

**Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS) – General Membership Meeting Agenda**  
**Friday, July 30, 2021**  
**Zoom Webinar**

**Call to Order** – Lisa Smith, BAGS President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

**Welcome to Visitors and New Members** – Lisa welcomed new members and visitors to the meeting and reminded visitors that they may attend two meetings prior to joining BAGS.

**Announcements**

- **Board of Directors elections and open positions:** Lisa introduced the slate of officers for the upcoming election and encouraged members to consider volunteering for one of the two open committee chair positions, County Coordinator and Telephone. Lisa announced that members may vote for the slate of officers on August 1 and that voting will conclude at the August meeting scheduled for Saturday, August 28. Details on how members can vote electronically will be provided in an email or members may access the Members Only page to vote; members will need the members password to electronically submit their vote.
- **Membership Report:** Lisa announced the number of current members is 153 and that membership is not restricted to the Houston area or to the state of Texas.
- **Membership Renewals:** Lisa announced that membership renewals began July 1 for the new membership year which begins September 1, 2021.
- **Journal:** Lisa encouraged members to write an article for the upcoming Journal. Guidelines and deadlines are available on the Members Only page. She also announced that at the end of the year a drawing will be held to award one author of a Journal article a BAGS Goodie Bag.
- **Announcements from the floor:** Lisa informed the audience that if they had an announcement or question to use the chat message function.

**Future Events** – Lisa encouraged members to attend the following BAGS events and to access the various genealogical events that are posted on the sidebar of the website.

- **Members Helping Members:** Designed to provide an avenue for member sharing about recent research discoveries or accomplishments and provide a means to ask for assistance with roadblocks. See website for details.
  - **Online via Zoom #1 – Monday mornings at 10 AM**  
Moderators: Renee Ball and George Porterfield
  - **Online via Zoom #2 – Monday evenings at 7 PM**  
Moderator: Kim Zrubek
  - **Online via Zoom #3 – 1st Sunday of each month at 2 PM**  
See the sidebar for details on dates.  
Moderator: Kim Zrubek, Initial focus on Tips and Tricks Using Family Search.
  - **In-Person – The Friendswood Family History Center – Wednesday, August 18 at 9:30 AM**  
Open only to BAGS members for research. Bring your own laptop and use their Wi-Fi or use one of their six computers.
- **German Special Interest Group – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 2 PM**  
Moderators: George Porterfield and Karen Engelauf. See sidebar for details, dates, and times.
- **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** – Lisa announced that the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of BAGS will be celebrated at the in-person December holiday party. The catered event is scheduled for Saturday, December 11, 2021 at the Lonestar Flight Museum; a minimal cost will include lunch and a tour of the museum.
- **Clayton Library Bus Trips** – Lisa announced that the bus trips to Clayton Library will be resuming and three trips have been scheduled: August 17, September 14 and October 6. The bus will accommodate 16 people and members may contact [CountyCoord@txbayareagen.org](mailto:CountyCoord@txbayareagen.org) for more information.

Feel free to contact the Board of Directors if you have questions or suggestions about BAGS programs at [info@txbayareagen.org](mailto:info@txbayareagen.org).

**[www.TXBayAreaGen.org](http://www.TXBayAreaGen.org)**

- **Other upcoming events:** See the sidebar of BAGS' website for links.

**Tonight's Program** – Lisa introduced the speaker, Cyndi Ingle, the creator and innovator behind the award-winning and globally recognized CyndistList.com which is a free categorized list of more than 337,000 links for genealogical research. Ms. Ingle specializes in research in the United States with a focus on homesteaders and the Civil War. Ms. Ingle presented the topic, Record As You Go, Cite As You Go, & File As You Go. Lisa announced that the recording of tonight's meeting will be posted on the Members Only page until August 30, 2021.

**Next General Meeting** – Lisa announced that the next general meeting will be an in-person meeting scheduled for Saturday, August 28, 2021 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the University Baptist Church located at 16106 Middlebrook Drive, Houston, TX 77059. The topic will be a Show 'n' Tell Potluck. Members are invited to present a 10-minute presentation of either a research project or an object of genealogical interest. BBQ meat selections and drinks will be provided. Members are invited to bring a side dish and/or a dessert dish plus serving utensils for their items. Lisa informed members that the meeting will be recorded and that paper ballots will be available. Lisa also announced that if a member votes both electronically and via a paper ballot at the August meeting the paper ballot will prevail. Members may nominate a member for a Board position; however, the nominee must attend the general meeting to accept the nomination.

**Adjournment** – Lisa adjourned the meeting at 8:36 pm.