

Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS) – General Membership Meeting Minutes
Friday, February 25, 2022, 7:00 pm
Zoom Webinar

Call to Order – Lisa Smith, 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

- **Membership Report:** Lisa announced the number of current members is 160.
- **Journal/Yearbook:** Printed copies of the June 2021 Journal and the 2021-2022 Yearbook have been mailed to those members who paid the \$5 mailing fee as well as to the authors of Journal articles.
- **New E-mail platform:** Lisa announced that Jessica Bird stepped down as the E-mail Coordinator due to family health issues and time constraints. Lisa also announced that the transition to the e-mail platform, MailChimp, is on hold. E-mail notices will continue to be delivered through our Dreamhost server until further notice. If you are not receiving e-mails from BAGS, please send an e-mail to emailcoord@txbayareagen.org.
- **Announcements from the floor:** Lisa asked that if you have an announcement to please unmute yourself first before communicating your announcement or alternately you can type your announcement in the chat box.
- **Open Committee Chairs & Alternates:** Lisa announced the need for members to volunteer to staff one of the following positions:
 - Two members for the Telephone Committee
 - Alternates Needed for the following positions: 2nd Vice-President, Treasurer, Registrar, Journal Editor, Member Services and Yearbook.
- **Bylaws Change:** Thirty-seven members voted 'yes' to the proposed Bylaws change to add a student membership; a quorum of fifteen members (10% of our membership) was needed to pass this vote. The Bylaws have been updated and uploaded to the website under the About Us tab.

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 and George Porterfield
 - **Online via Zoom #3 – 1st Sunday of each month at 2 PM** See the sidebar for details on dates.
Moderator: Kim Zrubek
 - **In-Person – The Friendswood Family History Center – 3rd Wednesdays 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 – Online via Zoom 2nd Wednesdays at 7:00 PM**
Moderators: George Porterfield and Karen Engelauf.

Lisa announced that the March meeting has been rescheduled to March 16 because the moderators will be unavailable on the 2nd Wednesday in March.
- **Brick Wall Special Interest Group – Online via Zoom**
Next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 20, at 1:00 pm; sign up for the meeting on the website.

Contact the Board of Directors if you have questions or suggestions about BAGS programs at
info@txbayareagen.org.

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- **Bus Trips to Clayton Library – Tuesday, April 5 at 9:15 AM**

- Members will meet at 16511 Diana Lane, Houston at 9:15 am. Members are encouraged to bring a lunch, a flash drive to save records from the computer, and change in coin and dollar bills to make copies from books. Lisa recommended that members may want to dress in layers as the heater on the second floor of the Library has not been working.
 - Sign up by emailing CountyCoord@txbayareagen.org or see the website for details.

- **Saturday bus trip to Clayton Library:** Lisa reported that poll results indicated a majority were interested in a Saturday Members Helping Members at the Clayton Library. However, the majority preferred to meet at the Library rather than ride a bus from the Clear Lake area.
- **Other upcoming events:** See the sidebar of the website for links. Kim Zrubek, Education, shared dates for the upcoming 1950 Census events at the Friendswood Library, see the website for details.

Tonight's Program – Lisa introduced the speaker, Thomas MacEntee, a professional genealogist specializing in the use of technology and social media to improve genealogical research. Mr. MacEntee presented the topic, The 1950 US Federal Census – Are You Ready? A question-and-answer session was held following the presentation. The meeting was recorded and the recording will be available on the website until March 25, 2022.

Next General Meeting – March 25, 2022, at 7:00 PM

- Lisa announced the speaker for the March meeting is Bernard N. Meisner who will present the topic “Pushes, Pulls, and Records: The Waves of German Immigrants to the United States”.

Adjournment – Lisa adjourned the meeting at 8:19 pm.