societies in Iowa.

See Cris' separate Region 7 report.

Regions 8-12

No report.

Region 13 (Rep: Mark Wheeler)

No updates.

Regions 14-15

No report.

Region 16

Sandra Bengtson has not received the completed IGS Affiliate Chapter application that was expected from the Page County Genealogical Society by the end of July. She has reached back out to the director and hopes to have an update soon.

Mark Wheeler
IGS Regional Executive

ACCOUNT BALANCES

NAME ▼	BALANCE
Cash	161,584.10
State Savings Savings A...	125,356.53
State Savings Checking ...	30,640.89
Schwab Money Market	206.04
Petty cash	131.00
PayPal	1,216.50
Cash on hand - cash re...	70.00
Bankers Trust Checking	3,963.14
Accounts Rec	0.00
Returned Checks	0.00

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Mortgage balance: \$159,000



Joe Solem <joe.solem@gmail.com>

Re: Executive Cmte Meeting

1 message

Jennifer Darling <jennnyd1729@gmail.com>

Wed, Sep 16, 2026 at 9:44 AM

To: Joe Solem <joe.solem@gmail.com>

Cc: Lois Trinity <loist@myfmtc.com>, Pam Washington <pjw7334@gmail.com>, "Kevin Spire (kdspire.genealogy@gmail.com)" <kdspire.genealogy@gmail.com>, Mark Wheeler <markwheeler5110@gmail.com>, Chris Nagla <lilith4evr@yahoo.com>, Allen Dennis <dmfd305@icloud.com>, Sheri Snoodgrass <sheri@snodgrasses.com>

Attaching IGS standing rules document for reference. Details regarding the annual meeting are as follows.
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III – Meetings**Annual Business Meeting:**

1. The place, date, time, and registration fee for Members, Family Members, and guests to be determined by the Board of Directors. The bylaws state the meeting will be held in the fall which will be interpreted as September, October, or November.
2. If there is a program (Conference), it shall be planned and carried out under the direction of the first and second vice presidents.
3. All who attend the Conference shall pay the registration fee set by the Board except the people who are invited as guests of IGS. There shall be no fee to attend the Annual Business Meeting.

Agenda:

1. The Annual Business Meeting shall be under the control of the President. Included in the agenda shall be the elections, receiving reports, consideration of any Bylaw amendments, and other business that may be properly brought before the membership.
2. When possible, a Fall Conference shall immediately precede or follow the Annual Business Meeting.

Cancellation of the Annual Meeting:

1. In case of an emergency, the Annual Meeting may be canceled by a majority vote of the Board who shall also consider the best way to notify the Members at that time.

On Tue, Sep 15, 2026 at 2:47 PM Joe Solem <joe.solem@gmail.com> wrote:

This is a reminder that we have an Executive Committee meeting tomorrow at 2:00. Please send me your bullet points for the agenda.

Tech and Library reports are also due.

Joe

**Standing Rules_revised January 2024.pdf**

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LIBRARY COMMITTEE REPORT

As of today, Fort Dodge will once again be bringing back books that they do not want. We will not be making the trip to pick up the items. It will be her responsibility to bring them to us. She will be putting the information on a website hosted by Advantage Archives out of Cedar Rapids. She is running their bank account down and as of the end there will no longer be a Webster County Chapter of IGS. Of course this could also change yet again.

The periodical project is down to one state left to inventory. This project has roughly 1500 new boxes. In other areas of the library, we have also replaced some of the old boxes and binders with new boxes. In the future we will be updating the rest of the boxes as we verify the books. We also added another set of shelves for periodicals which will help with room to grow.

In November Dennis and I will be going to Ohio to get some books that they are holding for us. We also have several people sending us books that belonged to a family member who passed away.

Region Report

Wright County is considering possibly merging with the Historical Museum. They are having trouble with getting members involved due to outside interests such as family, etc. Jo Ann Kramer usually goes to the Hamilton County Fall Conference every year and hopefully the roundtable discussion will help her with ideas.

Hamilton County has posted their Fall Conference Flyer on our IGS Board. The conference is on October 10th in Webster City. Dennis is speaking on AI and several IGS board members will be attending the conference and will participate in the roundtable talk.

Tech Committee ~ September 2026 Exec Committee Report

1. Computer Update Project:
 - a. The remaining PC replacement order is in process. It will be for 10 additional machines that will complete replacements and provide one backup.
 - b. There was a meeting on 15 Sep with Gerald to discuss the current server arrangement, partially for the upgrade proposal and partially for the MMIT proposal. Details will be coming at a future time to outline any changes relating to the proposal item in 3.b.
2. Improvements with Conference Center:
 - a. No meaningful updates have occurred this month
 - b. Staff and users of the meeting room are becoming more comfortable with using the installed PC with the projector for sharing information and conducting Zoom meetings, even though there is no camera available.
3. Future improvements being discussed:
 - a. Special project from President Joe Solem to update the sound needs of the Conference Center.
 - i. No new updates to this project
 1. Will likely result in a Request for Proposal (RFP) from several vendors
 - b. MMIT network support – is being moved to the Tech Committee yet.
 - i. Their written proposal is under consideration with some dependencay of input from Gerald, which will be formalized after the meeting 15 Sep.
 - c. Carry over items still in the queue, reporting to not skip future work:
 - i. Electric at the desks in the Conference Center – is it really needed, or just more charging options like a charging space.
 - ii. New projectors for better view – tech is very dated and new equipment would be sharper
 - iii. Next committee meeting is Wed, 23 Sep