

# Advisory Board Minutes – April 2024

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### 2024 Mar Advisory Board Meeting Adjourned / 2024 Apr Advisory Board Meeting Convened

**01 April 2024**

The March 2024 meeting of the Advisory Board is now adjourned and the April 2024 Advisory Board Meeting is now convened.

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National Coordinator 2023-2024

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### 2023/24 Apr Order of Business

**01 April 2024**

Per Article IV. of the Special Rules, the Order of Business is as follows:

Minutes

Announcements

Reports

- Election Committee (Quarter)
- Grievance Committee (Quarter)
- AB-Conducted Elections (Quarter)
- Rootsweb Migration Project Update

Unfinished Business

New Business

- Grievance Committee Appointments

Adjournment

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**IV. ORDER OF BUSINESS.**

Order of Business will be renewed and announced to the assembly at the beginning of each month by the Presiding Officer. The Order of Business will be flexible and may be adapted to cope with immediate business. Members will advise the Presiding Officer of suggested agenda items for future Orders of Business.

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**2024 Q2 AB-Assisted Elections 02 April 2024**

For the record, the Advisory Board facilitated the following State elections last quarter:

- VTGenWeb SC election was conducted by Rebecca Maloney, Norma Hass, and Linda Ziemann. Karen De Groote was declared the winner

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**1Q 2024 EC Report 03 April 2024**

The following Election Committee report is submitted by Pat Asher, EC Chair, for the record:

----- Original Message -----

From: Pat Asher  
To: "Linda K. Lewis"  
Cc: Election Committee Date: 04/03/2024 3:44 PM EDT  
Subject: 1Q 2024 EC Report

To: Advisory Board  
Date: 3 Apr 2024

Membership Report for 1st quarter ending 31 Mar 2024.

New Members: 4  
Left the Project: 13  
Deaths Reported: 0

Total Members: 863  
Registered to Vote: 541  
Unresolved email Bounces: 1

The EC conducted an election for FLGW State Coordinator which concluded on Mar 25, 2024.  
Jeff Kemp was elected SC of FLGW.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Asher, EC Chair

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**Mar 2023/24  
Advisory Board  
Minutes**

**05 April 2024**

Please review the 2023/24 March Advisory Board Minutes and advise if corrections or revisions are needed.

<https://www.usgenweb.org/about/pdfs-minutes/AB-2024-03.pdf>

These Minutes will stand as accepted as of March 10, 2024, at 11:59 PM if no corrections are heard.

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**1st Quarter 2024  
Grievance  
Committee Report**

**11 April 2024**

The quarterly Grievance Committee report is submitted for the record by Karen De Groote, GC Chair.

----- Original Message -----

From: Karen De Groote <[iage...@gmail.com](mailto:iage...@gmail.com)>  
To: Linda Lewis <[webm...@cottonhills.com](mailto:webm...@cottonhills.com)>  
Date: 04/11/2024 12:04 PM EDT  
Subject: 1st Quarter 2024 Grievance Committee Report

Greetings Linda,

The grievance committee has received no grievances this quarter. Thus I report that there has been no activity.

Thanks much,  
Karen De Groote  
USGenWeb Grievance Committee Chair

Linda K. Lewis

**Grievance  
Committee  
Appointment**

**14 April 2024**

The Grievance Committee seats expired on March 1, 2024. Per Standard Rule V. Grievance Procedures, Karen De Groote, GC Chair, submitted a new slate of volunteers on April 12, 2024, for appointment by the Advisory Board. See <https://www.usgenweb.org/about/standardrules.html>

May I hear a motion, by general consent, to seat the following members for the Grievance Committee?

Chair: Karen De Groote, 2-year term ending Mar. 1, 2026

Special Project Rep: Conni McDaniel-Hall, 2-year term ending Mar. 1, 2026

Representative 1: Linda Hughes 2-year term ending Mar. 1, 2026

Representative 2: Sharyl Ferrall 1-year term ending Mar. 1, 2025

Representative 3: Cathy von Hassel-Davies, 1-year term ending Mar. 1, 2025

----- Original Message -----

From: Karen De Groote <[iage...@gmail.com](mailto:iage...@gmail.com)>

To: Linda Lewis <[webm...@cottonhills.com](mailto:webm...@cottonhills.com)>

Date: 04/12/2024 6:43 PM EDT

Subject: Grievance Committee Slate

Greetings Linda,

This slate is the current slate needed to populate the USGenWeb Grievance Committee. We will find a new mediator at a later date.

We also thank Steve Conner and Constance Diamond for service.

Thanks much,  
Karen

Chair: Karen De Groote (2-year term)

Special Project Rep: Conni McDaniel-Hall (2-year term)

Representative 1: Linda Hughes (2-year term)

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MaryAlice Schwanke

Southwest/South Central Region

County Coordinator Representative 2022-2024

I will second this motion

Jeff Kemp

Southeast/Mid-Atlantic Region

State Coordinator Representative 2022-2024

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**2023/24-09 Motion to Appoint Grievance Committee**

**14 April 2024**

Moved by MaryAlice Schwanke, seconded by Jeffrey Kemp, dated Apr. 14, 2024, and numbered as Motion 2023/24-09, the motion reads:

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Please state if there are any objections, or respond No Objection.

If there are no objections heard within 48 hours the motion will pass.

**The response period expires Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 11:59 p.m., EDT.**

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No objection

Norma Hass

Southeast/Mid-Atlantic Region  
County Coordinator Representative 2023-2024

No objection

Nancy Janyszeski  
Northeast/North Central Region  
State Coordinator Representative 2022-2024

No objection

Jeff Kemp  
Southeast/Mid-Atlantic Region  
State Coordinator Representative 2022-2024

No objection

Linda Ziemann  
Northwest/Plains Region  
State Coordinator Representative 2023-2025

No objection

Linda Simpson  
Southwest/South Central Region  
State Coordinator Representative 2022-2024

No Objection.

MaryAlice Schwanke  
Southwest/South Central Region  
County Coordinator Representative 2022-2024

No objection

Rebecca Maloney  
Special Projects Representative 2023-2024

No objection

Doreen Harunaga-Ewing  
Southwest/South Central Region  
County Coordinator Representative 2023-2025

No objection

Kris Meyer  
Northwest/Plains Region  
County Coordinator Representative 2023-2024

**15 April 2024**

Mary Ann Lubinsky  
Northeast/North Central Region  
County Coordinator Representative 2022-2024

No objections.

Taneya Koonce  
AB Representative at Large 2023-2025

No Objection

Randy Cummings  
Northwest/Plains Region  
Country Coordinator Representative 2023-2025

No objection.

Tricia Aanderud  
Southeast/Mid-Atlantic Region  
County Coordinator Representative 2023-2025

**16 April 2024**

No objection.

Dale H. Cook  
Northeast/North Central Region  
County Coordinator Representative 2023-2025

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**2023/24-09 Motion to Appoint Grievance Committee Results** **17 April 2024**

With all members responding within the allotted period and having heard no objections, the motion passes, and the Grievance Committee is now seated.

Thank you to Steve Conner and Constance Diamond for their prior service on the Grievance Committee, and thank you to those members who agreed to continue to serve for another term. USGenWeb Appreciates You!

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Members Responding No Objection:

Norma Hass, SEMA CC  
Nancy Janyszeski, NENC SC  
Jeffrey Kemp, SEMA SC  
Linda Ziemann, NWPL SC  
Linda Simpson, SWSC SC  
MaryAlice Schwanke, SWSC CC  
Rebecca Maloney, SP  
Doreen Harunaga-Ewing, SWSC CC  
Kris Meyer, NWPL CC  
Mary Ann Lubinsky, NENC CC  
Taneya Koonce, RAL  
Randy Cummings, NWPL CC  
Tricia Aanderud, SEMA CC  
Dale H. Cook, NENC CC

Members Not Responding: (None)

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**RW Migration  
Project**

**23 April 2024**

I received the return receipt today for the request letter sent to Ancestry.com. It was delivered and signed for on 4/1/2024. I've received no response to the letter so far.

We recently uncovered 4 more county sites that are redirected to RootsWeb. We have 8 county sites that still need to be moved to a new link.

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**Adjournment**

**02 May 2024**

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