

Advisory Board Minutes – November 2021

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**2021 Oct Advisory
Board Meeting
Adjourned / 2021
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Meeting Convened**

01 November 2021

The October 2021 meeting of the Advisory Board is adjourned and the November 2021 meeting of the Advisory Board is now convened.

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

**2021/22 November
Order of Business**

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

Minutes

Announcements

New Business

1. Family Group Sheet Project, submitted by Rebecca Maloney, Gina Heffernan.
2. Personnel Item

Adjournment

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 2021-2022

Family Group Sheet Project 04 November 2021

The first order of business for November is a request to reinstate the Family Group Sheets Project as a USGenWeb Special Project, submitted by Rebecca Maloney and Gina Heffernan.

Background: The Family Group Sheets project, <http://www.fgs-project.com/> was a USGenWeb Special Project until January 2009, when the project creator resigned from USGenWeb. Long-time FGS managing partner Gina Heffernan (TXGenWeb SC) took over the FGS project after the passing of the original project creator and wishes to return the project to USGenWeb. Gina agrees to add the appropriate Project logo, links, and add an Assistant Project Manager if FGS is reinstated.

Wayback in Jan
2009: <https://web.archive.org/web/20090105214805/http://usgenweb.org/projects/index.shtml>

Rebecca, will you please present any additional information you have for consideration?

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

Hi Everyone,

1. Special Projects should always offer genealogy resources and FGS does that.
2. I contacted Gina a few years ago and she was VERY responsive and helpful on getting my personal fgs loaded, which was not quite as simple because no one had worked on the counties mine are from. We need an attentive PC and Gina is attentive.
3. We already offer many resources and I believe reinstating the FGS is a benefit to all of us.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter. Feel free to ask any questions that you may have.

Thank you,

Rebecca Maloney
Special Projects Representative 2021-2023

Thank you, Rebecca. The floor is now open for discussion until Saturday, November 6 at 11:59 PM. Please feel free to post any questions, support, or concerns.

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

I'm in full support of the FGS being added back to the special projects on the Nat'l site, as long as all requirements per the Bylaws & SC/CC Guidelines are in place.

I have both submitted to the FGS, and broken through 'brick walls' from information submitted by others.

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

In my opinion it is a great idea to reinstate the FGS.

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

I think it is a good idea to reinstate the FGS. I didn't know there was a project like this. I like it.

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

I agree with reinstating.

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

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I am in support of reinstating the FGS.

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

I am in support of reinstating the FGS.

Linda Simpson
Southwest/South Central Region
State Coordinator Representative 2020-2022

I agree with reinstating FGS

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

I agree to keep it going also.

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

I am in support of reinstating the NGS project.

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

I have no objections to the reinstatement of the FGS Project

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

I am in favor of reinstating the FGS Project.

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

I am fully supportive of FGS being a USGenWeb Special Project, not under the Archives Project, and fully answerable to USGW Advisory Board.

Mike Peterson
Northwest/Plains Region

Country Coordinator Representative 2020-2022

I am in favor of reinstatement.

Taneya Koonce
AB Representative at Large 2021-2023

**Motion to Reinstatement
Family Group Sheets
as a Special Project**

07 November 2021

Having heard a favorable discussion, may I hear a motion, by general consent, to reinstate the Family Group Sheets Project (<http://www.fgs-project.com/>) as a USGenWeb Special Project, with the addition of an approved USGenWeb logo that links to USGenWeb.org, with Gina Heffernan as the Project Coordinator, and with an Assistant Project Coordinator of her choosing to serve as voter-qualified members of this Special Project?

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2020-2021

I'm making a motion to reinstate FGS Project.

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

I second the motion

Rebecca Maloney
Special Projects Representative 2021-2023

**2021/22-07 Motion to
Reinstate Family
Group Sheets as a
Special Project**

07 November 2021

Moved by Jeffrey Kemp, seconded by Rebecca Maloney, dated Nov. 7, 2021, and numbered as Motion 2021/22-07, the motion reads:

"I move, by general consent, to reinstate the Family Group Sheets Project (<http://www.fgs-project.com/>) as a USGenWeb Special Project, with the addition of an approved USGenWeb logo that links to USGenWeb.org, with Gina Heffernan as the Project Coordinator, and with an Assistant Project Coordinator of her choosing to serve as voter-qualified members of this Special Project."

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

If there are no objections heard within 48 hours the motion will pass.

The response period expires Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2021, at 8:00 p.m., EST.

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2020-2021

No objections!

Rebecca Maloney
Special Projects Representative 2021-2023

No Objections.

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

No objection.

Linda Simpson
Southwest/South Central Region
State Coordinator Representative 2020-2022

No objection.

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

No Objection.

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

No objection

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

No objection.

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

No Objection.

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

No objection.

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

No objection.

Taneya Koonce
AB Representative at Large 2021-2023

No Objection.

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

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No objection.

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

No objection.

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

I object.

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

Please state the reasons for your objection.

Linda K. Lewis

National Coordinator 2021-2022

I objected because I didn't see, might have missed, where it would be stated that the accuracy of the information submitted was not necessarily documented.

I also don't completely understand how or why this is associated with the u.s. genweb. I am aware that everyone thinks it's a good idea and has no objection. I just wasn't comfortable.

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

Nancy,
I don't understand 'accuracy of the information submitted was not necessarily documented' If you are referring to why I requested this be brought back to the USGenWeb those reasons were stated in the exec board. If you are referring to something different can you explain it for me, please?

Thank you,

Rebecca Maloney
Special Projects Representative 2021-2023

Hi not a big deal I just wasn't comfortable agreeing 100% with it I know everybody else agrees and it's fine. I was relating to the ancestry trees submissions and how inaccurate some can be and thought that the family submissions we're similar some had documentation and some did not.

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

On each of the state pages in FGS, there is a Disclaimer
"Neither the FGS Project nor this project coordinator make any claims or estimates of the validity of the information submitted. Each new piece of information must be researched and proved or disproved by weight of evidence. It is always best to consult the original sources for verification."

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

Hello,
I know I voted "No Objection", but Nancy makes a valid point and one that

I wholeheartedly agree with.

For the very simple reason that most of 'today's researchers do not know, or appreciate the necessity of documentation.

There are way too many mistakes being perpetuated by folks blindly taking other's work and making it their own.

I know the FGS Project might be valuable for 'clues', but in truth, most just overlook that 'wonderful find' and grab and go.

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

I understand Nancy's comments and I understand her concern and it is appropriate and all of us should be concerned as well based on our positions. As I understand the FGS, it will be a tool similar to all the Archive projects and to some extent our county sites and that tool is to facilitate someone's desire to in some way capture genealogy information. In my mind we can try to get assurance that submitted information is accurate but that's about as far as we can go. We are not police and perhaps that is why a big part of our copyright language rests with the submitter. Thanks Nancy for getting me to think about this anyway and I hope your thinking can allow us to continue with general consent and not have to go through the time needed for a vote.

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

Do we need me to not have an objection to just move forward if so I'm happy to do so no objection

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

Nancy, do you withdraw your objection? Martha, do you still respond "no objection"?

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

Yes I withdraw my objection

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

2021/22-07 Motion to Reinststate Family Group Sheets as a Special Project Results

10 November 2021
With all members responding within the allotted time period and having heard no objections, the motion passes. Welcome back, FGS!

The Election Committee is requested to add the FGS Special Project to the Membership rolls. The Advisory Board will provide an update for USGenWeb.org.

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Members Responding No Objection:

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

Members Not Responding: (None)

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

**October 2021/22
Advisory Board
Minutes**

10 November 2021

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

<https://www.usgenweb.org/about/pdfs-minutes/AB-2021-10.pdf>

These Minutes will stand as accepted as of Nov. 12, 2021, at 11:59 PM if no corrections are heard.

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

**Executive Session
Convened**

12 November 2021

The next order of business addresses a personnel issue. The Advisory Board is hereby called into Executive Session.

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

**Executive Session
Adjourned**

15 November 2021

The Executive Session is now adjourned and the Board Session is reconvened.

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

**Motion to Appoint
DCGenWeb State
Coordinator**

15 November 2021

Ray Gurganus requested to retire as State Coordinator for DCGenWeb. The Advisory Board extends their thanks and gratitude to Ray for all his years of service in USGenWeb, and we wish him the very best going forward.

DCGenWeb is an unusual circumstance because it's a USGenWeb State with no member sites, and is, therefore, unable to elect a new SC per Bylaw XII. E. To fill this SC role, the Advisory Board put out a call for volunteers and received submissions from 3 members. During an Executive Session, the AB reviewed the candidates and, by a majority vote, selected Norma Haas to manage DCGenWeb.

Thank you so much to all 3 volunteers for your offer. We really appreciate each of you for your willingness to take on more for our Project.

May I hear a motion to appoint Norma Haas as the new State Coordinator for DCGenWeb?

Those voting in Executive Session:

Mike Peterson, NWPL CC
Jeff Kemp, SEMA CC
Martha Graham, NWPL CC
Trish Elliott-Kashima, SEMA CC

Linda Simpson, SWSC SC
David Gochenour, NWPL SC
Doreen Harunaga-Ewing, SWSC CC
Dale H. Cook, NENC CC
Lesley Shockey, SEMA SC
Mary Ann Lubinsky, NENC CC
MaryAlice Schwanke, SWSC CC
Rebecca Maloney, SP
Nancy Janyszeski, NENC SC
Taneya Koonce, RAL

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

I move that Norma Haas be appointed as the new State Coordinator for DCGenWeb.

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

I second the motion

Rebecca Maloney
Special Projects Representative 2021-2023

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I withdraw my motion to appoint Norma Haas as State Coordinator for DCGenWeb

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

I withdraw my second of the motion

Rebecca Maloney
Special Projects Representative 2021-2023

**Motion to Appoint
DCGenWeb
Coordinator**

16 November 2021

I move to appoint Norma Haas as the new Coordinator for DCGenWeb.

MaryAlice Schwanke
Southwest/South Central Region

County Coordinator Representative 2020-2022

I second this motion

Rebecca Maloney
Special Projects Representative 2021-2023

The current motion, as moved by MaryAlice Schwanke and seconded by Rebecca Maloney, is ruled Out of Order. The motion is in conflict with DCGenWeb's status as a State in USGenWeb and with Bylaw XIII.A.

May I hear a motion to appoint Norma Haas as the new State Coordinator for DCGenWeb?

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

**Motion Re
DCGenWeb**

16 November 2021

I move that Norma Haas be appointed as the new State Coordinator for DCGenWeb.

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

I second Mike's motion

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

**Motion 2021/22-08 to
Appoint DCGenWeb
State Coordinator**

16 November 2021

Moved by Mike Peterson, seconded by Jeffrey Kemp, dated November 16, 2021, and numbered as Motion 2021/22-08, the motion reads:

"I move that Norma Haas be appointed as the new State Coordinator for DCGenWeb."

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

The discussion period will be open for 48 hours and conclude on Wednesday, November 18, 2021, at 10:00 PM EST.

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

No Discussion.
MaryAlice Schwanke
Southwest/South Central Region
County Coordinator Representative 2020-2022

No discussion

Thank you,

Rebecca Maloney
Special Projects Representative 2021-2023

No Discussion.

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

No discussion

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

No discussion

Linda Simpson
Southwest/South Central Region
State Coordinator Representative 2020-2022

No discussion

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

No Discussion.

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

No Discussion.

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

No discussion.

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

No discussion.

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

No discussion.

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

No discussion

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

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No discussion

Taneya Koonce
AB Representative at Large 2021-2023

No discussion.

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

19 November 2021

Having heard "no discussion" from all Advisory Board members, the motion is now open for vote.

Motion: "I move that Norma Haas be appointed as the new State Coordinator for DCGenWeb."

If you agree with this Motion, vote YES. If you disagree, vote NO. Voting will continue for 48 hours and conclude on Sunday, November 21, 2021, at 8:00 AM EST.

Members responding "No Discussion"

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

Members not responding (none)

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

Yes

Linda Simpson
Southwest/South Central Region
State Coordinator Representative 2020-2022

Yes

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

Yes

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

Yes

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

YES

Rebecca Maloney
Special Projects Representative 2021-2023

Yes

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

Yes.

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

Yes

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

Yes.

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

YES.

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

Yes

Taneya Koonce
AB Representative at Large 2021-2023

YES.

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

Yes.

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

Yes

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

Motion 2021/22-08 to Appoint DCGenWeb State Coordinator Results

21 November 2021

With all 14 Advisory Board members voting YES, the Motion to appoint Norma Haas as the new DCGenWeb SC passes.

Motion: "I move that Norma Haas be appointed as the new State Coordinator for DCGenWeb."

Thank you to Norma for volunteering for this role, and thank you to all members who also volunteered.

Members responding "Yes"

Linda Simpson, SWSC SC
Trish Elliott-Kashima, SEMA CC
Nancy Janyszeski, NENC SC
David Gochenour, NWPL SC
Rebecca Maloney, SP
Martha Graham, NWPL CC
Doreen Harunaga-Ewing, SWSC CC
Jeff Kemp, SEMA CC
Dale H. Cook, NENC CC
Mike Peterson, NWPL CC
Taneya Koonce, RAL

MaryAlice Schwanke, SWSC CC
Mary Ann Lubinsky, NENC CC
Lesley Shockey, SEMA SC

Members responding "No" (none)

Members not responding (none)

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2021-2022

**Designation of
Taneya Koonce as
Acting Presiding
Officer 11/27-12/5**

23 November 2021

I will be unavailable from 27 Nov - 5 Dec 2021. Per Standard Rule VIII., I designate Taneya Koonce, RAL, to act as the Presiding Officer during my absence.

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

Adjournment

23 November 2021

The November 2021 meeting of the Advisory Board is adjourned.

I wish all Project members a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving!

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.