

**Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS) - General Membership Meeting**  
**Friday, January 29, 2021**  
**Webinar hosted by Texas State Genealogical Society**

**Call to Order** – Lisa Smith, BAGS President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Welcome to Visitors and New Members** – Lisa welcomed members and visitors to the first general meeting of 2021 and thanked Texas State Genealogical Society for hosting the webinar.

**Announcements**

- **Changes to the Board of Directors** – Lisa announced the following changes to the Board:
  - **President** – Lisa Smith assumed the role of President on January 1, 2021 following the resignation of Nick Cimino who will serve in the role as Past President.
  - **1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President** – Susie Ganch was elected by the Board to fill this role previously held by Lisa Smith.
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President** – Becky Jones was elected by the Board to fill this role previously held by Susie Ganch.
  - **Journal Editor** – Todd Roberts was elected by the Board to fill this role previously held by Lisa Franklin.
  - **Pedigree Charts** – Anita Cooper was elected by the Board to fill this role previously held by Lisa Franklin.
- **Membership Survey Results** – Lisa reviewed the results of the recent membership survey; 35 members responded to the survey.
- **Open positions on the Board of Directors** – Lisa encouraged members to consider filling one of the following open Board positions: Member Services, Telephone and Welcoming committees.
- **Membership Report** – Lisa announced the number of current members is **125** and that visitors may attend two general meetings without joining BAGS.
- **2020-2021 Yearbook** – Lisa announced the Yearbook is available on the website and that a printed copy of the Yearbook will be mailed to those members who paid the mailing fee. Corrections or photos for the Yearbook can be emailed to [yearbook@txbayareagen.org](mailto:yearbook@txbayareagen.org).

**Future Events** – Lisa encouraged members to attend the following events:

**Members Helping Members - Join online or by phone in our weekly Zoom sessions** designed to provide an avenue for member sharing about recent research discoveries or accomplishments and provide a means to ask for assistance with roadblocks.

- **Online via Zoom #1 – Mondays at 10 AM**  
Moderators: Renee Ball and George Porterfield. See website for details.
- **Online via Zoom #2 – Mondays at 7 PM**  
Moderator: Kim Zrubek, Initial focus on Tips and Tricks Using Family Search.
- **In-Person – The Friendswood Family History Center** is open only to BAGS members for research. Bring your own laptop and use their Wi-Fi or use one of their six computers.
  - Wednesday, December 2 at 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM
  - Wednesday, January 6 at 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM
- **German Special Interest Group – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 2 PM**  
Moderator: George Porterfield

**Closed Until Further Notice** – Bus trip to Clayton Library

**Next General Meeting via Webinar – Friday, February 19, 2021 7pm** (**one week early** due to RootsTech conference on February 28)

- Speaker: Thomas MacEntee – Brick Wall Breakthroughs

**Tonight's Program** – Lisa introduced the speaker, Diana Elder, who is an experienced, accredited genealogist. Ms. Elder is the author of the book, Research Like a Pro: A Genealogist Guide, and she hosts weekly podcasts on her website, FamilyLocket.com. Ms. Elder presented the topic, The Family Search Catalog: A Researchers Best Friend, which addressed how to navigate the search features of the Family Search Catalog as this is a valuable resource that includes references to billions of genealogical records.

**Adjournment** – Lisa adjourned the meeting at 8:17 pm.