

# Advisory Board Minutes - February 2017

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## **SESSION OPEN 01 February 2017**

The January 2017 meeting of the Advisory Board is now hereby adjourned. This note hereby convenes the February 2017 meeting of the Advisory Board.

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## **New National Website Design 02 February 2017**

Many of the members of The USGenWeb Project have often told me that the national site should be redesigned. My feelings have been for quite some time that we have a style and branding for the project.

Many members, including the Advisory Board, have expressed a desire to see our national pages become more in standing with the use of iPads, tablets, and cell phone standards for display on those mobile devices.

Our new webmaster, Marsha Bryant, under my critique and requested direction, has been hard at work redesigning the site. It is not yet completed, which will take some additional time; however, as Marsha has started the work, along with the assistance of the Assistant Webmaster, Norma Hass, the AB has been reviewing the design and giving comments on how the site is appearing on computer and mobile devices. It is coming along nicely and we will be making an announcement later as soon as it is ready for unveiling.

I don't know how long we have had the current design and look, but we are retaining as much of the design and colors as possible, but upgrading the entire site, streamlining, and making it more functional. We hope you will enjoy it once it is completed.

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**Executive Session to Discuss a Matter with Special Projects**

**11 February 2017**

This note is to advise that the Advisory Board is going into an Executive Session to discuss a matter with the special projects of The USGenWeb Project.

Thank you.

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**15 February 2017**

This note will note that the Executive Session is completed, and we are returning to Board.

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**Motion 2016/17-03 Motion to Update Special Rules**

**16 February 2017**

MOTION 2016/17-03 Motion to Update Special Rules regarding Appointment of Advisory Board Secretary

Presented by Mike "Dino" Peterson, seconded by Patrice Green, numbered Motion 2016/17-03, and dated February 16, 2017, the motion reads:

I move that the USGenWeb Special Rules be updated to add the following:

"X. SECRETARY. No later than 15 September, each year, the National Coordinator will present to the Advisory Board a potential candidate, or candidates, for the USGenWeb position of Secretary; then, no later than 30 September the Advisory Board will vote to appoint a USGenWeb Secretary to be under the direction of the Advisory Board Presiding Officer until 31 August of the following year."

Is there any discussion on this motion?

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### **17 February 2017**

Presented by Mike “Dino” Peterson, seconded by Patrice Green, numbered Motion 2016/17-03, and dated February 16, 2017, the motion reads:

I move that the USGenWeb Special Rules be updated to add the following:

"X. SECRETARY. No later than 15 September, each year, the National Coordinator will present to the Advisory Board a potential candidate, or candidates, for the USGenWeb position of Secretary; then, no later than 30 September the Advisory Board will vote to appoint a USGenWeb Secretary to be under the direction of the Advisory Board Presiding Officer until 31 August of the following year."

The substitution reads as follows:

Presented by Mike “Dino” Peterson, seconded by Patrice Green numbered Motion 2016/17-03, and now dated February 17, 2017, the substitution read:  
I move that MOTION 2016/17-03 be substituted with:  
USGenWeb Standard Rules be updated by adding:

"XII. ADVISORY BOARD SECRETARY.

A. No later than 30 September, each year, the National Coordinator will present to the Advisory Board a potential candidate, or candidates, for the Secretary; then, no later than 15 October the Advisory Board will vote to appoint a Secretary to be under the direction of the Advisory Board Presiding Officer until 31 August of the following year.

B. In the event there are no candidates, the National Coordinator will appoint the Secretary from among the standing Advisory Board Representatives."

Are there any objections to this substitution?

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### **25 February 2017**

Having heard no objections, Motion 2016/17-3 - MOTION TO UPDATE STANDARD RULES REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF ADVISORY BOARD SECRETARY, is declared passed on February 25, 2017.

As such, I hereby direct the National Webmaster to make the appropriate revision to the Standard Rules so same can be updated.

MARSHA: Please review this with me for both the current site and the revised site.

Thank you.

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**Motion 2016/17-04 - 26 February 2017**

**Motion to Accept and Approve Panel for Grievance Committee**

The following motion being made by Les Shockey, seconded by Shirley Cullum, numbered 2016/17-04, and dated February 26, 2017, and stated as follows:

“I move that the AB accept and approve the list as recommended by John Quigley.”

The potential members being:

Charles Hartley  
Clarissa Lloyd  
Dave Dinham  
Rhonda Stevens  
Paul Pettit

Is there any discussion?

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**27 February 2017**

Having heard no requests for discussion, please vote now by signifying Yes, if you agree to seat this panel, or No, if you do not agree to seat this panel.

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## Adjournment

**01 March 2017**

The February 2017 meeting of the Advisory Board is now hereby adjourned. This note hereby convenes the March 2017 meeting of the Advisory Board.

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