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2022 Jun Advisory Board Meeting Convened

01 June 2022

The June 2022 meeting of the Advisory Board is now convened.

Linda K. Lewis

National Coordinator 2021-2022

2021/22 Jun Order of Business

01 June 2022

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

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Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

ANNOUNCEMENT: 01 June 2022

**USGenWeb Project
Annual Election -
Nominations to open
June 1, 2022**

*** PLEASE FORWARD TO ALL STATE AND SPECIAL PROJECT
LISTS ***

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

From: **Tina Vickery**

To: **Linda K. Lewis**

Date: May 30, 2022 10:06 PM

Subject: USGenWeb Project Annual Election - Nominations to open June 1,
2022

The USGenWeb Election Committee will begin accepting nominations for
the
2022 USGenWeb Annual Election beginning **June 1, 2022.**

Open positions are listed at
<http://usgenweb.org/usgwelections/nominee-ndx.html>. This page is
updated nightly and will show who has been nominated and whether
they have accepted or declined.

Nominations will close on **14 Jun 2022** at 11:59 p.m. CT.

To submit a nomination, click the Nomination button at
<http://usgwelections.org> and follow the instructions.

Tina Vickery,
USGenWeb Project Election Committee Chair

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

**May Statement of
USGenWeb
Donation Funds**

01 June 2022

For the record:

May 2022 **Beginning Balance: \$281.69**
May 2022 Donations: \$0.00
May 2022 Expenses: \$0.00
May 2022 **Ending Balance: \$281.69**

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

USPTO SM 3936386 01 June 2022
Status

As of today, June 1, 2022, there are still no new documents posted on the USPTO website in response to the Petition to Director that we filed over 3 months ago. Attached is a pdf of the documents page for SM 3936386, saved today, for the record.

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2020-2021

Reflects in who's running the country, in my opinion!

Jeff Kemp
Southeast/Mid-Atlantic Region
County Coordinator Representative 2020-2022

**Designation of
Taneya Koonce,
RAL, as Acting
Presiding Officer
Jun 4-11, 2022**

03 June 2022

I will be unavailable from June 4-11, 2022. Per Standard Rule VIII., I designate Taneya Koonce, RAL, to act as the Presiding Officer during my absence. Thank you, Taneya!

VIII. - DESIGNATION OF ACTING PRESIDING OFFICER.
(Adopted March 8, 2007)

In the temporary absence of the Presiding Officer/National Coordinator (NC) for a period of less than ninety days the Representative at Large (RAL) will act as the Presiding Officer. In the temporary absence of both the NC and the RAL, either the NC or the RAL will designate another member of the Advisory Board to be the Acting Presiding Officer.

<https://www.usgenweb.org/about/standardrules.html>

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

You're welcome! Enjoy your break.

Taneya Koonce
AB Representative at Large 2021-2023

**May 2021/22
Advisory Board
Minutes**

03 June 2022

Please review the 2021/22 May Advisory Board Minutes and advise if corrections or revisions are needed.

<https://www.usgenweb.org/about/pdfs-minutes/AB-2022-05.pdf>

These Minutes will stand as accepted as of Jun 5, 2022, at 11:59 PM if no corrections are heard.

Taneya Koonce
AB Representative at Large 2021-2023

**Designation of
Taneya Koonce,
RAL, as Acting
Presiding Officer
Jun 4-15, 2022**

04 June 2022

This is an update to my previous announcement.

The first leg of my trip was canceled and is now rescheduled for June 6-14. I expect to return as Presiding Officer on the night of June 15. Taneya will continue as Presiding Officer until I return.

Once again, thank you, Taneya!

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Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

Sorry your plans got delayed. Count on me to pitch in as needed 😊

Taneya Koonce
AB Representative at Large 2021-2023

**National
Coordinator Return
as Presiding Officer**

15 June 2022

I will now resume the duty of Presiding Officer of the Advisory Board.

Thank you so very much to Taneya Koonce, RAL, for graciously serving as Presiding Officer during my extended absence!

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

Welcome back

Nancy Janyszeski
Northeast/North Central Region
State Coordinator Representative 2020-2022

Welcome back! Thank you Tanya for filling in!

Rebecca Maloney
Special Projects Representative 2021-2023

ANNOUNCEMENT: 15 June 2022

FWD:

**Congratulations!
You are one of our
Best Genealogy
Websites of 2022**

Once again, the USGenWeb is listed as one of Family Tree Magazine's 101 Best Genealogy websites. Many thanks to FTM for the recognition! The badge will be added to our USGenWeb home page.

On Mon, Jun 6, 2022 at 10:57 AM Rachel Christian
<RachelC@yankeepub.com> wrote:

Dear Honoree,

Hello, this is Rachel Christian from *Family Tree Magazine*. I'm reaching out to let you know that your website has been selected by our editors as one of our [101 Best Genealogy Websites of 2022!](#) This is an annual list that we publish to provide our readers with the best online resources for researching their family history.

Attached, you will find our official press release with more information. I've also attached our 2022 badge, which we encourage our honorees to proudly display on their websites. Of course, we'd appreciate you [linking back to the list](#), as well as giving us a shout-out on social media if you are so inclined:

Facebook: Family Tree Magazine
Twitter: @familytreemag
Instagram: @familytreemag
TikTok: @familytreemagazine

Please feel free to reach out with any questions, and congratulations!

– Rachel

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National Coordinator 2021-2022

ANNOUNCEMENT: 17 June 2022

**IAGenWeb
Promotion Airing
June 20th**

I am very proud and excited to announce that our very own Cindy Maher, SC of IAGenWeb, is a guest on an upcoming podcast to showcase IAGenWeb! Thank you so much, Cindy, for taking the time to tell IAGenWeb's story and spread the word about what we have to offer.

**Please tune in. The podcast airs June 20
on [preservationoaks.podbean.com](https://www.preservationoaks.podbean.com)**

I've included Cindy's announcement below, with her permission.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Cindy Maher

Date: Thu, Jun 16, 2022 at 3:31 PM

Subject: [Members] IAGenWeb Promotion Airing June 20th

To: IAGenWeb Member List

Hello Team,

Recently, I was asked to be a guest on a podcast for the purpose of promoting IAGenWeb. An organization called Preservation Oaks sponsored and hosted the program. This organization highlights and promotes Museums, Cultural and Heritage Institutions, Historical and Genealogical Societies across the United States.

I want to let you know that the recording session is complete, and the show is ready to be released world-wide on June 20th. On June 20, you will be able to listen to the podcast at the following:

[preservationoaks.podbean.com](https://www.preservationoaks.podbean.com) #IAGenWeb #iowa #genealogy
#preservationoak

During the interview, I was given the opportunity to tell the story of IAGenWeb, how we're funded, how we are unique to the audience we serve, and what services we have to offer to the public. I was able to explain why so many people utilize our sites, support, volunteer with and donate and why we hope people will continue to do that in the future.

In particular, I made sure I spoke on each of the following topics:

- Explained we are a part of USGenWeb
- Spelled out our mission
- Praised & explained the role of our volunteer coordinators and talked about who the IAGenWeb coordinators are (in general about time in service, past experience, careers, etc)
- Highlighted our need for volunteer coordinators. Explained that finding coordinators is our biggest challenge right now
- Promoted Friends of IAGenWeb
- Explained our quality standards & peer reviews
- Talked about our Special Projects and highlighted in particular Constance Diamond's Iowa History project and Rich Lowe & the IGPP.
- Talked about our Boards
- Explained our funding model and the importance of Friends membership and donations & how people can contribute
- Explained that our Welcome Hostess Team & Support Team is a benefit & critical to our success
- Explained how to contribute in the way of volunteering as well as contributing through Friends
- Talked about the beauty of the uniqueness our coordinators bring to each county as well the elements that are standard for each county such as a search engine, table of contents, etc.
- Marketed our Facebook page

To tease you just a little and give you just a sneak peak of what you can expect, the host will begin the interview with the following:

“*For this episode, we greet Cindy Maher, the Iowa State Coordinator of the IAGenWeb. If you’ve used the IAGenWeb, this episode will help you understand what the organization has to offer, how you can participate and take advantage of the worthwhile projects the organization has underway, and how to best support them by volunteering and donating. Have fun and find out more about the Organization, the services it offers, and how you can help, by listening to this interview. The Iowa GenWeb is truly one of our nation's Preservation Oaks! The contact information for the Organization: <https://iagenweb.org> < <https://iagenweb.org/>>*”

Team, I tried my hardest to make you all proud! Hope I pulled that off! 😊
I'd like to ask you to help promote IAGenWeb by sending the message below to your county's genealogical societies. Thanks, everyone!

Mark your calendars for June 20th. On this day, a podcast, hosted by Preservation Oaks and featuring IAGenWeb will be released worldwide.

IAGenWeb's State Coordinator, Cindy Booth Maher, through an interview, will help listeners understand what IAGenWeb has to offer, how to participate and take advantage of the many worthwhile projects IAGenWeb has underway.

On June 20, you will be able to listen to the podcast at:

reservationoaks.podbean.com #IAGenWeb #iowa #genealogy
#preservationoak

Cindy

Your support makes IAGenWeb possible.
~Visit The Friends of IAGenWeb today~
http://iagenweb.org/state/friends_of_iagenweb/

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

Adjournment

01 July 2022

The June 2022 meeting of the Advisory Board is adjourned and the July 2022 meeting of the Advisory Board is now convened.

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

The full text of all BOARD-L messages can be viewed in the threaded list archives for this list by subscribing members in their email.

All Advisory Board Minutes are located at <http://usgenweb.org/about/minutes.html>.

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 [Doreen Harunaga-Ewing](#), Secretary.