

Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS) - General Membership Meeting
Friday, July 31, 2020
Webinar hosted by Texas State Genealogical Society

Call To Order – Nick Cimino, President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 32 participants which included 31 members and 1 visitor.

Announcements

- **BAGS Journal** – Nick encouraged members to contribute a story, photo, record to the Journal. Articles for the Journal can be sent to the following email address: journal@txbayareagen.org.
- **Membership Report** – Nick announced the number of current members is 187 and that visitors can attend two meetings without joining BAGS.
- **Announcements from the floor** – Nick informed the audience that if they had an announcement to use the chat message function.

Registration for BAGS Membership Year 2020-2021 – Nick encouraged members to renew their BAGS membership for the new membership year (Sep 1, 2020 to Aug 31, 2021). There are two options to renew membership. For online submission and payment (via PayPal) members can use the online option available from the website. 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. Membership renewal is due by 31 October 2020.

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

Members Helping Members – Join online or by phone in our 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. See the website for additional details.

- **BAGS Online Members Helping Members via Zoom #1 on Mondays at 10 AM.**
Moderators are Nick Cimino and George Porterfield.
- **BAGS Online Members Helping Members via Zoom #2 on Monday at 7:30 PM.**
Moderator is Kim Zrubek.

Closed Until Further Notice – Bus trips to Clayton Library and Members Helping Members at Friendswood LDS Family History Center.

General Meeting on Friday, August 28, 2020 at 7pm – Elizabeth O'Neal will present "Using Digital Libraries: Search Strategies for Family Historians". Details regarding the general meeting will be posted on the website and emailed to members.

Vote on Bylaws Revisions – Nick highlighted the proposed revisions to "Article IV Membership and Dues" of the bylaws prior to requesting a membership vote. Twenty-nine members cast a vote; all votes were "yes". The proposed revisions to the bylaws were approved by a quorum of members.

Program – Nick introduced the speaker, Linda Hudson, who presented the program, "Quaker History and Their Records". Linda is a native Houstonian and fourth generation Texan who has studied Quaker records extensively as she researched her family genealogy.

Adjournment – Nick adjourned the meeting at 8:38 pm.