

Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS) – General Membership Meeting Agenda
Friday, May 27, 2022, 7:00 pm
Zoom Webinar

Call to Order – Lisa Smith, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Welcome to Visitors and New Members – Lisa welcomed new members and visitors to the meeting. Lisa reminded visitors that they are invited to attend two meetings prior to joining BAGS. Lisa informed visitors that the membership form is available on the website.

Announcements

- **Membership Report:** Lisa announced that the number of current members is 165.
- **Proposed Bylaws Change:** Lisa reviewed the proposed changes to the Bylaws and announced that the revisions are available on the website for review. Lisa announced that the primary change to the Bylaws is to change the fiscal year from September 1-August 31 to calendar year January 1-December 31, effective January 1, 2023. Lisa announced that a vote on the proposed changes to the Bylaws will be scheduled for the June general meeting.
- **Announcements from the floor:** Please unmute yourself or write in the chat box.
- **Open Positions:** Lisa encouraged members to volunteer for one of the following open positions:
 - 2nd Vice President – in charge of monthly programing
 - Newsletter Editor – creates the monthly newsletter
 - Alternates for the following: 2nd Vice-President, Treasurer, Registrar, Journal Editor, Yearbook.

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**
Moderator: Kim Zrubek, Initial focus on Tips and Tricks Using Family Search.
- **Brick Wall Buster Special Interest Group – Next virtual meeting scheduled for Sunday, July 13 at 1 PM**
- **German Special Interest Group – Online via Zoom 2nd Wednesdays at 7:00 PM**
Moderators: George Porterfield and Karen Engelauf.
- **Friendswood Family History Center – 3rd Wednesday at 9:30 AM, Next session June 15**
In-person and open only to BAGS members for research. Bring your own laptop and use their Wi-Fi or use one of their six computers.
- **“Clayton Library Meet Up” Saturday, June 11.** Drive your own or carpool with other members. Bring a lunch, a flash drive to save records from the computer and change in coin and dollar bills to make copies from books. For more information go to the website or contact CountyCoord@txbayareagen.org.
- **Social Meet & Munch Saturday, May 28 at Red River BBQ in League City at 4 PM**
- **Other upcoming events:** See the sidebar of the website for details.

Today's Program – Lisa introduced the speaker, Diane Warmasley, a professional genealogist and family historian with over twenty-five years of experience. She holds a certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University's Center for Professional Education and was a student in the inaugural SLIG African American Genealogy Course. She is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the Greater New York Chapter of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society and the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society. Ms. Warmasley presented the topic, The People of the West Indies and Their History. A question-and-answer session was held following the presentation.

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

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Next General Meeting – Friday, June 24, 2022, at 7:00 PM Online via Zoom – Lisa announced that next month's meeting will be a pre-recorded session with John Sellers presenting the topic, The Other Courthouse – The District; a question-and-answer session will not be held.

Adjournment – Lisa adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.