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PRESIDENT'S MOMENT

By now, everyone has received the proposed Bylaws. If you have any questions, feel free to email Suzanne Brayer sybrayer@cox.net or myself. It takes 2/3 of our membership to approve these Bylaw updates. Please make sure you get your ballot online or in next month's newsletter and turn it in. Even if you're not able to attend the Annual General Meeting, we need your vote!

Each month, Lynn, our membership Chair sends a report to the Board updating us on our membership count. Previously I've shared with you how many societies throughout the country are experiencing declining memberships. We know we are facing changing times with new resources on the Internet making it convenient for genealogists to stay at home but two experiences that instantly pop into my mind that the Internet cannot give family researchers is personal contact and being able to brainstorm your brick walls with other members and chapter speakers who have knowledge in a particular area. Our total membership numbers at the end of 2009 were down 20 members compared to December 2008. Fortunately Karen Blackmore and Margaret Rennaker have been holding *Genealogy Wannabee* classes throughout the year which have brought in new members and chapter meeting publicity has reached out to others. But we, your Board, are concerned and want to look at this challenge in the months ahead. There are many researchers in AZ that don't even know we exist! Can you help us? If you have ideas on reaching out and bringing in new members, pass them onto me gafaz@cox.net and we will take a look at them. You can also help by telling your friends and family about our society and how it helps you hone your skills and extend your research. They may pass the information onto others they know. Bring up your genealogy in conversations and tell others about the monthly chapter/club meeting you attend. Invite them to attend and check it out.

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to Margaret, our outgoing Newsletter Editor for her devotion to FHSA and the pride she takes in putting out an informative, useful and enjoyable newsletter each month for the FHSA membership. She had big shoes to fill when Judy Shubert stepped down but she put on her 'worker's cap' and gave it a GO! She has done a GREAT job and I want her to know how much I appreciate the time she gave and the nudges she gave us to send in our stories, articles, and useful websites. The newsletter is so important for the communication of our membership and furthering the purposes as a society. Margaret.... **A+**.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Computer Lab in the Via Linda Senior Center -10440 East Via Linda, Scottsdale, AZ

The Legacy Family Tree class is a hands-on computer class covering Basic Legacy screens, the SourceWriter for accurately citing sources, Research Guidance, Report Writing, Mapping, Charting, inserting pictures and documents. A four week class, meeting on Tuesdays from 9-11am beginning 16 Feb 2010. Class #78386 \$40 residents \$60 non-residents to sign up, call 480-312-7957.

The Google Your Family Tree class (a 2 hour workshop) Tuesday 9 Feb 2010 from 9-11am or Wednesday 24 Mar 2010 from 1-3 pm. \$15 residents \$23 non-resid.

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FHSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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NEWSLETTER DATA:

Information and materials are
always welcome for inclusion in the
newsletter. Information to make it into
the next issue must reach the editor by
10th of the month. Send items directly
to the Margaret **Rennaker**, at 8780 E.
McKellips Rd, Space 477A,
Scottsdale, AZ 85257-4803 or
(margaret166@cox.net).

PERSONAL DATA CHANGES:

Please keep the Membership
Service Chairmen up to date on **you**.
All e-mail, mailing address, and phone
number changes, should be sent to
Membership Service Chairmen, Lynn
Crawford at 1230 Leisure World,
M e s a , A Z 8 5 2 0 6 o r
(Lcrawford46@cox.net).

THE COMPUTER SWALLOWED GRANDMA

The computer swallowed grandma.
Yes, honestly its true!
She pressed 'control' and 'enter'
And disappeared from view.

It devoured her completely,
The thought just makes me squirm.
She must have caught a virus
Or been eaten by a worm.

I've searched through the recycle bin
And files of every kind;
I've even used the Internet,
But nothing did I find.

In desperation, I asked Google
My searches to refine.
The reply from him was negative,
Not a thing was found 'online.'

So, if inside your 'In-box,'
My Grandma you should see,
Please 'Copy,' 'Scan' and 'Paste' her
And send her back to me.

**Hope you had a good laugh from
this silly poem. Editor**

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

NEW MEMBER

East Valley
Katie Gertz
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Dkillman, USA
Lackany, Austria & Hungary
Hajek, Austria

CONDOLENCES

To the family of Clare Ann Jones, a charter member of FHSA, who passed away on 5 November 2009.

To Kathy Thomley, the new Tempe V.P. on the loss of her father in California early in January 2010.

ONCE UPON A TIME

We are the chosen. In each family there is one who seems called to find the ancestors. To put flesh on their bones and make them live again. To tell the family story and to feel that somehow they know and approve. Doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts but, instead, breathing life into all who have gone before. We are the story tellers of the tribe. All tribes have one. We have been called, as it were, by our genes. Those who have gone before cry out to us: Tell our story. So, we do. In finding them, we somehow find ourselves. How many graves have I stood before now and cried? I have lost count. How many times have I told the ancestors, "You have a wonderful family; you would be proud of us." How many times have I walked up to a grave and felt somehow there was love there for me? I cannot say. It goes beyond just documenting facts. It goes to who I am, and why I do the things I do. It goes to seeing a cemetery about to be lost forever to weeds and indifference and saying—I can't let this happen. The bones here are bones of my bone and flesh of my flesh. It goes to doing something about it. It goes to pride in what our ancestors were able to accomplish. How they contributed to what we are today. It goes to respecting their hardships and losses, their never giving in or giving up, their resoluteness to go on and build a life for their family. It goes to deep pride that the fathers fought and some died to make and keep us a nation. It goes to a deep and immense understanding that they were doing it for us. It is of equal pride and love that our mothers struggled to give us birth, without them we could not exist, and so we love each one, as far back as we can reach. That we might be born who we are. That we might remember them. So we do. With love and caring and scribing each fact of their existence, because we are they and they are the sum of who we are. So, as a scribe called, I tell the story of my family. It is up to that one called in the next generation to answer the call and take my place in the long line of family storytellers. That is why I do my family genealogy, and that is what calls those young and old to step up and restore the memory or greet those who we had never known before. By Della M. Cummings Wright; Rewritten by her granddaughter Dell Jo Ann McGinnis Johnson; Edited and Reworded by Thom Dunn, 1943. Wrote in an e-mail by Helen Boydston, forwarded to the FHSA Newsletter by Barbara Seutter, 31 December 2009

WHAT'S NEW ON INTERNET

The Online Database of Genealogy Queries . www.genqueries.com This is a free service that provides an online database for genealogy queries for individuals, as well as advertisements for societies, professional and amateur genealogy researchers, authors, publishers, genealogy websites, adoptee searches and more.

www.GenealogyBank.com now has the Cincinnati Volksfreund, 1863-1904 online—this was an early Ohio German language newspaper and has added over 25 new titles.

www.multimap.com A good current map search site for Europe which includes road maps and aerial views.

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA): www.archives.gov/research_room/vetrecs/ Contains information on researching veterans records. <http://vetrecs.archives.gov> Site for ordering veterans records.

Name Game: Celebrities Have Nothing on the Rest of Us

By Megan Smolenyak-Smolenyak

Much has been made in recent years of the proclivity of celebrities to give their children unusual names. Who among us wasn't at least a little befuddled upon first encountering the names Moon Unit Zappa and Moxie Crimefighter Jillette? Contrary to popular belief, though, celebrities have nothing on the rest of us. Distinctive names have been with us through the ages. Want proof? I submit the following:

- Gwyneth Paltrow and Chris Martin were far from the first to add an Apple to their family tree. A quick search reveals 32 Apples in the 1930 census and 24 in the Social Security Death Index (including an Apple Pie).
- Jason Lee and Beth Riesgraf named their son Pilot Inspekter in 2003, but Pilot Light of Tennessee was born 101 years earlier.
- Paris? Dallas? Brooklyn? Naming offspring after locations is *so* 19th century. In fact, there were a whopping 2,215 people named Paris in the 1900 census, along with New Jersey Cannon, New Orleans Boice, Newark Berkowitz, Prague Sherman, Moscow Beard, Cairo Izard, Munich Miller, and Bombay Pasquale. Detroit Foreman, Detroit Francisco and Detroit Gay are listed in alphabetical order in one database I perused, and both England Bobo and London England liked their names so much that they passed them on to their sons.
- Gift is a hard name to live up to, but at least 14 people born in California are trying to do that now, and I have to wonder if folks consulted Gift King (now deceased) each holiday season for shopping advice. Other names that must be hard to live up to include Brilliant Victory and Prince Charming (there are several scattered across the U.S.).
- Love Peace Joy from India can be seen living in Canada in the 1911 census. And I'd love to know if Handsome Major ever met Handsome Minor.
- Native American names are often descriptive, so I imagine that Toothless Widow assumed her name later in life, but it's harder to fathom what the parents of Selfish Adams and Bald Weaver were thinking. It can't have been much fun going through life named Typhus Black, so I wouldn't be surprised if this poor fellow was given a hard time when he showed up to register for the WWI draft.
- Approximately 185 Americans named Square have died since the early 1960s. Among them are Square Sleigh, Square Wheat and Square Kitchen.
- Prisoner Wing of Montana named her son Pius, and I don't blame her one bit.
- Certain names like Giggle Davis and Hopeful Hudson make me smile, as do their cheery and more literal companions Smiles Bliss, Smiley Corn, Smiley Day, Smiles Gonzalez and Smiley Magee (of course, it must be acknowledged that many names are instantly enhanced with the addition of Gonzalez and Magee).
- Sacred Heart has passed away, but the torch is being carried by others named Sacred Love and Sacred Salvation. Sadly, Sacred Mango is no longer with us either.
- I suspect that Gamble Moore of South Carolina probably would have gotten along well with Poker Hill, Poker Huff and Poker Fish.
- Santa Claus, Merry Christmas, Pere Noel, Feliza Navidad, Auld L. Syne and others with Chanukah and Kwanzaa as part of their names probably see their popularity soar toward the end of each year.
- As someone who sports two Smolenyaks in her name, I have a fondness for others with double names such as Smith Smith, Jones Jones, Elliott Elliott, Smart Smart and my favorite, Mustard Mustard.

No matter how you look at it, some names are just plain perplexing: Sweater Glass (the youngest of 10, so perhaps her parents ran out of ideas), Purple Hopkins, Weird Boomgaarden, God Pinto, Bam Elam, Gossip Anderson, General Head, Sunny Anger, Icky Cox, Mild Amazee, Wide Armes, Pinky Bell Dolly and Aaa God. So today's celebrities are far from the first to dream up creative names for their youngsters, but they can take solace in the fact that they are definitely trendsetters. Dweezil, Banjo and Rumer all make multiple appearances in American and British birth indexes from the 1990s and 2000s, and that can't be an accident!

Megan Smolenyak-Smolenyak has kindly let us reproduce this article which appeared on her blog on "The Huffington Post". To read more of her genealogical blogs or to subscribe to get them via email, log on to: www.huffingtonpost.com/megan-smolenyak-smolenyak Once there, click on the heart next to the words "become a fan". Megan is a well known genealogist and wrote the true story of Annie Moore, the first immigrant through Ellis Island.

Dee Snook, At Large

To be in your children's memories tomorrow, you have to be in their lives today.

FEBRUARY CHAPTER HAPPENINGS SCHEDULE

3rd —EAST VALLEY:

Meets the **1st Wednesday** at Fellowship Square, Bldg 4, First Floor, 6945 E Main, Mesa

6:00 PM Class: “Newspapers” by Trudi **Arledge**

7:00 PM Lecture: Shirley **Hodges** “The Orphan Train”

Reminder Facilitator: Bill **Gertz**, 480-325-3173 (Gertz@asu.edu)

8th—FOUNTAIN HILLS

Meets the **2nd Monday** of each month (except summers) Community Center, 13001 N. La Montana Dr. (next to Town Hall, across from Post Office), Fountain Hills.

9:00 AM Mentoring, Problem Solving, Mini Workshop by Anne **Stavely**

10:00 AM Jean **White** “Finding Maiden Names”

Reminder Facilitator: Nikki **Van Reusen** 480-836-6820 (vanreusen@prodigy.net)

8th—TEMPE:

Meets the **2nd Monday** at the Pyle Adult Recreation Center, Sedona Room, 655 E. Southern Ave., Tempe

6:15 PM An Introduction to the Family History Library at Salt Lake City by Ann **James**

7:15 PM Shane **Morris** “Creating a Living Legacy—Family History DVD”

Reminder Facilitator: Marilyn **Senn**, 480-705-0927 (marilyns41@cox.net)

16th—PARADISE VALLEY:

Meets the **3rd Tuesday** at Horizon High School, 56th and Greenway. (Park in the lot behind –east of– the school off Greenway. Follow the FHSA sign south of the auditorium to room C118.

6:30 PM Melanie **Sturgeon** “Treasure Chest of Little Used Resources”

Reminder Facilitator: Karl Johnson 480-998-4569 (johnsonkm@cox.net)

17th—DAYTIMERS:

Meets the **3rd Wednesday** at Room 10, Granite Reef Senior Center, 1700 N. Granite Reef Rd, Scottsdale,

1:00 PM **Family Search on Internet**

Reminder Facilitator: Charles **Rennaker**, 480-990-2348 (cvr477a@cox.net)

22nd —GLENDALE:

Meets the **last Monday** at the Glendale Public Library, 5959 W. Brown Ave. (between Peoria & Dunlap,

6:00 PM Beginners Class: Organization-Forms Forms Forms

7:00 PM Kathy **Rust**: “Hunting Down the Rest of the Family (long lost relatives, some still living).”

Reminder Facilitator: Russ **Strong** , 623-878-9084 (rgstrong-genes@cox.net)

23rd —SCOTTSDALE FIELD TRIP

6:30 PM Computer Workshop meeting at the local LDS Family History Center 2202 N. 74th Street, Scottsdale northwest entrance just south of Oak Street, east of Scottsdale Rd.

“Help in research and aid in getting through a brick wall.”

Reminder Facilitator: Robert **Gayle**, 602-971-3429 (robertgayle@q.com)

REMEMBER TO CHECK THE WEB SITE

www.fhsa.org for the latest updates on

Chapter Meeting Calendar Chapter Information

Chapter Location Maps

AT LARGE MEMBERSHIP

Reminder Facilitator: Margaret **Rennaker**, 480-990-2348 (margaret166@cox.net)

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

MARCH 2010

- 11 **Lunchtime Family History Lesson**, “Land Records & Genealogical Research” by Judy Shappee, Law & Research Library, State Library. The meeting is at the Polly Rosenbaum State Archives and History Building, 1901 W Madison St., Phoenix, AZ from 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m. **PLEASE NOTE: FOOD IS NOT ALLOWED IN THE NEW ARCHIVES BUILDING.** PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
- 1) Go to <http://www.lib.az.us> and choose the link to “Other Resources”
 - 2) Then click on “Genealogy Online Registration
 - 3) Or register by phone 602-926-3938
- 13 **Family History Society of Arizona**, Annual meeting. **Civic Center Library Auditorium**, 3839 North Drinkwater Blvd, Scottsdale, AZ 85251 12:00—4:00 PM
- 20 **The Williamson County Genealogical Society’s** all-day seminar at Round Rock, Texas will have Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak as the featured speaker. For registration information contact www.rootsweb.com/~txwcgs or jbhorick@yahoo.com

APRIL 2010

- 8 **Lunchtime Family History Lesson**, Analyzing Documents & Photographs, by Melanie Sturgeon and Wendi Goen., History and Archives.
- 22-24 **Ohio Genealogical Society**, annual conference *Guiding Your Way Through the Past*, at the Sea Gate Convention Centre in Toledo, OH. For registration information see web site www.ogs.org e-mail conference2010@ogs.org or phone 419-756-7294
- 24 **Topeka Genealogical Society** presents its 38th Annual Conference from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. co-hosted by the Kansas State Historical Society and held at the Kansas Museum of History, 6425 SW 6th Avenue, Topeka, KS. Featured speaker Michael John Neill. For further information e-mail npattontaylor@topekachamber.org or president1@tgstopeka.org
- 28—1 May **National Genealogical Society 2010 History Conference** at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. The conference theme, “Follow Your Ancestral Trail,” for more information visit < conference@ngsgenealogy.org > .

JUNE 2010

- 11-12 **Southern California Genealogical Society** will be sponsoring its annual **Genealogical Jamboree** at the Burbank Marriott and Convention Center, Burbank, California. For information, go to: < www.scsgenealogy.com >.
- 13-18 **The Samford Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR)** will be held at Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama. This Institute provides an educational forum for the discovery, critical evaluation, and use of genealogical sources and methodology through a week of intensive study led by nationally prominent genealogical educators. For information, <http://www.samford.edu/schools/ighr/index.html>.

AUGUST 2010

- 18-21 **Federation of Genealogical Societies conference** will be in Knoxville, Tennessee. For further information contact FGS office at < www.fgs.org >.

OCTOBER 2010

FHSA ANNUAL FALL SEMINAR

BALLOT FOR THE ELECTION OF 2010-2011 FHSA OFFICERS

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE FOR EACH OFFICE

FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

___ **Karen Blackmore**

Daytimers Chapter

_____ (write in)

FOR THE OFFICE OF 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

___ **Suzanne Brayer**

Paradise Valley Chapter

_____ (write in)

FOR THE OFFICE OF 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

___ **Karl Johnson**

Paradise Valley Chapter

_____ (write in)

FOR THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY

___ **Marilyn Senn**

Tempe Chapter

_____ (write in)

FOR THE OFFICE OF TREASURER

___ **Wayne Whipple**

Tempe Chapter

_____ (write in)

FOR THE OFFICE OF NOMINATING
COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

___ **Margaret Rennaker**

Daytimers Chapter

_____ (write in)

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

See pages 9 through 18 for full text of changes

___ **Yes for Amendments**

_____ (comment)

___ **No for Amendments**

_____ (comment)

To vote by mail:

1. Mark an "X" in the line prior to the candidate/option of your choice. Vote for one candidate for each office. Vote either Yes or No for the Bylaw Changes.
2. Fold ballot and place in envelope. Sign your name on the back of the envelope and write your Chapter name. If you are a member-at-large, write 'At Large.'
3. Send via U.S. Mail to FHSA Election Tellers, P.O. Box 63094, Phoenix, AZ 85028-3094. Mail ballot to be received before March 5, 2010.

NOMINATIONS FHSA 2010-2011 ELECTION

President—Karen Blackmore, Daytimers Chapter

Beginning genealogy research in 2001, she has served two years as FHSA Board Secretary and one year as Tempe Chapter vice president. Currently Karen teaches the Genealogy Wannabee classes. She presented Beginning Genealogy at the FHSA seminar and has taught mini-classes on numerous topics at other FHSA Chapters. Karen researched and compiled a Sublett family book and is currently at work on a Blackmore-Bryan book. A retired high school math teacher with two full-time hobbies (genealogy and quilting), Karen and her husband Walt, a wood carver specializing in birds, enjoy US and international travel and visiting grandchildren.

1st Vice President—Suzanne Brayer, Paradise Valley Chapter

A member since 1983, Suzanne Young Brayer has served as PV chapter Co-President, Treasurer, and Book Fund committee member and is currently the 2nd Vice President of FHSA. Other FHSA activities include chairing the Bylaws Committee. Recently retired from teaching US History and Psychology in the Paradise Valley School District, Suzanne is spending time speaking to genealogy societies, reading, traveling, writing and researching. Her most recent venture was to New York City in the illusive search for great grandma. Summer plans include traversing Apache County to help inventory the cemeteries for the *Legacy Project*.

2nd Vice President—Karl Johnson, Paradise Valley Chapter

Currently serving as Paradise Valley Chapter Membership Chair and Reminder Facilitator, Karl has given presentations on several genealogy related subjects. Karl has been involved with genealogy for about 40+ years, occasionally at first but more seriously for the past 10 to 15 years. He is a retired computer software development engineer, having worked for both GTE and AT&T in their Research & Development Labs. He enjoys attending genealogy conferences, especially the 'Cruise Conferences', as a means to extend his knowledge of the 'Genealogy Craft'.

Secretary—Marilyn Senn, Tempe Chapter

Joining FHSA in 1997, Marilyn has served as Vice President and President of Tempe Chapter. After raising three sons in Wisconsin, in 1982 she and her husband retired from teaching and moved to the Valley. Seventeen years later she began to spend every free moment researching her family and her husband's family. Tracing back into German and German-Russian records, she has found three of their families into the 1500's but Hungary has been a great challenge. Marilyn's interests still lie in genealogy, and putting much of her research into a book she is currently writing. In addition she is Reminder Facilitator for the FHSA Tempe Chapter. Marilyn and her husband enjoy traveling in the United States, and have been to Europe several times to research, visit cousins and sight-see.

Treasurer—Wayne Whipple, Tempe Chapter

In July 2003, Wayne retired and moved back to his native land of Arizona. His genealogy research began as a hobby in 2005 when he joined the Tempe Chapter. He is currently the Tempe Chapter president. Wayne attended Arizona State University, receiving his BS in 1963 and was one of the first to graduate from ASU's MBA program in 1964. After graduation, Merrill Lynch in New York City hired him as a securities analyst for its research department. He became a Chartered Financial Analyst in 1970 and was a practicing securities analyst in New York and London until early 1988 when he became the Executive Director of the New York Society of Security Analysts.

Nominating Committee Chairperson—Margaret Rennaker, Daytimers Chapter

A member of FHSA since 1999, Margaret has been a Scottsdale Chapter President. She also served as FHSA President, Newsletter Editor, Treasurer Pro Tem, and Workshop leader thru the Genealogy Wannabee Classes. Margaret helped organize the Daytimers Chapter to encourage fellowship amongst members who no longer wish to drive at night. Doing genealogy research on and off since 1948 Margaret is happy her husband Charles has developed an interest also. Their annual US travels, while always including Indiana to see their children & grandchildren, have included visits to other family and friends, as well as visiting the lower 48 State Capitols..

Words/phrases to be omitted have a strike through
Words and numbers in red are additions

BYLAWS
The FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY OF ARIZONA
As amended 2/6/1999, 1/22/2000, and 2/1/2003

ARTICLE I: INCORPORATION AND NAME

The FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY OF ARIZONA is incorporated as a non-profit educational society under the laws of the State of Arizona and shall conform to all rules and regulations of the Internal Revenue Service Code Section 501(c)(3), registered November 14, 1983, with the Department of State, State of Arizona, trade number 50409 under the name THE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY OF ARIZONA and hereinafter called the Society, its head office shall be located in the metropolitan Phoenix area.

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

The Society is incorporated: to promote, encourage, and foster the study of and research of family histories, genealogies, and original genealogical research; to encourage and assist in the collection, preservation, and dissemination of materials related to genealogical research; to encourage and instruct members in the ethical principles, scientific methods, and effective techniques of genealogical research; and to raise funds for any of the foregoing objectives of the Society and to accept donations, gifts, legacies, and bequests.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any person interested in the objectives of the Society and willing to subscribe to its Bylaws may become an Individual or Family Member upon payment of dues hereinafter provided.

Section 2. There shall be three (3) classes of members of the Society: Individual Members, Family Members, and Institutional Members.

Section 3. An Individual Member is entitled to: attend and vote on any issue at any Annual General or Special General Meeting of the Society; stand for election to any elective office in the Society as hereinafter provided; and receive, *electronically* without charge, one copy of the regular publication(s) of the Society as determined by the Board of Directors. ~~provided that if more than one Individual Member resides in a single household but dues are paid on a Family basis, the Family receives one only of such publication(s).~~

Section 4. Family Membership may be granted where more than one member resides in a *the same* household. ~~Each is entitled to vote as an Individual Member. Family Membership differs from Individual Membership only in amount of dues paid and in mailings, only one copy of mailings to go to the household of Family Members. Within these bylaws, with those two exceptions: Any reference to Individual Member shall be construed to mean each person covered by a Family Membership.~~

Section 5. Institutional Membership may be granted to any Library, Society, or Institution that is interested in the objectives of the Society. ~~and wishes to receive its publication(s) payment of dues as hereinafter provided.~~ Section 6. An Institutional Member is entitled to receive one copy of each issue of the regular publication(s) of the Society as determined by the Board of Directors. An Institutional Member is not entitled to receive a copy of any membership list published by the Society. An Institutional Member is not entitled to vote at any meeting of the Society and is not entitled to appoint a representative to stand for office in the Society.

~~Section 7.~~ 6 The Board of Directors may provide for Life Membership, ~~Contributing Membership, Sustaining Membership,~~ and Honorary Membership.

~~Section 8.~~ 7 The membership year and the annual dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

~~Section 9.~~ 8 Any member who resigns from the Society during the membership year shall not be entitled to any rebates of annual dues for the remaining portion of the year.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section 1. The Officers of the Society, hereinafter referred to as the Officers, shall be a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Section 2. The Officers shall be voted on at the Annual General Meeting, *or and* at the Chapter meetings immediately preceding the Annual *General* Meeting, or by absentee ballot, ~~of the Society,~~ and each voter shall be a member of the Society.

Section 3. Officers shall be elected by simple majority of votes cast.

~~Section 4.~~ 4. The term of office of the Officers shall be one year immediately following the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting at which they are elected.

~~Section 5.~~ 5. The President and Vice Presidents may be re-elected for a second consecutive term of one year, a total of two consecutive years. The Secretary and Treasurer may be re-elected for two additional consecutive terms of one year each, a total of three consecutive years.

~~Section 6.~~ 6 If a vacancy should occur in an elected office ~~or committee position~~ between the Annual General Meetings of the Society, the Board of Directors shall appoint an Individual Member of the Society to serve in that office ~~or position~~ until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting. The foregoing provision shall not apply to the office of President, to which, should a vacancy occur, the First Vice President shall ~~automatically~~ succeed, or to the office of First Vice President to which office should a vacancy occur, the Second Vice President shall ~~automatically~~ succeed.

~~Section 7.~~ 7 The job descriptions for the Officers are as follows:

A. The President shall:

1. ~~With Board approval~~ *Be* responsible for conducting the business of the Society;
2. Preside at all meetings of the General Membership and Board of Directors;

3. Have the authority to appoint Standing Committees with the approval of the Board of Directors;
4. Sign, with the Secretary, all contracts and documents authorized by the Society in accordance with Article X;
5. *Sign all contracts and documents authorized by the Society pertaining to hosting network and domain registrar for the Society's website and work with the Website Committee to ensure that the site reflects the purposes of the Society;*
- ~~5.~~ 6. Sign, *in the absence of the Treasurer as needed*, checks for authorized disbursements on behalf of the Society;
- ~~6.~~ 7. Be an *ex-officio* member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee;
- ~~7.~~ 8. Keep Officers informed of the activities of the Society.

B. The First Vice President shall:

1. Assume the duties of the Presidency in the absence of, or at the request of the President;
2. Assume the duties of the Presidency for the remaining term of office of the President when that office becomes vacant;
3. Chair committees *as to which* appointed.
4. Chair the Long-Range Planning Committee.

C. The Second Vice President shall:

1. In the absence of the President and the First Vice President assume the duties of the Presidency;
2. In the event of a vacancy in the First Vice Presidency, assume the duties of the First Vice President;
3. Chair committees *as to which* appointed.

D. The Secretary shall:

1. Keep and prepare minutes of Board Meetings, *mailing providing* copies to Board members so that they are received a week before Board Meetings at which they are to be approved;
2. Conduct the correspondence of the Society;
3. Maintain a file of Society correspondence;
4. Keep a record of the proceedings of the Society;
5. Keep and have available for reference at all meetings one book in which the Society's By-laws and Standing Rules are kept current;
- ~~5.~~ 6. Prepare and maintain a current inventory of all legal documents, records, *and* equipment belonging to the Society.

E. The Treasurer shall:

1. Be custodian of all funds of the Society and deposit them in insured financial institutions or invest them pursuant to instructions of the Board of Directors;
2. Sign checks as needed for authorized disbursements on behalf of the Society;
3. Make all financial records available for audit;
4. Prepare and present a financial statement at each meeting of the Board of Directors. ~~and at Annual General Meetings;~~

5. ~~Receive and~~ **R**ecord all financial transactions, including membership dues;
6. Prepare and present annually a financial report covering the previous *fiscal* year *for publication*.

ARTICLE V: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. There shall be a Board of Directors comprised of the following:

- A. The immediate Past President who shall serve for one (1) year as a consultant to and voting member of the Board;
- B. The five (5) Officers of the Society;
- C. ~~the President of each Chapter or an authorized representative by the Chapter President in accordance with Article IX (Chapters); and Section 4.b.~~ *a delegate appointed by the Chapter who may or may not be an officer of the Chapter in accordance with Article IX, Section 3A. The term of office will be one (1) year.*
- D. The Chairsmen of Standing Committees. (This is not to include the Chair of the Nominating Committee.)

Section 2. Each member of the Board shall have one (1) vote for each motion at any of the Board *meetings*. Voting and other business within meetings of the Board of Directors shall be conducted in accordance with *the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order*. ~~latest edition.~~

Section 3. At any meeting of the Board of Directors a quorum shall consist of ~~a majority~~ *fifty-one per cent (51%) of the Board Members of which at least three (3) are Officers* ~~the Members of the Board of whom three shall be elected Officers of the Society. Any authorized representative attending in place of a Chapter President shall be counted for the purpose of determining a quorum.~~

Section 4. The Board shall meet at the call of the President at least four (4) times a year to conduct the business of the Society.

Section 5. The Board shall meet within the period of *ninety* (90) days prior to the Annual General Meeting and within *forty-five* (45) days following the Annual General Meeting.

Section 6. Any elected Member of the Board who is absent from two (2) consecutive meetings of the Board may be required by the President to furnish adequate explanation of ~~his or her~~ *the* absence, failing which, the Board of Directors may declare the office vacant.

Section 7. For scheduling purposes, it is requested that any member wishing to address the Board should contact the President to be placed on the agenda. Time limits may be imposed if the agenda is full.

Section 8. The Board of Directors may amend, enact, or repeal Standing Rules for the conduct of all business of the Society not specifically provided for in the Bylaws.

Section 9. Copies of all the minutes of the Board of Directors' meetings shall be made available to all Members of the Board and, upon request, to any individual. **Member.**

Section 10. The President may establish Interim Committees and may make appointments as deemed necessary for the effective operation of the Society.

.Section 11. Each Officer, Member of the Board and Chairman of a Committee upon retiring from an Office or Position shall pass to ~~his or her~~*the* successor or to the Secretary of the Society any material pertinent to the Office or Position and any equipment or supplies belonging to the Society.

Section 12. Each Officer, Member of the Board, and Chairman of a Committee shall be an Individual or Family Member of the Society at the time of assumption of the Office or Position and shall cease to hold the Office or Position if ~~his or her~~ membership should lapse by failure to pay dues.

Section 13. If an elected or appointed Officer~~r~~ or Committee Chairmanshi~~p~~ is declared vacant by the Board for reasons outlined in Section 6 of this article, the vacancy shall be filled by the method outlined in Article IV, Section 6.

ARTICLE VI: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. The Members of the Society shall elect the Society's Officers at the Annual General Meeting. A Nominating Committee shall prepare a list of nominees for the offices to be filled, and shall administer the nominations and election process with the cooperation of the Society President and the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall consist of a Chair elected by the membership at the Annual General Meeting and a member from each Chapter appointed *(or elected)* by the Chapter. ~~President or elected by the Chapter members.~~

Section 3. The term of office for the *Nominating* Committee Chair shall be one *(1)* year commencing with the Chair's election at the Annual General Meeting. The term of office for the members *of the Nominating Committee* shall terminate at the time of the election of the Chair for the coming year. The Chair may be elected to a second consecutive term. ~~as Chair, and the members may be appointed to a second consecutive term as members of the Committee.~~

Section 4. If the position of *Nominating* Committee Chair becomes vacant before the completion of the Committee's duties, the Committee shall notify the Society President and elect from among its members a *new* Chair to fill the vacancy. If the Committee is unable to elect a Chair, the Society President shall appoint a Chair with the approval of the Board.

Section 5. The Nominating Committee shall nominate at least one *(1)* nominee for each of the Society's offices to be filled by election by the membership.

Section 6. The *Nominating* Committee's list of nominees shall include members nominated by petition in accordance with the latest edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* and these Bylaws. Each petition shall be signed by at least five *(5)* Society members following procedures publicized and administered by the Committee.

Section 7. Each nominee shall be a member in good standing and shall have consented to serve in the office for which ~~he or she~~ is nominated. The nominees for President and First Vice President shall have served on the Board for at least one *(1)* year at any time prior to the election. All other nominees shall have been members of the Society for at least one *(1)* year at the time of the election.

Section 8. The Nominating Committee shall notify the board of its list of nominees by November 1, and shall announce its list in the two (2) issues of the newsletter preceding the election.

Section 9. The announcement *shall include the list of nominees with their resumes* ~~in the newsletter shall include a resume for each nominee, and a ballot with instructions that may be mailed or submitted personally at the Annual General Meeting.~~ a ballot for use as mail-in and chapter voting, and appropriate instructions relative to both methods of voting. The ballot ~~for mail-in voting, chapter voting and voting at the Annual Membership Meeting~~ shall include spaces for write-in candidates for each position.

Section 10. The *Nominating* Committee shall collect and validate all ballots and, in arrangement with the presiding Officer at the Annual *General* Membership Meeting, count all ballots cast and report the results to the presiding Officer.

Section 11. If any office cannot be filled by election at the Annual General Meeting the Incumbent shall serve until the vacancy is filled in a manner determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII: GENERAL MEETINGS

Section 1. The Society's Annual General Meeting shall be held as close to mid-March as possible.

Section 4. A Special General Meeting may be called at any time of the year if the Board so decides to deal with matters that cannot conveniently be deferred until the next Annual General Meeting.

Section 5. A Special General Meeting may be requested by ten percent (10 %) of the ~~Individual and/or Family~~ Members. Such a request must be in writing, *stating the purpose of the meeting and must state the nature of matters to be dealt with at the meeting,* and must be signed by all of the requesters, and delivered to the President. Within sixty (60) days following receipt of such request, the Board shall call a Special General Meeting to address the matters stated in the request. *All matters shall require a simple majority of the membership voting in Chapters or by absentee ballot.*

Section 2. *Members shall be notified* ~~At least thirty (30) days prior to an advance written notice of Annual General Meeting. shall be given to Individual Members (this includes Family Members).~~

Section 3. At any *Annual* General Meeting of the Society, ten percent (10%) of the Individual Members ~~(including Family Members)~~ shall constitute a quorum. Only ~~Individual and Family~~ Members present in person may vote. ~~(exception to this is votes for electing officers in which Individual and Family Members are allowed to vote by absentee ballot and or in their Chapters)~~ or be counted in determining the quorum. *Members are allowed to vote for Officers by absentee ballot or in their Chapters.*

Section 6. In any dispute regarding parliamentary procedure at any General Meeting, the rules contained in the latest published version of *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern insofar as they are consistent with the *Society's* Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII: COMMITTEES

Section 1. There shall be the following Standing Committees and their responsibilities:

A. The Finance Committee shall prepare the annual budget for the Board's approval, oversee the Society's financial policies and procedures, and assure the implementation of practices recommended by the Board. The Committee shall consist of a Chair, the Treasurer and at least one *(1)* other member.

B. The Workshops and Seminars Committee shall present workshops, seminars and other appropriate educational programs. ~~and assist the chapters with their workshops and seminars as requested.~~ The Committee shall consist of a Chair and at least ~~two~~ *one (1) Member from each Chapter.* ~~other members.~~

C. The Membership Services Committee shall maintain the Society's membership records, report to the Board at each Board meeting the Society's membership status, provide membership lists for Society functions, and support or implement services which promote membership renewals and growth. The Committee shall consist of a Chair and at least one other member *other Members as needed.*

~~D. The Fundraising Committee shall raise supplemental funds necessary to achieve the Society's program goals. The committee shall consist of a Chair and at least two other members.~~

D. The Book Fund Committee shall consist of a Chair and at least one (1) Member from each Chapter. The Committee shall select books which will then be donated to the Arizona State Library Genealogy Collection.

E. The Newsletter Committee shall be responsible for the accomplishment of all tasks necessary for the preparation, production and distribution of the Society's newsletter. The committee shall consist of the Editor as Chair and ~~a staff necessary to accomplish its objectives.~~ *at least one (1) Member from each chapter.*

F. The Website Committee shall consist of a Webmaster and Assistant Webmaster who are responsible for the development and maintenance of the websites.

~~Section 2. With the approval of the Board, the Society President may establish whatever other Standing Committees are deemed necessary.~~

~~Section 3. 2. In addition to appointing the newsletter editor as Chair of the Newsletter Committee~~ ~~the President with the approval of the Board shall appoint the Chairs of all other Standing Committees. The term of office for all Committee Chairs shall be the same as that of the appointing President, but any Chair may be re-appointed to the same position at the discretion of the presiding President and Board.~~

~~Section 4. 3.~~ The President shall establish Special Committees for special tasks and appoint their Chair. The Chair of each Special Committee shall report to the President.

~~Section 5. 4.~~ Upon his or her departure from the Office, the Chair of a Standing or Special

Committee shall deliver to the President or the Secretary all files and materials, which pertain to the position being vacated.

ARTICLE IX: CHAPTERS

Section 1. Any ten (10) or more Individual Members of the Society may apply in writing to the Board for recognition as a Local Chapter of the Society. *Upon consideration by the Board, their decision shall be communicated in writing to the applicants.*

~~Section 2. Upon the recommendation of an investigation committee appointed by the President, such an application may be approved by the Board. The decision shall be communicated in writing to the applicants.~~

~~Section 3.~~ 2. The members of any Chapter shall be Individual Members (including Family Members) within the Society.

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~~A. B.~~ From its Members, each Chapter shall elect a President, a Vice President, a Treasurer, and other Chapter officers as necessity requires. Should any Chapter officer fail to attend three consecutive Chapter meetings, the Membership of the Chapter, through a Chapter vote, may declare that position vacant and so notify the Society President. An election may then be held at the next regular meeting of the Chapter to fill the vacancy. *its Officers as defined in the Society's Standing Rules.*

~~B. A.~~ The President of the Chapter shall also be *Each Chapter is required to appoint a delegate who will be a Member of the Society's Board of Directors for a term of one (1) year* as provided in Article V, Section 1 ~~C.e.~~ If a Chapter President is unable to attend a given meeting of the Board, he or she shall notify the Society President *shall be notified* accordingly, and be authorized to appoint a representative from among the Chapter members to act, with full voting rights, in behalf of the Society at the meeting the Chapter President is unable to attend.

Section 4. A Chapter may plan its own meetings, projects, and programs of activity all without requiring approval of the Board, but will, at all times, conform to the objectives of the Society and its Bylaws.

Section 6. 5. All Chapter expenses shall be paid directly to firms, institutions, or suppliers by checks drawn on the Society's bank account with prior Board approval. Funds accruing to Chapters through any activity shall be handled under guidelines established by the Board of Directors. Chapters, their officers and Members must always adhere to and protect the Society's non-profit status.

Section 7. 6. In the event that any chapter becomes dormant or is dissolved, ~~the Secretary of such Chapter~~ *a Representative of that Chapter* shall forward to the Society's Secretary all records, accounts, library, and files of such Chapter. They shall be returned should the Chapter be revived within a period of five (5) years.

~~Section 8. 7. Should there be complaints about a Chapter from Members, the Society President shall appoint a committee to investigate and help arbitrate any differences. In the case of flagrant non-~~

adherence to the Society's objectives and/or jeopardy of non-profit status by a Chapter, the Board may terminate that Chapter's affiliation with the Society after a hearing by the Board.

ARTICLE X: EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS

Any deed, contract, document, or instrument in writing of a legal nature or involving an amount of money in excess of \$50 (*fifty*), required to be executed on behalf of the Society, shall be signed by two (*2*) of the Officers, one (*1*) of whom shall be the President or First Vice President. Other documents may be signed by the President or an Officer singly with the consent of the Board, which may be polled by telephone *or electronically* for that consent.

ARTICLE XI: FISCAL YEAR, ANNUAL BUDGET AND AUDIT

Section 1. The Society's fiscal year shall be from January 1 to December 31. The Treasurer shall submit to the membership at the Annual General Meeting a financial report for the preceding fiscal year.

Section 2. At the end of each calendar year the President shall order an audit of the Society's financial records. The audit shall be conducted by a qualified person or persons and shall cover the period of January 1-December 31. A summary of the results shall be reported to the Board by February 15 and to the membership in the next following issue of the newsletter.

Section 3. The annual budget shall be for the fiscal year, and the Finance Committee shall submit the proposed budget to the Board of Directors for approval no later than November 30.

ARTICLE XII: BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES

Section 1. The enactment of these Bylaws and any repeal, amendment or re-enactment of the Bylaws shall be confirmed by at least two-thirds (*2/3*) votes cast on such action at a General Meeting.

Section 2. The Board may propose Bylaw amendments, deletions, or changes *to the Bylaws* for a vote by the membership at a General Meeting, (either Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting) provided the membership is notified in writing of the proposed changes in two (*2*) newsletters or one (*1*) newsletter and one special mailing, the first mailing of either to be sent no later than two (*2*) months prior to the General Meeting at which a vote on the proposed Bylaws changes will take place.

Any ~~Individual or Family~~ *Member* may introduce an amendment to the Bylaws at any General Meeting provided that the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing to the Board not less than ~~one hundred (100)~~ *sixty (60)* days prior to such General Meeting. Particulars of the proposed amendment shall be included in the notice of the General Meeting given to the ~~Individual and Family~~ Members.

Section 3. A Bylaws Committee may be appointed each year to ascertain if any changes in the Bylaws are in order.

Section 4. Business or action by the Society not covered by these Bylaws or Standing Rules shall be conducted in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order*, latest edition.

ARTICLE XIII: DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Society, the Board of Directors shall, after paying all liabilities, transfer all of its assets to the *Arizona State* Department of Library, Archives, and Public Records of the State of Arizona for the use of the Genealogy Library. *Collection.*