

# Advisory Board Minutes – July 2024

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## 2024 Jun Advisory Board Meeting

### Adjourned / 2024 Jul Advisory Board

**01 July 2024**

The June 2024 meeting of the Advisory Board is now adjourned and the July 2024 Advisory Board Meeting is now convened.

Linda K. Lewis

National Coordinator 2023-2024

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## 2023/24 Jul Order of Business

**01 July 2024**

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

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Announcements

- Annual Election

Reports

- AB Assisted Elections Quarterly
- Election Committee Quarterly
- Grievance Committee Quarterly
- Rootsweb Migration Project Update

Unfinished Business

New Business

Adjournment

Linda K. Lewis  
National Coordinator 2023-2024

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**AB Assisted  
Elections Report**

**02 July 2024**

OHGenWeb SC Dale Grimm retired. Dale Cook, Norma Hass, and Doreen Harunaga-Ewing conducted the OH election and Randy Cummings was declared the winner.

Linda K. Lewis  
National Coordinator 2023-2024

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**ANNOUNCEMENT: 03 July 2024  
USGW Annual  
Election - Voting**

**\*\*\* ANNOUNCEMENT: PLEASE FORWARD TO ALL STATE  
LISTS / MEMBERS \*\*\***

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

From: [ECDa...@usgwelections.org](mailto:ECDa...@usgwelections.org)

To: [webm...@cottonhills.com](mailto:webm...@cottonhills.com)

Date: 07/03/2024 9:25 AM EDT

Subject: USGW Annual Election - Voting

Dear USGenWeb Project Member,

The Voting Booth for our annual election is now open and will close July 31, 2024 at 11:59pm. To get your voting password go to <https://www.usgwelections.org/GetVoterPassword.cfm>

If you have forgotten your Member ID or password, enter your email address on file with the Election Committee and your login information will be sent to you.

If you are registered under an old email to which you no longer have access, contact Pat Asher, Chair, at [pjr...@att.net](mailto:pjr...@att.net) or Michael Kay, Dataset Manager, at [micha...@outlook.com](mailto:micha...@outlook.com)

PLEASE -- Do not wait until the last few days before the election ends before contacting the EC about a password. The EC will make every effort to see that all registered voters have an opportunity to vote; but last minute requests may not allow the EC enough time to make the changes that are necessary before a voting password can be sent to a different email address.

Thank you for participating in the USGenWeb Project National Election.

Pat Asher, Chair  
USGW Election Committee

Linda K. Lewis  
National Coordinator 2023-2024

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**EC Report - 2nd Qtr 2024**

**03 July 2024**  
The quarterly Election Committee report below was submitted for the record by Pat Asher, EC Chair.

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

From: Pat Asher  
To: "Linda K. Lewis"  
Date: 07/03/2024 10:13 AM EDT  
Subject: EC Report - 2nd Qtr 2024

To: Advisory Board  
Date: 3 Jul 2024

Membership Report for 2nd quarter ending 30 Jun 2024.

New Members: 8  
Left the project: 12  
Deaths Reported: 0

Total Members: 866  
Registered to Vote: 537  
Unresolved Email Bounces: 0

The EC conducted a State Coordinator for NJGW which concluded 17 Apr 2024.

Mary Alice Schwanke was elected SC of NJGW.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Asher  
Election Committee Chair

Linda K. Lewis  
National Coordinator 2023-2024

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**June 2023/24  
Advisory Board  
Minutes**

**04 July 2024**

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

<https://www.usgenweb.org/about/pdfs-minutes/AB-2024-06.pdf>

These Minutes will stand as accepted as of Jul 6, 2024, at 11:59 PM if no corrections are heard.

Linda K. Lewis  
National Coordinator 2023-2024

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**RootsWeb Migration 08 July 2024**  
**Project COMPLETE**

I am so excited to announce that all 147 counties identified as hosted on RootsWeb are now set up with new homes! While many of these sites are still in the process of reorganizing and filling in content, the RW sites are all copied for safekeeping and ongoing work.

This was a major undertaking for 16 impacted states, and many other members stepped up and pitched in. You all did an AMAZING job! This work has helped to freshen up many sites that have long been neglected, remove bad links, and show the public that USGenWeb is still a strong and valuable genealogical resource!

Congratulations and heartfelt kudos to every member who worked on this project! Thank you so much for making it successful!

Linda K. Lewis  
National Coordinator 2023-2024

Amazing! What a great milestone!

Taneya Koonce  
AB Representative at Large 2023-2025

I totally agree, we'll done.

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

Absolutely, these additional 147 counties with NEW homes is Fantastic! I know it is an ongoing project for several other States also.....ex: I have been working with SDGenWeb in saving and reorganizing & creating new pages with the old RW page content as time permits. And the SD old RW pages were moved off RW a few years back already.

Thanks to everyone putting out the work effort to restore, for the USGenWeb Viewers pleasure — all the State history and county history. Our Pioneers led such interesting lives & don't ya just love their stories!

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

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**Grievance  
Committee  
Quarterly Report**

**10 July 2024**

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

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

From: Karen De Groot  
To: Linda Lewis  
Date: 07/08/2024 9:49 PM EDT  
Subject: 2nd Quarter 2024 Grievance Committee Report

Greetings Linda,

The grievance committee has received no grievances in the 2nd quarter of 2024. Thus I report that there has been no activity.

Thanks much,  
Karen De Groot  
USGenWeb Grievance Committee Chair

Linda K. Lewis  
National Coordinator 2023-2024

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**RootsWeb / Ancestry  
Next Step? 27 July 2024**

As you may remember, I sent a cordial request to Ancestry.com to remove our service marks from RootsWeb that was signed for on Apr 1. No response or action was taken.

As a next step, the AB is in favor of sending the attached Cease & Desist letter to Ancestry via certified mail with a return receipt. The attached letter was created using a boilerplate version from a legal site.

We would appreciate your feedback before we take this next step.  
**Please share with the State lists and send feedback to the Project level lists or to me or any AB member by Aug. 12.**

Thank you!

Linda K. Lewis  
National Coordinator 2023-2024

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**Adjournment****01 August 2024**

The July 2024 meeting of the Advisory Board is now adjourned and the August 2024 Advisory Board Meeting is now convened.

Linda K. Lewis  
National Coordinator 2023-2024

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Please remember that minutes are a record of actions proposed and taken at the meeting, NOT all the detail about what was said by members or guests. If you have any questions or comments about the minutes, please write to [Doreen Harunaga-Ewing](#), Secretary.