

The Michigan Genealogical Council Delegates Meeting was called to order by Pres Joanne Harvey at 1:00 PM on 13 May 2009. Newcomers and guests included: Grove Sandrock, Delegate Mid-Mich Genealogical Society; Ruth McMahon, Alternate, Detroit Society; Barbara Martin, Alternate – Muskegon Co, and Linus Drogos, Alternate – Dearborn Society.

Library of Michigan update presented by Kris Rzepczynski. Regarding [www.seekingmichigan.org](http://www.seekingmichigan.org) About 2/3 done, and over 600,000 records currently on-line. Hopefully will be completed by June. Upcoming Abrams Genealogy Seminar on 17-18 July 2009 at the Library of Michigan. Major speaker is Stephen Morse and topic will be "One Step, Many Solutions". Library website is [www.michigan.gov/hal](http://www.michigan.gov/hal). Still awaiting action on budget problems and its effect on the Library of Michigan. This can change any time.

Minutes of the 10 March 2009 Delegate Meeting were reviewed. It was noted that on under Friendly Forum on page 2, third line should start "Tri-State Genealogical Society". After correction, minutes were accepted for file.

Laurine Griffin presented the Treasurers Report, which indicated a balance of \$29,770.88 in the General Fund and a total of \$65082.50 in all accounts. Report accepted for file. She then presented the proposed budget for 2009 – 2010. Discussion indicated we would have a moderate increase in the yearly budget of \$226.00 to a total of \$3365.00 for FY 2010. Motion made by Grove Sandrock to accept the proposed budget, seconded by Marc Manson, and approved by membership. Lorraine reminded attendees that member societies should have their 2009-2010 dues in by 1 July 2009.

Corresponding Secretary Cynthia Grostick reported that the Board meeting for June will be on 3 June 2009 at 10:00 AM in Lake Erie Room. The Delegate Meeting in July will be on 14 July. Board Meeting is at 10:00 AM and Delegate Meeting is at 1:00. Location will be the First Presbyterian Church, 211 N. Chestnut Street, at the corner of Ottawa St (just North of the State Capitol Bldg). Societies can bring items for sale. For the remainder of the Calendar Year, meetings will be:

- 9 September 2009: Board Mtg at 10:00 and Delegate Mtg at 1:00 in Lake Erie Room
- 14 October 2009: Board mtg 10:00 in Lake Erie Room
- 10 November 2009: Board Meeting 10:00 and Delegate Mtg at 1:00 in Lake Erie Room
- 8 December 2009: Board Mtg 10:00 in Lake Erie Room

For 2010, arrangements are still being made for meeting rooms. Projected dates for Delegate Meetings are 12 Jan 2010, 9 March 2010, 11 May 2010, 13 July 2010, 14 September 2010, & 9 November 2010. PLEASE CHECK AND VERIFY YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS IN THE DIRECTORY. ALSO, ENSURE YOUR ZIP CODE IN THE DIRECTORY HAS ALL NINE NUMBERS (PLUS 4).

Tom Koselka noted the Internet group is keeping current info on the website regarding State budget info, and info on web-sites.

Joanne Harvey mentioned that there has very little action in Washington on HR 6056, "Preserving the American Historical Record Act".

The following projected slate of officers were nominated for election:

President – Cynthia Grostick  
Vice-President – Sue Irvine  
Corresponding Secretary – Tom Koselka  
Treasurer – Laurine Griffin  
Board Recorder – Stacy Stoner  
Delegate Recorder – Sam Pardee  
Trustee – Al Hart  
Trustee – Lucindia Wilson  
Trustee – Carolyn Haines

Joanne Harvey made a motion to have a unanimous vote for the slate of officers. Motion was seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

Miscellaneous mail included email from the Great Lakes Region of the National Archives, and the New England Historical Genealogical Society. Also included were flyers regarding the Eaton County GS Seminar in May.

General discussion was held on the fiscal situation of Michigan and its potential effect on the Library of Michigan. Joanne thanked the members who were able to talk with a legislator(s) in person, by phone, or had sent mail/messages to their legislator. Several attendees participated. Joanne asked that members continue to pursue contacting their legislators. Several potential methods of possible operation of the Library were mentioned. A number of visit experiences were shared. Some legislators appeared to not be really aware of the possible problems the Library could be exposed to. Others were well aware of the situation and interested in assisting where possible. As members of the Michigan Genealogical Council, we represent all of the genealogists in the state. Please ask your members to consider sending letters to their legislators, as opposed to e-mails.

We now have a Genealogy store in Michigan for the first time in several dozen years. It is called "My Biography" and is located in Niles, Mich. Owners are Laura & Jim Richards, and web-site is [www.mybiographystore.com](http://www.mybiographystore.com). We should try to patronize them.

Due to date and space limitations, and home football games, the fall MGC Seminar will be on 19 September 2009 at the Library of Michigan. If you are a speaker or know of a speaker, let us hear from you. More information will be coming.

The program for today is entitled "Ancestry World Archives Project", presented by Byron Bailey from Farmington. He mentioned it could be a council supported project. The project would be coordinated by Ancestry. Even though they are a "for profit" group, the various indexes would be free on Ancestry.com. The Farmington society became involved as a tool to get their society involved in a worthwhile project that could perhaps help them to grow their membership. A society that signs up with Ancestry to key a particular collection would receive, upon completion, a copy of the index and the actual images. Farmington ensured that the project they worked on would be a Michigan based project. All society members could help regardless of their particular location. Training and assistance from Ancestry has been outstanding. Byron showed several parts of the project they are working on. For additional info, touch base with Byron Bailey at 248-425-2947.

Friendly Forum:-

Western Mich Genealogical Society will have a seminar on 7 Nov 2009 at Calvin College. Speakers will be the Genie Guys.

Janet Romas indicated the NE Michigan Genealogical Society is having a seminar on 7 Jun 2009 in Alpena. Kris Rzepczynski is the keynote speaker. Janet also volunteered to serve as the MGC Archivist.

Eaton Co is sponsoring a seminar in Charlotte on 16 May 2009, with Shirley Hodges speaking.

Huron Shores Society is having a seminar on Polish Research on 16 May 2009 in Oscoda, Mich.

Jane Taylor of the Tri-State Society indicated they have a rather unique project going on. Individual society members write articles about genealogy and family history with the intent of having them published in the Sturgis Journal. Periodically, after they are written, they are sent to the paper, and the paper has published some. Not only are the articles informative, they also let readers know there is a local Genealogical Society, and how to contact them. This endeavor has already garnered some new members.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by Sam Pardee, Delegate Secretary

**ATTENDANCE**  
**13 May 2009 Delegate Meeting**

Calhoun Co GS	Cindy Wilson (D)		
Cheboygan Co GS	Ann Martin (PP)		
Cornish Connection	Carolyn Haines (D)		
Dearborn GS	Linus Drogs (A)	Tom Koselka (A)	Laurine Griffin (D)
Detroit Soc for GS Res	Mary Lou Duncan (D)	Richard M Doherty (D)	

Downriver GS	Tom Koselka (D)		
Eaton Co GS	Jo Glasgow (D)	Jim Collins (D)	
Farmington GS	Byron Bailey (D)		
Flint GS	Don Smith (D)		
Fox Run GS	Jeanette Coviak (D)		
Gaylord Fact Finders	Donald & Janet Rechlin (D)		
Gladwin Co GS	Barb Curtindale (D)		
Gratiot Co HGS	Mary Strouse (D)	Barb Curtindale (D)	
Harrison Area GS	Barb Curtindale (D)		
Hillsdale Co GS	Virginia Tervol (D)		
Hodges Family Assn	Shirley Hodges (D)	Clarence Hodges (D)	
Huron Shores GS	Judy Sheldon (D)		
Ingham Co GS	Sam Pardee (D)	Isabelle Wells (A)	
Irish GS of MI	Mary Lou Duncan (D)	Richard M Doherty (D)	
Isabella Co GS	Linda Hopp (D)		
Jackson Co GS	Stacy Stoner (D)		
Jewish GS of MI	Marc Manson (D)		
Lansing African-American	Melvin Holley (D)(P)		
Lenawee Co GS	Virginia Tervol (D)		
Livingston Co GS	Phyllis Rennells (D)		
Mid-Mich GS	Yvonne Koos (D)	Joanne Harvey (D)	Grove Sandrock (A)
GS of Monroe Co	Florence Wilson (D)		
Muskegon Co GS	Dawn M Kelley (D)	Barb Martin (A)	
Northeast MI GS	Janet Romas (D)		
Oakland Co GS	Grace Bonfiglio (A)	Pamela Epple (D)	Dick Doherty (D)
Redford Twp HGS	Maureen Lehman (D)		
Roscommon Co GS	Beverly Gaffney (D)		
Shiawassee Co GS	Don Smith (D)		
Stockbridge Area G&HS	Cynthia Grostick (D)		
Then & Now HGS	Isabelle Wells (D)		
Tri-State GS	Jane Taylor (D)	Shirley Fleckenstein (D)	
Washtenaw Co GS	Barbara Giezentaner (D)	Jessie Siekmeier (D)	
Western MI GS	Sue Irvine (D)	Claudia Day (A)	
Guest	Ruth McMahon		