

Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS) - General Membership Meeting
Friday, June 26, 2020
Webinar hosted by Texas State Genealogical Society

Call To Order – Nick Cimino, President, called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Welcome to Visitors and New Members – Nick welcomed members and visitors to the general meeting held via a webinar hosted by the Texas State Genealogical Society. Attendance for the webinar was 65 total participants which included 43 members and 22 visitors.

Announcements

- **BAGS Journal** – Nick encouraged members to contribute to the upcoming edition of the Journal.
- **Membership Report** – Nick announced the number of current members is 185 which includes 52 members who did not renew their membership for the 2019-2020 membership year. Nick announced that visitors are allowed to attend two meetings without joining BAGS; online registration is available on our website at www.txbayareagen.org.
- **Announcements from the floor** – Nick informed the audience that if they had an announcement to use the chat message function.

Registration for Membership Year 2020-2021 – Nick encouraged members to renew their membership beginning 1 July, 2020 for the new membership year (1 Sep 2020 to 31 Aug 2021). Members can use the online membership application form on our web site (check the Renewal option) and submit payment via PayPal (credit and debit cards accepted via PayPal) 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 BAGS website; both of these options are available on the BAGS home page. Membership renewal is due by 31 October 2020.

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

Members Helping Members Session #1 on Monday at 10 AM – Join online or by phone for 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 research roadblocks. Moderators are Nick Cimino and George Porterfield.

Members Helping Members Session #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. 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

General Meeting on Friday, July 31, 2020 at 7pm – Linda Hudson will present “Quaker Ancestry Research” via an online webinar; see the BAGS website for additional details.

Proposed Bylaws Revisions – Nick announced proposed revisions to the bylaws that address the following areas: membership categories, donation categories and membership renewal period limited to July 1 to October 31 each year. Members will be informed of these proposed revisions via email, newsletter, Facebook and on the member's section only of the BAGS website. A vote by membership to accept or reject these revisions is planned for the July 27, 2020 general meeting.

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Program – Nick introduced the speaker, Melissa Corn Finlay, who presented the program “Orphans, Infants and Minors: Genealogy Nuggets and Pitfalls in Guardianship Records.” Ms. Finlay earned her Bachelor of Arts degree (BA) in Family History-Genealogy from Brigham Young University and is accredited for research in the United States Mid-South region through International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists (ICAPGen). She has extensive genealogy research experience across much of the United States and is a specialist in research planning, solving genealogy brick walls, research report writing and document analysis.

Discussion of Guardianship Records – Following the presentation Nick opened a question and answer discussion with the speaker, Melissa Corn Finlay, regarding key points of her presentation.

Adjournment – Nick adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.