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**Minutes of the Michigan Genealogical Council Delegate Meeting  
Michigan Historical Center – Lansing**

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The Delegate Meeting of the Michigan Genealogical Council was called to order by President Cynthia Grostick at 1:00 PM 10 November 2010 in The Forum. There were 54 members and guests in attendance.

Cindy then gave an update on news about the Library of Michigan. Budgetary constraints being considered by the Dept of Education will continue to effect the Library and its operation. Mrs Wallenberg had said items such as Genealogical materials could be eliminated. Attendees were reminded the Library is still open for business. It is important that management sees that the collections are being utilized by researchers. Tell your friends and society members that numbers of researchers are important. Cindy also notified attendees that Library Staff member, Charles Hagler, had retired.

Mark Harvey presented an update on the Archives. All the State Census materials have been pulled and sent to Ancestry for digitizing. Also includes materials held by the Burton Library pertaining to State Censuses. On Sat, 13 November, the Archives is having a "Kick-Off" program for the Civil War Anniversary Celebration. Web-site for Civil War data is [mi.civilwar.org](http://mi.civilwar.org). Staff is still working on Immigration Records in preparation to upload to [seekingmichigan.org](http://seekingmichigan.org).

Kris Rzepczynski, of the Library staff, then presented a program "Utilizing Footnote at the Library of Michigan And From home". Kris covered the differences between what is available on the Library Edition and what is available on the home edition. Individuals can subscribe from home by the month, or year. After subscribing from home, users have the ability to connect one record to another, and other interactive features such as leaving additional information/notes that other researchers can view. Program was very well received. Appears Kris really likes this site. Kris indicated he felt the more home users participate in the interactive portion of the home edition will cause Footnote to become better and better. The more information added by users will increase the overall databases on the site. As of now, yearly cost for personal subscription is \$79.95. It takes a little getting used to, when using the search aspects.

Minutes for the 9 September 2010 Delegate Meeting were reviewed and it was noted there were 3 errors on page 2 (last word on 1<sup>st</sup> line should read "health"; para 8 should read "indicated the DSGR is no longer taking 2 year memberships, only 1 year at a time."; last paragraph should begin "Byron Bailey"). Motion was made and seconded to accept minutes as amended, and motion carried.

Treasurers Report was presented by Cindy Grostick in the absence of Laurine Griffin. Report showed a balance of \$56,625.84 in all accounts. Cindy also noted the non-payment of dues by the following societies: Berrien, Charlevoix, Chippewa, Dickinson, Holland, Jewish, Kalkaska, Livingston, Marquette, Mecosta, Newaygo, North Oakland, Redford, Richmond, Roscommon, Rose City, Roseville, St Clair Co, St Clair Shores, St Joseph, Van Buren, Waterford. Those not paid by the end of the year will be removed from the membership roles.

Cindy then noted the Delegate Meeting on 13 January will be in the Form, and the Executive Board will meet in Lake Superior room. Meeting locations in March should be same rooms. The

out-state Delegate Meeting for 2011 is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Family History Center in Midland, MI in July 2011.

Tom Koselka indicated some of the emails he has sent to societies are being returned, and he will get in contact with them.

Barb Curtindale reminded attendees of the get-together in the Atrium after presentation of the Lucy Mary Kellogg Award, and meeting is adjourned.

Under Committee Reports, Roger Moffat said there are still a couple people working on the indexing project. He also indicated Randy Riley had been in contact with Ancestry, and we will be starting the Michigan Marriage Records project.

Jim Jackson gave a brief history of the Lucy Mary Kellogg Award and the lady whom it was named in honor of. He also mentioned the steps taken to select judges to evaluate the packets of material submitted to be considered for the 2010 Lucy Mary Kellogg Award. Lucy Mary Kellogg had previously been a Delegate to the MGC, and was instrumental in founding the Michigan Genealogical Council in 1971.

George Winneger presented a short biographical sketch of this years recipient of the Award, Lila Spellbring of the Livingston County Genealogical Society. Past winners of this award, who are present today, include Milton Charboneau, Mary Lou Duncan, and Jim Jackson. George mentioned many of the projects and various society duties that Lila was involved in.

Cindy Grostick then introduced Lila Spellbring as the 2010 recipient of the Lucy Mary Kellogg Award. Lila mentioned her pride in being selected, and also indicated she is the fourth recipient from the Livingston County Genealogical Society. Her career also included service in the US Marine Corps and the US Army. She was involved in the success of many projects supported by the Livingston County GS. Her remarks were not only enlightening, but also entertaining.

Cindy then opened the meeting for comments on FRIENDLY FORUM:

Judy Sheldon of Huron Shores mentioned their society is having a Cemetery Program on May 14<sup>th</sup>, and on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, program will be on Military Records.

George Winneger said they have brought 2 boxes of materials from Livingston County GS that are excess to their needs. Help yourself.

Mary Lou Duncan indicated that on 15 November at 1:15 the Northville Society will be sponsoring a program involving Bagpipers, followed by Mary Lou giving a presentation on Scottish genealogy.

Marilyn Baumgras from Shiawassee County Genealogical Society said that even though they no longer meet as a society, several members are still involved in clipping death, marriage, birth and miscellaneous announcements. They are placed in books located in the Owosso library, and the other to Shiawassee County Archives. They have also finished clippings from old newspapers from the 1800's.

Pamela Epple from Oakland Co GS indicated they have a new web-site. It is OCGSMI.org. They are sponsoring a trip to Salt Lake City on April 12 – 20<sup>th</sup>.

Beverly Keicher of Midland indicated they are nearly done indexing marriages in Midland County for the period 1855 – 1910 and they are taking pre-publication orders. It is being printed both in soft and hard cover. Send orders to Midland Genealogical Society, PO Box 2421, Midland, MI 48641-2421.

Lorene Wilson from Flint GS mentioned that a tombstone had been found in a backyard in Flint Twp. A society member researched the data on the stone and found that it must have been removed from a cemetery in Woodstock Twp, Lenawee County. The tombstone has been returned to the cemetery and will be put back where it belongs. While at the cemetery they found that the father of the family involved was a Civil War Veteran with no headstone/marker. Arrangements have been made to secure an appropriate marker for his grave.

There being no further business before the membership, meeting was adjourned.

#### ATTENDANCE

Calhoun Co GS	Jim Jackson (D)	
Cass River GS	Marie McGregor (D)	Dorothy Kuck (A)
Cheboygan Co GS	Ann Martin	
Cornish Connection	Jeanne Thomas (D)(P)	
Dearborn GS	Tom Koselka (D)	
Detroit Soc for GR	Mary Lou Duncan (D)	Dick Doherty (D)
Downriver GS	Tom Koselka (D)	
Eaton Co GS	Jim Collins (D)	Gary Copenhaver (A)
Farmington GS	Byron Bailey (D)	
Flint GS	Lorene Wilson (D)	
Fox Run GS	Lynn Hockenberger (A)	
Gladwin Co GS	Barbara Curtindale (D)	
Harrison Area GS	Barbara Curtindale (D)	
Hillsdale Co GS	Sharon Mayers (D)	
Hodges Family Assn	Clarence Hodges (D)	Shirley 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)	Dick Doherty (D)
Isabella Co GS	Donna Hoff-Grambau (D)	
Jackson Co GS	Stacy Stoner (D)(P)	
Kalamazoo Valley GS	Jim Jackson (D)	Kenneth Baker (D)
Lapeer Co GS	Al Hart (D)	Betty Ann Ivory (D)
Livingston Co GS	Margaret Bowland (D)	Phyllis Runnells (D)
Mich Gen Web	Patricia Hamp (D)	
Mid-Mich GS	Kenneth Howe (D)	Earl Watt (P)
Midland GS	Faye Ebach (D)	Beverly Keicher (D)
Oakland Co GS	Pamela Epple (D)	Dick Doherty (D) Grace Bonfiglio (A)
Shiawassee Co GS	Marilyn Baumgras	
Stockbridge Area	Cynthia Grostick	
Then & Now HGS	Isabelle Wells (D)	
Washtenaw Co GS	Ed Redmer (D)	Jessie Siekmeier (D)
Western MI HGS	Don Bryant (D)	Sue Irvine (D) Roger Moffat
Council Past Presidents	Connie Olson	Ann Martin
Guests: David L Smith – WMGS; Lila Spellbring, George Winnegar, Milton Charboneau		