

Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS) - General Membership Meeting
Friday, April 24, 2020
GoToMeeting Webinar courtesy of Texas State Genealogical Society (TxSGS)

Call To Order – Nick Cimino, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Welcome to Visitors and New Members – Nick welcomed attendees to the first general meeting held via a webinar. Attendance for the webinar was 44 total participants which included 25 members and 19 visitors.

Announcements

- **BAGS Journal** – Nick encouraged members to contribute to the upcoming edition of the BAGS Journal.
- **Membership Report** – Nick announced the number of current members is 184. He reminded members that online registration is available on our website at www.txbayareagen.org or members can download an application form from the website and mail the completed application and membership fee to the BAGS post office box listed on the website.
- **Announcements from the floor** – Nick requested that if members had an announcement to send a chat message. Nick informed members that the Yearbook and Journals are available from the website and that all general meetings will be held online until further notice.

Future Events – Nick encouraged members to attend the upcoming online events:

BAGS Weekly Zoom Meeting #1 on Mondays at 10 AM – Join online or by phone in weekly Zoom sessions designed to provide an avenue for member communication and assistance. Participants are asked to share their screens and demonstrate recent research discoveries or accomplishments. Members are also encouraged to ask for assistance with roadblocks. Session moderators are: 1st hour – Nick Cimino, 2nd hour – George Porterfield.

BAGS Weekly Zoom Meeting #2 on Monday at 7:30 PM – Join online or by phone in a weekly Zoom session designed initially to focus on Tips and Tricks Using Family Search. Session moderator: is Kim Zrubek.

Closed Until Further Notice – Bus trip to Clayton Library

Closed Until Further Notice – Members Helping Members at Friendswood LDS Family History Center

Friday, May 29, 2020 at 7pm BAGS General Meeting – Devon Lee will present “Exploring Ancestry DNA Thru Lines” via a webinar.

Program – Nick introduced the speaker, Bernard Meisner PhD, CCM who presented the program, “Techniques and Strategies for More Effective Online Searching”. Mr. Meisner, a retired meteorologist, previously taught at the Universities of Texas, Oklahoma and Saint Thomas (Houston). A handout was provided; however, the webinar was not recorded.

Adjournment – Nick adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.