

# Advisory Board Minutes – March 2023

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## 2023 Feb Advisory Board Meeting Adjourned / 2023 Mar Advisory Board Meeting Convened

### 02 March 2023

The February 2023 meeting of the Advisory Board is now adjourned and the March 2023 Advisory Board Meeting is now Convened.

Linda K. Lewis

National Coordinator 2022-2023

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## 2022/23 March Order of Business

### 03 March 2023

Per Article IV. of the Special Rules, the Order of Business is as follows:

Minutes

Announcements

- Logins will be disabled to all Rootsweb-hosted Sites in early 2024

Reports

Unfinished Business

- Dissolve Website Review Committee

New Business

- Grievance Committee Appointment

Adjournment

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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.

Linda K. Lewis  
National Coordinator 2022-2023

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**Dissolution of the  
Website Review  
Committee**

**03 March 2023**

The Website Review Committee did an outstanding job of updating, reorganizing, and consolidating content in the Research, Volunteer Support, and Website Support sections of [usgenweb.org](https://www.usgenweb.org). All content was reviewed, many updates were made, and the AB is pleased with your efforts to help make our Project site relevant and up-to-date in 2023.

Now that all Committee goals are successfully completed, the Website Review Committee is hereby dissolved. I sincerely thank **Michael Kay, MaryAlice Schwanke, and Randy Cummings**, for all your very hard work on these updates, and I want to extend a special thank you to **Norma Hass**, Committee Chair, for her time, expertise, and project coordination to make this effort a success. Your participation to go above and beyond to help USGenWeb is deeply appreciated!

I invite all members to visit our website to see what's new: <https://www.usgenweb.org>

Linda K. Lewis  
National Coordinator 2022-2023

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**Grievance  
Committee  
Appointments**

**03 March 2023**

The next order of business is to fill 2 expired 1-year term seats on the Grievance Committee. Karen De Groote, GC Chair, submitted Sharyl Ferrall and Constance Diamond to the AB to fill these expired seats, per Bylaw V. Grievance Procedures, A - Committee Membership, Qualifications & Appointments. <https://www.usgenweb.org/about/standardrules.html#vgrievanceprocedures>

May I hear a motion, by general consent, to appoint Sharyl Ferrall and Constance Diamond to the Grievance Committee for 1-year terms ending March 1, 2024?

----- Original Message -----

From: Karen De Groote <[iage...@gmail.com](mailto:iage...@gmail.com)>

To: webmaster <[webm...@cottonhills.com](mailto:webm...@cottonhills.com)>

Date: 03/03/2023 9:48 PM EST  
Subject: Grievance Committee Expirations

Greetings Linda,  
I am pleased to submit long-time USGenWeb members Sharyl Ferrall and Constance Diamond to the AB to fill the two expired seats on the Grievance Committee. Both volunteers are long-time Project members and have prior grievance process experience.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen De Groote, Chair  
USGenWeb Grievance Committee

Linda K. Lewis  
National Coordinator 2022-2023

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**Motion**

**03 March 2023**

I motion, by general consent, to appoint Sharyl Ferrall and Constance Diamond to the Grievance Committee for 1-year terms ending March 1, 2024

Rebecca Maloney  
Special Projects Representative 2021-2023

I second the motion.

Doreen Harunaga-Ewing  
Southwest/South Central Region  
County Coordinator Representative 2021-2023

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**2022/23-12 Motion to Appoint Grievance Committee Seats**

**03 March 2023**

Moved by Rebecca Maloney, seconded by Doreen Harunaga-Ewing, dated Mar. 3, 2023, and numbered as Motion 2022/23-12, the motion reads:

"I motion, by general consent, to appoint Sharyl Ferrall and Constance Diamond to the Grievance Committee for 1-year terms ending March 1, 2024."

Please state if there are any objections, or respond No Objection.

If there are no objections heard within the response period, or if all members respond with "No Objection" before the response period elapses, the motion will pass. **The response period expires Sunday, Mar. 5, 2023, at 11:59 p.m., EDT.**

Linda K. Lewis  
National Coordinator 2022-2023

No objection.

Doreen Harunaga-Ewing  
Southwest/South Central Region  
County Coordinator Representative 2021-2023

No Objection

Martha A. C. Graham  
Northwest/Plains Region  
County Coordinator Representative 2021-2023

No objection.

Mary Ann Lubinsky  
Northeast/North Central Region  
County Coordinator Representative 2022-2024

No objections

Rebecca Maloney  
Special Projects Representative 2021-2023

No objection.

Trish Elliott-Kashima  
Southeast/Mid-Atlantic Region  
County Coordinator Representative 2021-2023

No objection.

Taneya Koonce  
AB Representative at Large 2021-2023

No objection

Jeff Kemp  
Southeast/Mid-Atlantic Region  
State Coordinator Representative 2022-2024

No objection

Linda Simpson  
Southwest/South Central Region  
State Coordinator Representative 2022-2024

No objections

Trish Elliott-Kashima  
Southeast/Mid-Atlantic Region  
County Coordinator Representative 2021-2023

No objection

Nancy Janyszeski  
Northeast/North Central Region  
State Coordinator Representative 2022-2024

No objection

David Gochenour  
Northwest/Plains Region  
State Coordinator Representative 2021-2023

No objection.

Dale H. Cook  
Northeast/North Central Region  
County Coordinator Representative 2021-2023

No Objection.

MaryAlice Schwanke  
Southwest/South Central Region  
County Coordinator Representative 2022-2024

No Objection

Randy Cummings  
Northwest/Plains Region  
Country Coordinator Representative 2022-2023

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**2022/23-12 Motion to 06 March 2023**

**Appoint Grievance**

**Committee Seats**

**Results**

With all members responding within the response period and having heard no objections, the motion passes, and the Grievance Committee members are now seated.

Thank you to outgoing GC members Diane Curtis and Kris Meyer. your service is gratefully appreciated. And welcome to the new GC members

Sharyl Ferrall and Constance Diamond. We really appreciate you for volunteering.

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**Members Responding No Objection**

Doreen Harunaga-Ewing, SWSC CC  
Martha Graham, NWPL CC  
Mary Ann Lubinsky, NENC CC  
Rebecca Maloney, SP  
Trish Elliott-Kashima, SEMA CC  
Taneya Koonce, RAL  
Jeff Kemp, SEMA CC  
Linda Simpson, SWSC SC  
Tricia Aanderud, SEMA CC  
Nancy Janyszeski, NENC SC  
David Gochenour, NWPL SC  
Dale H. Cook, NENC CC  
MaryAlice Schwanke, SWSC CC  
Randy Cummings, NWPL CC

**Members Not Responding (none)**

Linda K. Lewis  
National Coordinator 2022-2023

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**February 2022/23  
Advisory Board  
Minutes**

**06 March 2023**

Please review the 2022/23 February Advisory Board Minutes and advise if corrections or revisions are needed.

<https://www.usgenweb.org/about/pdfs-minutes/AB-2023-02.pdf>

These Minutes will stand as accepted as of March 8, 2023, at 11:59 PM if no corrections are heard.

Linda K. Lewis  
National Coordinator 2022-2023

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**ANNOUNCEMENT: 09 March 2023**  
**Rootsweb Migration**  
**Project**

USGenWeb Members,

Ancestry.com announced that Rootsweb's hosted websites will become read-only beginning in early 2024.

<https://support.rootsweb.com/s/article/Retiring-and-Migrating-Portions-of-RootsWeb>

Rootsweb was an early foundation for USGenWeb and hosted many of our sites for 2+ decades, but sadly will no longer be a viable hosting option for our Project going forward.

**If you have a site currently hosted on Rootsweb, please contact your State and Assistant State Coordinators immediately.** We are gathering important information to help move and host these projects.

**If you do not have a site hosted on Rootsweb but you could help download sites, do some minimal clean-up, host any sites, or donate any funds for Project hosting, please contact your State Coordinators, or reply directly to me or an AB rep.**

Many people have provided a lot of sweat equity into our project over the past 25+ years by providing unique resources that exist nowhere else and by helping researchers who email us. **THIS IS** what sets us apart from Big Genealogy companies. And now we need to all come together as a community and cross state lines to keep our Project up-to-date, active, and relevant into the future.

**Please reach out to your State leaders, your AB representatives, or me to see how you can help.**

State Coordinators: <https://www.usgenweb.org/about/statecoordinators.html>

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

**We can do this if we all work together!**

Linda K. Lewis  
National Coordinator 2022-2023

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**Adjournment**

**02 April 2023**

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