

# Advisory Board Minutes – May 2021

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## **SESSION OPEN 01 May 2021**

The April 2021 meeting of the Advisory Board is adjourned and the May 2021 meeting of the Advisory Board is now convened.

Linda K. Lewis  
National Coordinator 2020-2021

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## **2021 May Order of Business 01 May 2021**

Minutes

Announcements

- MTGenWeb Co-sponsor #5 for Proposed Bylaw XII.B. Amendment

Continuing Business

- Proposed Bylaw XII.B. Amendment  
- Report from Website Review Committee

New Business

- Renewal of USGenWeb Service Mark 3968468, due 5/29/2021

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.

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

Linda K. Lewis  
National Coordinator 2020-2021

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**Upcoming  
Amendment #2**

**01 May 2021**

The Advisory Board has received an announcement from MTGenWeb to co-sponsor the proposed USGenWeb Bylaw amendment, posted below for the record. This proposed bylaw amendment now has a total of 5 co-sponsoring States.

> ----- Original Message -----

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

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

> Date: April 30, 2021 8:11 PM

> Subject: Upcoming Amendment #2

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> Greetings Linda,

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> I am happy to report that after 100% support, MTGenWeb will co-sponsor  
> the following amendment as required by our rules.

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> Under the Amendment procedures listed in the Bylaws, MNGenWeb Project  
> is proposing a Bylaw Amendment to revise Bylaw XII. State Projects  
> Paragraph B as follows:

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> "B. The state website shall include direct links to the county pages,  
> The USGenWeb Project national website, The USGenWeb Project Archives  
> (Digital Library) at both their own state and the national levels, The  
> USGenWeb Project's Guidelines/Standards for county websites (which  
> includes a link to the Official Project Name/Logo page), [and] The  
> USGenWeb Project Copyright Information page(,) and the WorldGenWeb  
> Project.

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> By removing the required link to the WorldGenWeb Project.

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> Inserting the word 'and' in front of The USGenWeb Project Copyright  
> Information page and adjusting the punctuation accordingly."

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> Respectfully Submitted,

> Karen De Groote

> MTGenWeb State Coordinator

Linda K. Lewis  
National Coordinator 2020-2021

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**Proposed Bylaw  
XII.B.  
Amendment**

**07 May 2021**

On April 23, 2021, the Advisory Board received a proposal from MNGenWeb to amend a USGenWeb Bylaw. The proposed amendment seeks to strike the requirement that all State sites must provide a link to the WorldGenWeb Project. By striking this as a National requirement, individual States will be free to decide if they wish to include this link on the State website. The proposed amendment is posted in full on the National website at <http://usgenweb.org/about/proposedamendments.html> (second proposed amendment) and shall remain posted on this page until the conclusion of the 2021 annual voting period.

Per Bylaw XVI., C., a proposed amendment shall require a minimum of five (5) states as co-sponsors to command that it be placed on the ballot, and shall remain posted for a period of at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual voting period of July 1-July 31.

As of April 30, 2021, the Advisory Board received announcements from 5 States to co-sponsor this proposed amendment. Each announcement was posted on Board-L for the record and the requirements stated in Bylaw XVI., C. are satisfied.

May I hear a motion, by general consent, to instruct the Election Committee to add the proposed amendment to Bylaw XII.B., as posted on <https://www.usgenweb.org/about/proposedamendments.html> and copied below, and sponsored by MNGenWeb, and co-sponsored by NVGenWeb, NDGenWeb, AKGenWeb, IAGenWeb, and MTGenWeb, to the 2021 election ballot for a vote by the membership?

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**Proposed Bylaw Amendment**

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B. The state website shall include direct links to the county pages, The USGenWeb Project national website, The USGenWeb Project Archives (Digital Library) at both their own state and the national levels, The USGenWeb Project's Guidelines/Standards for county websites (which includes a link to the Official Project Name/Logo page), [and] The USGenWeb Project Copyright Information page (,) **and the WorldGenWeb Project.**

By removing the required link to the WorldGenWeb Project. Inserting the word 'and' in front of The USGenWeb Project Copyright Information page and adjusting the punctuation accordingly.

Submitted:

Tim Stowell, MNGenWeb State Coordinator

Karen De Groot, MNGenWeb Assistant State Coordinator

Co-sponsor 1: NVGenWeb; Rebecca Maloney SC; received 4/25/2021

Co-sponsor 2: NDGenWeb; Michelle Savre, SC; received 4/25/2021

Co-sponsor 3: AKGenWeb; Jeannette Harper SC; received 4/26/2021

Co-sponsor 4: IAGenWeb; Conni McDaniel Hall, SC; received 4/29/2021

Co-sponsor 5: MTGenWeb; Karen De Groot, SC; received 4/30/2021

Linda K. Lewis

National Coordinator 2020-2021

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**Motion 2020/21-14 Proposed Bylaw Amendment (2)**

**07 May 2021**

Moved by Denise Wells, seconded by Lesley Shockey, dated May 7, 2021, and numbered as Motion 2020/21-14, the full motion reads as shown below under **Motion**.

Is there any discussion? If so, state your request for discussion.  
If no discussion needed, respond "No Discussion".

The discussion period will be open for 48 hours and conclude on Sunday, May 9, 2021, at 6:00 PM EDT.

**Motion:**

"I move, by general consent, that the Election Committee be instructed to add the proposed amendment to remove the requirements from the Bylaws at Bylaw XII. State Projects, Paragraph B, that the states connect to the WorldGenWeb Project, as posted on <https://www.usgenweb.org/about/proposedamendments.html>, and sponsored by MNGenWeb, and co-sponsored by NVGenWeb, NDGenWeb, AKGenWeb, IAGenWeb, and MTGenWeb, to the 2021 election ballot for a vote by the membership, as stated below:

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Linda K. Lewis

National Coordinator 2020-2021

No discussion

Linda Simpson

Southwest/South Central Region

State Coordinator Representative 2020-2022

No discussion.

Lesley Shockey

Southeast/Mid-Atlantic Region

State Coordinator Representative 2020-2022

No discussion.

Mike Peterson

Northwest/Plains Region

Country Coordinator Representative 2020-2022

No discussion.

Dale H. Cook

Northeast/North Central Region

County Coordinator Representative 2019-2021

No discussion.

Nancy Janyszeski

Northeast/North Central Region

State Coordinator Representative 2020-2022

No discussion

Bob Jenkins  
Special Projects Representative 2020-2021

No Discussion.

MaryAlice Schwanke  
Southwest/South Central Region  
County Coordinator Representative 2020-2022

No discussion.

Trish Elliott-Kashima  
Southeast/Mid-Atlantic Region  
County Coordinator Representative 2019-2021

No discussion.

Denise Wells  
AB Representative at Large 2020-2021

No discussion.

Mary Ann Lubinsky  
Northeast/North Central Region  
County Coordinator Representative 2020-2022

No discussion

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

No discussion.

Doreen Harunaga-Ewing  
Southwest/South Central Region  
County Coordinator Representative 2019-2021

No discussion

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

**10 May 2021**

Having heard no discussion in the allotted time period, and with all Advisory Board members responding, the motion passes. The Election Committee will be advised to include the proposed amendment listed on <https://www.usgenweb.org/about/proposedamendments.html> in the ballot of the upcoming general election.

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Members responding No Discussion:

Linda Simpson

Lesley Shockey

Mike Peterson  
Dale H. Cook  
Nancy Janyszeski  
Bob Jenkins  
David Gochenour  
MaryAlice Schwanke  
Trish Elliott-Kashima  
Denise Wells  
Mary Ann Lubinsky  
Rebecca Maloney  
Doreen Harunaga-Ewing  
Jeffrey Kemp

Members not responding:  
None

Linda K. Lewis  
National Coordinator 2020-2021

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**2020/21 April  
Advisory Board  
Minutes**

**08 May 2021**

The 2020/21 April Advisory Board Minutes are located at the link below. Please review and advise if corrections or revisions are needed. If no corrections are heard, these Minutes will stand as accepted as of May 10, 2021, at 11:59 PM.

<https://www.usgenweb.org/about/pdfs-minutes/AB-2021-04.pdf>

Linda K. Lewis  
National Coordinator 2020-2021

Wow !! Bunches and bunches done in April. Thanks to Doreen and Linda.

Mike Peterson  
Northwest/Plains Region  
Country Coordinator Representative 2020-2022

HI, I read the minutes. This format is different than earlier minutes which might have been over detailed.

Should results of motions be included?

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



Yes, results should be included. Do you find that one is missing?

Linda K. Lewis  
National Coordinator 2020-2021

Results should always be included.

Denise Wells  
AB Representative at Large 2020-2021

I see no mistakes except for the years that I have been on the Advisory Board as SEMA as the State Coordinator Representative and the years of service for others on the Advisory Board.

Lesley Shockley, SEMA State Coordinator Representative 2004-2022

Lesley Shockley  
Southeast/Mid-Atlantic Region  
State Coordinator Representative 2020-2022

Agreed. If we are to include years with each position, it should be the current term years.

Linda K. Lewis  
National Coordinator 2020-2021

I see several motions but this one ...

ANNOUNCEMENT: Proposed USGenWeb Bylaw Amendment 25th-  
Anniversary USGenWeb Logos Motion to Approve USGenWeb Project 25th  
Anniversary Logos Motion 2020/21-12 USGenWeb Project 25th Anniversary  
Logos ANNOUNCEMENT: USGenWeb 25th Anniversary Logos Available

is showing ... *ANNOUNCEMENT: USGenWeb 25th Anniversary Logos  
Available*

Which suggests that the motion passed.

It may all be correct, it just caught my eye.

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

Can the format be corrected for the spacing of the titles of each so that ANNOUNCEMENT is not split improperly? Would look much

better. Thanks.

Denise Wells  
AB Representative at Large 2020-2021

I would also reduce the header space, footer space, and left margins. Too much white space and ultimately makes the document longer.

Denise Wells  
AB Representative at Large 2020-2021

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**Announcement - 22 May 2021**  
**Reminder:**  
**USGenWeb**  
**Project Annual**  
**Election**

Please share with all members.  
----- Original Message -----  
From: [tsvi...@gmail.com](mailto:tsvi...@gmail.com)  
To: [webm...@cottonhills.com](mailto:webm...@cottonhills.com)  
Date: May 20, 2021 8:21 PM  
Subject: Reminder: USGenWeb Project Annual Election

Dear USGenWeb Project Member,

It is that time of year when we prepare for our annual USGenWeb Project election. If you have not previously registered to vote in the elections you will need to do so now. Registration will close on May 31 at 12M central time. It is also a good idea to check to make sure that all of your regions show within your record. If any are missing you will not be able to vote in that area of the election. To check your record go to <http://usgenweb.org/usgwelections/registration/regGuide.html> for instructions on registering and accessing your record.

State and Special Project Coordinators, if you have not notified the Election Committee of new members or have not removed old members, then the new members will not be able to vote and the old ones will still be able to. This is not what we want. Please make sure that you have updated your Project Membership List with the EC.

This year the ballot will also include two proposed bylaw amendments:

- (1) Shall Article XI. LOCAL PROJECTS, Section C. be amended to remove the requirement for an area devoted to queries?
- (2) Shall Article XII. STATE PROJECTS, Section B. be amended to remove the requirement of a link to the WorldGenWeb Project?

Tina Vickery  
USGenWeb Election Committee Chair

Linda K. Lewis  
National Coordinator 2020-2021

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**Temporary  
Advisory Board  
Representative  
the Election  
Committee**

**31 May 2021**

For the record, effective immediately Les Shockey will serve as temporary ex-officio Advisory Board representative to the Election Committee during the election period, while Dale Cook and I are unsubbed from the Election Committee mail list, per the Election Committee rules.

Linda K. Lewis  
National Coordinator 2020-2021

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**Report from  
Special  
Committee to  
Review  
USGenWeb  
Website**

**31 May 2021**

From Rebecca Malone, Chair, for the record:

Our committee discussed all of the pages. We agreed on the one tombstone page changes and submitted that for May.

Each of us had other commitments and needed a break but we anticipate getting back at it next week.

Linda K. Lewis  
National Coordinator 2020-2021

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**Adjournment**

**01 June 2021**

The May 2021 meeting of the Advisory Board is adjourned and the June 2021 meeting of the Advisory Board is now convened.

Linda K. Lewis  
National Coordinator 2020-2021

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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.