

Advisory Board Minutes – September 2018

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SESSION OPEN 31 August 2018

The August 2018 meeting of the Advisory Board is now hereby adjourned. This note hereby convenes the September 2018 meeting of the Advisory Board.

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New Term 01 September 2017

Hello everyone:

I would like to thank everyone who has served the past year on the Advisory Board, especially those who are currently leaving us.

It appears that we are currently losing Mary Ann Lubinsky and Taneya Koonce.

Mary Ann and Taneya, thank you so much for your kind service on the Advisory Board for the past two years. It is much appreciated.

We are then welcoming Jan Bony to the Advisory Board and I think this is her first time on the AB. I have now added Jan Bony to the mail list for the regular Board mail. Jan, this is the regular Advisory Board list. We will deal with the Execute List soon. WELCOME, JAN!

I have already sent the Annual SC/ASC Roll Call form to the state coordinator

list.

I will be getting things rolling as soon as possible today.

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Renewal of Domains

02 September 2018

This can be posted to the Announce List. If no one wants to contribute, do not feel obligated.

The USGenWeb Project has the following domains due as follows. I have paid for some items myself in the past; however, if anyone would like to help, please send donations to me via PayPal (by friends and family there is no additional charge) to:

ncusg...@gmail.com

In the notes, you can put domain renewal or list the domain you would like to contribute to.

These are all registered with GoDaddy and they aren't giving us any break on a multiple year renewal for these. The .com does not need to be paid until July 2019. If you want your donation to go to a specific domain, please indicate in your note.

The domains are:

usgenweb.org -
cancels on 9/17/18 -
1 yr renewal \$19.99
2 yr renewal \$39.98

usgenweb.net -
cancels on 9/27/18 -
1 yr renewal \$18.99
2 yr renewal \$37.98

usgwelections.org -
cancels on 11/20/18 -
1 yr renewal \$19.99
2 yr renewal \$39.98

usgenweb.com -

cancels on 7/9/2019 -
1 yr renewal \$14.99
2 yr renewal \$29.98

To renew the first three domains for 1 year, that is a total of \$58.97
To renew the first three domains for 2 years, that is a total of \$117.94

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**Current Domain
Information**

03 September 2018

I am posting this message on the Board List, as well as copying to the various Google mail lists.

A question has been posed with respect to negotiating better prices for the lodging of our domains. Although we are a unregistered non-profit organization, we do own the .net and .com to protect our identity.

It appears that we have the following information:

usgenweb.org - created 9/18/1997
usgenweb.net - created 9/28/1997
usgenweb.com - created 7/10/1996
usgwelections.org - created 11/20/2002

These are all currently held by GoDaddy.com and that is where I searched WhoIs.com to get this information.

As many of you know, I'm certainly not the guru of web management as that is not my forte. I'm also not the one familiar with moving domains, although I have had to stumble through a couple of my own in the past.

Our site had been hosted on a server belonging to a donor to the project for some time. An apparent hacking occurred and a prior NC and Webmaster took care of cleaning up our project files and another member then offered and has provided since that time hosting for free of our site. Our current host has just advised me that he can offer us domains at a renewal price of \$12.99 for .com, .org and .net sites. For how long, I do not know. I also do not know if we can obtain a better price anywhere else.

That would ultimately mean that the same person who has freely hosted our site for hosting for several years out of the goodness of his heart, would also host our domains. That could be good.

If we do that, I would want to know what would happen to us, if anything happened to him, of course. And he would most likely be in a position to help with adjusting our nameservers for the site.

Do we want to pursue this further? If so, we should do that quickly since the first of our renewals is due by 9/16/18 as it cancels on 9/17/18.

I will however be issuing the confidentiality post before we take this up for discussion by the Advisory Board, as we may want to move this discussion to Board Exec to determine how we want to proceed. Please put your thinking caps on, and discuss, if you would like, with your constituents. I wanted to put this out there now so you can put your thinking caps on.

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**Board-Exec Mail
List Agreement
of Confidentiality
– Term 2018-
2019**

03 September 2018

The Board-Exec list is a confidential list. All postings to Board-Exec are required to remain confidential. It will be a list that we use for personnel and other sensitive issues.

If you agree that you will honor the confidentiality of Board-Exec, please signify by responding with "Agree." If you do not feel that you can honor the confidentiality of Board-Exec, please signify by responding with "Disagree." Please understand that if you feel you cannot "Agree," you will not be able to participate in Board-Exec discussions and will not be subscribed to that mail list.

Upon receipt of the responses, the new members will then be subscribed, and discussions can be resumed.

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Those signifying "Agree" are as follows: Larry Flesher, Linda K. Lewis, Jan Bony, Mike Peterson, Nancy Janyszski, Trish Elliott-Kashima, Jeff Kemp, Lesley Shockey, MaryAlice Schwanke, Jane Colmenares, Denise Wells, Shirley Cullum, Adrian Williams.

[NOTE: 14 September 2018]

At this point, all members except Patrice Green, have responded to the Board-Exec Confidentiality Agreement for the Term 2018-2019.

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**Confidentiality
Agreement is Not
Complete**

06 September 2018

All Advisory Board Members have not yet responded with Agree as to the Confidentiality Agreement for the Board-Exec list. I have now subscribed Jan Bony to our Board-Exec list; however, I have not heard from two members, who have, therefore, been disabled from both posting and receiving email until I receive a confidentiality agreement from those two members.

Members signifying that they "Agree" to the confidentiality agreement are as follows: Trish Elliott-Kashima, Linda K. Lewis, Les Shockey, Mike Peterson, Larry Flesher, MaryAlice Schwanke, Shirley Cullum, Jane Colmenares, Jan Bony, Nancy Janyszeski, Jeff Kemp, Denise Wells.

Responding on 9/10/2018: Adrian Williams

Those not responding: Patrice Green

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**Advisory Board
Order of Business**

06 September 2018

(New AB Term Initial Order). Per Special Rules, Section II, the following is the current Advisory Board Order of Business. It will be updated and announced on the Board as occurring but at least monthly. It is flexible and may be adapted to cope with immediate business. Advise Presiding Officer of any items for future business:

- 1] Establish Exec-Board Confidentiality List.
- 2] Hosting of USGenWeb's Domain Names.

Mike Peterson
Northwest/Plains Region
Country Coordinator Representative 2016-2018
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11 September 2018

(Replaces Order of 6 September). Per Special Rules, Section II, the following is the current Advisory Board Order of Business. It will be updated and announced on the Board as occurring but at least monthly. It is flexible and may be adapted to cope with immediate business. Advise Presiding Officer of any items for future business:

- 1] Establish Exec-Board Confidentiality List.
- 2] Advisory Board Vacancies.
- 3] Hosting of USGenWeb's Domain Names.

Mike Peterson
Northwest/Plains Region
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Approval of July 2018 Advisory Board Minutes

13 September 2018

Having heard no corrections, the July 2018 Advisory Board Minutes will stand as approved.

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Vacancy Motion

17 September 2018

[NOTE: The vacancy motion indicated here was not posted to the Board mail list. It was only posted on the Board-Exec list, and this note of withdrawal of said motion was made inappropriately on the Board list, as was a second. The below posting is therefore moot.]

I withdraw my 'second' to this motion so the motion's wording can be modified to improve it

Larry Flesher
Southwest/South Central Region
State Coordinator Representative 2017-2020
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I withdraw the motion and will submit another.

Mike Peterson
Northwest/Plains Region
Country Coordinator Representative 2016-2020
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**Motion to Add
Standard Rule
Defining an
Advisory Board
Vacancy**

17 September 2018

I move the following Section be added to The USGenWeb Project Standard Rules:

XIV. ADVISORY BOARD VACANCY DEFINITION.

An elected Advisory Board position will be declared vacant by the National Coordinator and confirmed by the Advisory Board under any one of the following conditions:

- a. A member or member representative submits a resignation to the National Coordinator.
- b. Notification from a member representative, or discovery by the National Coordinator, that a member has died.
- c. The last election for a member position did not have a nominee.
- d. A member or member representative has not communicated with the National Coordinator or any other Advisory Board member within 15 days without a previous arrangement for temporary absence.

Mike Peterson
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I second the Advisory Board Vacancy Definition motion.

Larry Flesher
Southwest/South Central Region
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**USGenWeb
domain renewals**

19 September 2018

We have received donations to cover the renewal amounts for our 4 domains for the upcoming two years.

All completed now.

Thank you.

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Point of Order please. We have a seconded motion on the floor. The news however is great.

Mike Peterson
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Adjournment 01 October 2018

The September 2018 meeting of the Advisory Board is now hereby adjourned. This note hereby convenes the October 2018 meeting of the Advisory Board.

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