

Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS) – General Membership Meeting Agenda
Friday, September 24, 2021, 7:00 pm
Zoom Webinar

Call to Order – Lisa Smith, BAGS President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

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

Announcements

- **Installation of elected officers** – Lisa announced the elected slate of officers as follows:

- **President:** Lisa Smith
- **1st Vice-President:** Jane Martin
- **2nd Vice-President:** Rebecca Jones
- **Treasurer:** Susie Ganch
- **Registrar:** George Porterfield
- **Recording Secretary:** Kitty Olson
- **Correspondence Secretary:** Teresa Rundell

Lisa introduced Billy Mayo, former Treasurer and a Past President, to administer the Pledge of Office. Lisa requested that each officer answer “I will” verbally and to enter “I will” in the chat box for the official record.

- **Membership Report:** Lisa announced the number of current members is 161; this includes 94 members paid up-to-date and 67 members not yet renewed.
- **Membership Renewals:** Lisa announced that the new membership year began September 1 and that membership renewals are due by October 31, 2021. Lisa announced that a new membership level, Student, is now available for \$10 a year for high school and college students.
- **New Member Password:** Lisa announced that the new member password was activated on September 1, 2021 and that members were informed of the new password by a telephone call. The new password is also on page 2 of the Member Guide which is sent to new members. Lisa announced that if a member needs the new password to contact George Porterfield at registrar@txbayareagen.org.
- **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.
- **County Coordinator and Telephone Committee Chair:** Lisa announced that the positions of County Coordinator and Telephone Committee Chair are open. Lisa reminded members that BAGS relies on its members to staff critical roles to ensure services will not need to be reduced and that BAGS remains a viable organization.
- **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 – October 20 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 – Now the 2nd Wednesday of each month 7:00 PM; next mtg October 13**
Please fill out interest survey
Moderators: George Porterfield and Karen Engelauf. See sidebar for details.

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- **20th Anniversary:** Lisa announced that the 20th 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 of \$5 will include lunch and a guided tour of the museum.
- **Bus trips to Clayton Library:** Lisa announced that the last trip for the year is scheduled for October 6. Due to COVID restrictions the bus will accommodate 8 people, masks are required and a \$3 donation (cash only) is required for each bus rider. Members may contact CountyCoord@txbayareagen.org for more information.
- **Other upcoming events:** See the sidebar of BAGS' website for links.

Tonight's Program – Lisa introduced the speaker, Diane L. Richard, who has been conducting genealogy research since 1987, and since 2004 has professionally focused on the records of North Carolina and southern states. In 2019, Ms. Richard published Tracing Your Ancestors -- African American Research: A Practical Guide. Since 2016, she has been the editor of the North Carolina Genealogical Society (NCGS) Journal. Ms. Richard is the co-leader of Tar Heel Discoveries, started in 2018, which offers guided North Carolina genealogical research programs, providing participants targeted, focused research assistance leading to new family discoveries. Ms. Richard presented the topic, Early Migration In, Across, and Out of North Carolina. Lisa announced that a recording of tonight's meeting will be posted on the Members Only page for thirty days.

Next General Meeting – October 29, 2021 at 7:00 PM (virtual)

Lisa announced that the October meeting will be held virtually on Friday, October 29 at 7:00 PM. The speaker, Diahan Southard's presentation, 4 Next Steps for Your DNA Test, is prerecorded. A live question and answer segment with Ms. Southard will be conducted following the recorded presentation.

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

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