

# Advisory Board Minutes – October 2019

**LINKS TO MINUTES**  
October 2019 Session

October 2019 Session Opened  
Continued Appointment of National Webmaster & Assistant Webmaster  
EC Report 3Q2019  
Motion to Appoint Advisory Board Secretary  
The USGenWeb Project  
Adjournment

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**SESSION OPEN 01 October 2019**

The September 2019 meeting of the Advisory Board is now hereby adjourned. This note hereby convenes the October 2019 meeting of the Advisory Board.

Denise Wells  
National Coordinator 2014-2019

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**Continued Appointment of National Webmaster & Assistant Webmaster**

**01 October 2019**

Marsha Bryant has agreed to continue as Webmaster for The USGenWeb Project national site for the term of 2019-2020. Norma Hass has also agreed to continue as Assistant Webmaster for this same term.

The Advisory Board has previously determined that a Motion for same is not required since Marsha and Norma are continuing in these positions.

Thus, Marsha Bryant and Norma Hass shall continue in these positions through 8/31/2020.

Denise Wells  
National Coordinator 2014-2020

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**EC Report 3Q2019**

**01 October 2019**

From: **USGW Election Committee** <pjr...@att.net>  
Date: Tue, Oct 1, 2019 at 2:11 PM  
Subject: EC Report 3Q2019  
To: Denise Wells <ncusg...@gmail.com>, Special Projects <bjenki...@gmail.com>  
Cc: <pjr...@att.net>

The EC conducted the USGenWeb Project's National Election during the month of July, and a run-off election from 7 Aug through 20 Aug 2017.

Total Members: 1239

Registered to Vote: 849

Passwords Sent 114 (13.43%)

Eligible National Coordinator 849 Voted: 93 (10.95%)

Eligible Rep at Large 849 Voted: 81 (9.54%)

Eligible Special Projects 114 Voted: 19 (16.67%)

Eligible NENC\_CC 256 Voted: 31 (12.11%)

Eligible NWPL\_SC 25 Voted: 11 (44.00%)

Eligible NWPL\_CC 187 Voted: 31 (16.58%)

Eligible SEMA\_CC 278 Voted: 26 (9.35%)

Eligible SWSC\_CC 234 Voted: 35 (14.96%)

#### ELECTION RESULTS:

##### National Coordinator

The EC declares Denise Wells the winner.

Jana Cortez 32 (34.41%)

Denise Wells 61 (65.59%)

##### Representative at Large

The EC declares Linda K. Lewis the winner.

Linda K. Lewis 81 (100%)

##### Special Projects

The EC declares Bob Jenkins the winner.

Bob Jenkins 19 (100%)

##### NENC CC Rep

The EC declares Dale H. Cook the winner.

Dale H. Cook 31 (100%)

##### NWPL CC Rep

The EC declares a runoff between Norma Hass and Rebecca Maloney.

Jeannette Harper 6 (19.35%)

Norma Hass 12 (38.71%)

Rebecca Maloney 13 (41.94%)

##### NWPL CC Rep Run-off Results:

The EC declares Rebecca Maloney the winner.

Norma Hass 15 (44.12%)

Rebecca Maloney 19 (55.88%)

##### NWPL SC Rep

The EC declares David Gochenour the winner.  
David Gochenour 9 (81.82%)  
Gail Kilgore 2 (18.18%)

SEMA CC Rep  
The EC declares Trish Elliott-Kashima the winner.  
Trish Elliott-Kashima 26 (100%)

SWSC CC Rep  
The EC declares Doreen Harunaga-Ewing the winner.  
J. Myles Felihkatubbe 6 (17.14%)  
Doreen Harunaga-Ewing 29 (82.86%)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT for quarter ending 9/30/2019:

Total Members: 1223  
Registered to Vote: 833  
New Members: 4  
Left the Project: 30  
Unresolved bounces: 5  
Deaths reported: 1  
-Shirley Cullum, TXGenWeb, MTGenWeb, MNGenWeb

Respectfully submitted,  
Gayle Triller,  
Election Committee Chair

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**Motion to  
Appoint  
Advisory Board  
Secretary**

**01 October 2019**

I have asked our current AB Secretary to continue in the above position and Doreen has kindly agreed to continue in this position.

May I hear a Motion to Appointment Doreen Harunga-Ewing as Advisory Board Secretary by general consent?

Thank you.

Denise Wells  
National Coordinator 2014-2020

I move to appoint Doreen Harunga-Ewing as Advisory Board Secretary by general consent.

Lesley Shockey  
Southeast/Mid-Atlantic Region  
State Coordinator Representative 2017-2020

I second that motion

Rebecca Maloney  
Northwest/Plains Region  
County Coordinator Representative 2019-2021

**03 October 2019**

Moved by Lesley Shockey, seconded by Rebecca Maloney, dated October 3, 2019, and numbered 2019/20-01, the motion reads as follows:

"I move to appoint Doreen Harunaga-Ewing as Advisory Board Secretary by general consent."

Are there any objections to this motion? If so, please state so, or state "No Objection."

If there are no objections recorded within 48 hours from the date and time of this posting, said motion shall pass.

Denise Wells  
National Coordinator 2014-2020

Those indicating no objection are as follows: Bob Jenkins, Larry Flesher, Nancy Janyszeski, Rebecca Maloney, Mike Peterson, Jan Bony, Linda K. Lewis, Doreen Harunaga-Ewing, Lesley Shockey, David Gochenour, Jeff Kemp, Trish Elliott-Kashima, Jane Colmenares

Those not issuing a response: Dale H. Cook

**05 October 2019**

**RESULTS:** Having heard no objection by the stated deadline of 48 hours, the motion hereby passes. Motion 2019/20-01 hereby appoints Doreen Harunaga-Ewing as the Advisory Board Secretary, with the current term though and including August 31, 2020.

Denise Wells  
National Coordinator 2014-2020

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**The USGenWeb  
Project**

**03 October 2019**

I know that I currently have a motion on the board, but I would like to also hear from folks as to what they feel needs to be done around the project and

what might be ideas you have to help the project garner more CCs and to improve our project in general. Please feel free to post your ideas on the mail lists and/or me privately, if you prefer.

Thanks!

Denise Wells  
National Coordinator 2014-2020

I have a few suggestions for improvement and for possibly finding more CC's. I also have some questions. As PC for the Tombstone Project, am I allowed to create a FB group for this- and possibly encourage my State Mgrs. to create pages for their states? FB generates lots of people looking at our projects and possibly we could find some volunteers this way?

I currently am remaking the PA Tombstone Project page and recently came across one county that had transcriptions and photos for EVERY cemetery. I thought maybe we could acknowledge this in some meaningful way. Whether it's an announcement through our google groups- a personal email to that coordinator ..... or..... (please give suggestions).

I find that even as volunteers most people want some type of recognition. Other sites have how long I have been a member, how many photos I have submitted etc. I do not have enough web creation experience to set this up for any of us, but is this something we should pursue, some type of badge recognition for what people do??

Once again, my brain is totally on the Tombstone Project right now, but any badge program could be applied to all volunteers, like how many completed transcriptions, how many census records.... etc.

As I see it, we need to help improve the communication between the States, Counties and those of us on the National level. I personally appreciate being recognized, so possibly we create a program/spreadsheet. (Thoughts input please.) That on the 1st of the month at roll call we state that Denise Wells in Flagler County Florida added the most files last month. Thank you for all you have added to the FLGenWeb. (Just an example.) Or, we could call out XX County in PA has the most complete cemetery page of the whole program! Thank you XXXXX for all of your work!!

We all are very busy and do not need another full-time project to handle, so this is where we as a team find a simple way to implement this. It could grow to something more, with a new volunteer. :) Possibly we create a list of 12 items (one for each month of the year) of items we would like to see improved, such as:

1. Most New Volunteers
2. Most Census Records Transcribed
3. Most Tombstone Photos uploaded
4. Most Tombstone Cemeteries transcribed (completely)
5. Least broken links on State pages
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.
- 11.
- 12.

And then the first state to 'make the mark' gets called out that month.

This is simply a rough draft of suggestions and I would help coordinate and grow anything mentioned here! Feel free to add to this PLEASE. Teamwork is what will make us better in the long run!!

Rebecca Maloney  
Northwest/Plains Region  
County Coordinator Representative 2019-2021

Rebecca:

Who would keep track of what the members are doing or have done? We are not a content management project generally. And I have heard a lot of complaints about the use of content management sites.

When things get technical, I'm not the one who understands all of those things as well as others. There would have to be someone who can manage those things AND they have to want to do that.

I have no problem with those who create FB accounts for different counties, states, etc. But then again, it needs to be managed by someone who is willing to keep them up and maintain anything that needs to be maintained.

Thoughts?

Denise Wells  
National Coordinator 2014-2020

Denise,

I also have no knowledge of content managed sites. I do think it would be another fulltime project to manage. My hope would be enough other creative

suggestions that would show us a simplified way to give kudos regularly for good work.

Rebecca Maloney  
Northwest/Plains Region  
County Coordinator Representative 2019-2021

Don't we have a motion on the floor?

Mike Peterson  
Northwest/Plains Region  
Country Coordinator Representative 2016-2020

### **05 October 2019**

As stated in my original email, I knew we had a motion on the board; however, what I posted had nothing to do with the motion. I was just making it clear that I knew I had a motion being dealt with. I put the post out separately looking to hear from the membership about ideas to help improve the project.

The motion was finalized earlier today.

Thank you.

Denise Wells  
National Coordinator 2014-2020

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### **Adjournment      01 November 2019**

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National Coordinator 2014-2020

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