

Advisory Board Minutes – April 2025

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2025 Mar Advisory Board Meeting Adjourned / 2025 Apr Advisory Board Meeting Convened

01 March 2025

The February 2025 meeting of the Advisory Board is now adjourned and the March 2025 Advisory Board Meeting is now convened.

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2024-2025

2024/25 Apr Order of Business

01 April 2025

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- Grievance Committee Quarterly Report
- EC Software Research Committee Monthly Report

Unfinished Business

New Business

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National Coordinator 2024-2025

2022/23 May Order of Business

02 May 2025

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**2024/25 Apr Order
of Business
(Updated)**

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National Coordinator 2024-2025

**NWPL SC
Appointment**

04 April 2025

The next order of business is to appoint a NWPL State Coordinator Representative to serve the remainder of this term ending 8/31/2025. This seat was vacated by Linda Ziemann when she accepted the RAL appointment.

The AB is delighted that David Gochenour, NGenWeb State Coordinator, agreed to accept this appointment. David previously held this seat from 4/7/2019 to 8/31/2023 and we are grateful to have him back.

May I hear a motion, by general consent, to appoint David Gochenour as NWPL State Coordinator Representative for the remainder of the current term ending 8/31/2025?

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2024-2025

I move to appoint David Gochenour as NWPL State Coordinator Representative to fill out the remainder of this term.

Kris Meyer
Northwest/Plains Region
County Coordinator Representative 2024-2026

I second the motion.

Nancy Janyszeski
Northeast/North Central Region
State Coordinator Representative 2024-2026

2024/25-09 Motion to Appoint NWPL SC Rep

05 April 2025

Moved by Kris Meyer, seconded by Nancy Janyszeski, dated Apr. 5, 2025, and numbered as Motion 2024/25-09, the motion reads:

"I move, by general consent, to appoint David Gochenour as NWPL State Coordinator Representative for the remainder of the current term ending 8/31/2025."

Please state any objections, or respond No Objection.

The motion will pass if no objections are heard within the response period, or if all members respond "No Objection" before the response period elapses.

The response period expires Monday, Apr. 7, 2025, at 11:59 p.m., EDT.

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2024-2025

No objection

Kris Meyer
Northwest/Plains Region
County Coordinator Representative 2024-2026

No objection

Nancy Janyszeski

Northeast/North Central Region
State Coordinator Representative 2024-2026

No objection

Norma Hass
Southeast/Mid-Atlantic Region
County Coordinator Representative 2024-2026

No objection

Linda Simpson
Southwest/South Central Region
State Coordinator Representative 2024-2026

No objection.

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

No objection

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

No objection

Mary Ann Lubinsky
Northeast/North Central Region
County Coordinator Representative 2024-2026

No Objection

Linda Ziemann
AB Representative at Large 2025

No objection

Jeff Kemp
Southeast/Mid-Atlantic Region
State Coordinator Representative 2024-2026

No objection.

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

No Objection.

MaryAlice Schwanke
Southwest/South Central Region
County Coordinator Representative 2024-2026

No objections!

Rebecca Maloney
Special Projects Representative 2024-2025

No objections

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

2024/25-09 Motion to 06 April 2025
Appoint NWPL SC
Rep Results

The motion passes with all members responding within the allotted period and having heard no objections. David Gochenour is now seated as NWPL State Coordinator Representative.

Congratulations David! Thank you and welcome back to the AB! You are now subscribed to Board-L with posting privileges.

Motion: "I move, by general consent, to appoint David Gochenour as NWPL State Coordinator Representative for the remainder of the current term ending 8/31/2025."

Members Responding No Objection:

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

Rebecca Maloney, SP

Randy Cummings, NWPL CC

Not Responding
VACANT, NWPL SC

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2024-2025

1st Qtr 2025 Election Committee Report 06 April 2025

The Quarterly Election Committee report is submitted below, for the record, by Pat Asher, Chair. ----- Original Message -----

From: Pat Asher <pjr...@att.net>To: "Linda K. Lewis" <webm...@cottonhills.com>
Cc: Election Committee <usgw-el...@googlegroups.com>
Date: 04/06/2025 2:16 PM EDT
Subject: 1st Qtr 2025 Election Committee Report

To: Advisory Board
Date: 4/6/2025

Membership Report for 1st Qtr ending 31 Mar 2025:
New Members: 2
Left the Project: 8
Deaths reported: 0
Total Members: 822
Registered to Vote: 498

On Jan 19, 2025 the AB passed Motion 2024/25-07 to approve the seating of two returning EC Members: Bob Jenkins, SWSC Rep; Pat Asher, EC RAL; and two new members, Kimberly Morgan, NWPL Rep; and Dee Pavey, SEMA Rep.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Asher, EC Chair

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2024-2025

**Mar 2024/25
Advisory Board
Minutes**

06 April 2025

Please review the 2024/25 March Advisory Board Minutes and advise if corrections or revisions are needed.

<https://www.usgenweb.org/about/pdfs-minutes/AB-2025-03.pdf>

If no corrections are heard, these Minutes will be accepted as of Apr 9, 2025, at 11:59 PM.

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2024-2025

Looked good to me.

MaryAlice Schwanke
Southwest/South Central Region
County Coordinator Representative 2024-2026

**Board-Exec
Confidentiality Oath
for NWPL SC Rep**

06 April 2025

The next order of business is the administration of the Board-Exec Confidentiality Oath to David Gochenour. This oath is required for Advisory Board member subscription to the Board-Exec mail list.

The Board-Exec mail list is a **CONFIDENTIAL** list where personnel and other delicate issues that require confidentiality are handled to ensure privacy, unless and until publicly posted on Board-L for the record.

All postings to Board-Exec are to remain confidential at all times. This is crucial. Make sure you select only Board-Exec when you reply or send confidential emails. It is very easy to send to the wrong list so please be vigilant.

David Gochenour: If you agree to honor the confidentiality of the Board-Exec list, please respond with "Agree." You **will** be granted access to the Board-Exec list. If you do not agree to honor Board-Exec list confidentiality, please reply "Disagree." You **will not** be granted access to the Board-Exec list.

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2024-2025

07 April 2025

Agree.

David Gochenour
Northwest/Plains Region
State Coordinator Representative 2025

Agree

Linda Simpson
Southwest/South Central Region
State Coordinator Representative 2024-2026

Thank you, David. I just sent you an invitation to join the Board-Exec Google Group.

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2024-2025

**Grievance
Committee
Appointments**

14 April 2025

The next order of business is to fill 2 expired 1-year term seats on the Grievance Committee. Karen De Groote, GC Chair, submitted Sharyl Ferrall and Nettie Mae Lucas to the AB to fill the expired seats, as per Bylaw V, Grievance Procedures, A - Committee Membership, Qualifications, and Appointments. <https://www.usgenweb.org/about/standardrules.html#vgrievanceprocedures>

May I hear a motion, by general consent, to appoint Sharyl Ferrall and Nettie Mae Lucas to the Grievance Committee for 1-year terms ending March 1, 2026?

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

From: Karen De Groote <iage...@gmail.com>
To: Linda Lewis <webm...@cottonhills.com>
Date: 04/11/2025 10:02 AM EDT
Subject: Submissions

Greetings Linda,

I found a replacement for Cathy. I have gotten an agreement from Nettie Mae Lucas, a long time member of the USGW to serve on the grievance committee. She has never sought office to my knowledge but is very aware of our rules and goals.

Please vote on Sharyl and Nettie Mae Lucas to full fill the two positions on the grievance committee.

Thank you,
Karen

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2024-2025

I make a motion, by general consent, to appoint Sharyl Ferrall and Nettie Mae Lucas to the Grievance Committee for 1-year terms ending March 1, 2026.

Norma Hass
Southeast/Mid-Atlantic Region
County Coordinator Representative 2024-2026

Second the motion.

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

**2024/25-10
Grievance
Committee
Appointments**

14 April 2025

Moved by Norma Hass, seconded by Doreen Harunaga-Ewing, dated Apr. 14, 2025, and numbered as Motion 2024/25-10, the motion reads:

"I move, by general consent, to appoint David Gochenour as NWPL State Coordinator Representative for the remainder of the current term ending 8/31/2025."

Please state any objections, or respond No Objection.

The motion will pass if no objections are heard within the response period, or if all members respond "No Objection" before the response period elapses.

The response period expires Wednesday, Apr. 16, 2025, at 11:59 p.m., EDT.

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2024-2025

No objection.

Mary Ann Lubinsky
Northeast/North Central Region
County Coordinator Representative 2024-2026

no objection

Kris Meyer
Northwest/Plains Region
County Coordinator Representative 2024-2026

No objection

Nancy Janyszeski
Northeast/North Central Region
State Coordinator Representative 2024-2026

No objection!

Linda Ziemann
AB Representative at Large 2025

No objection.

MaryAlice Schwanke
Southwest/South Central Region
County Coordinator Representative 2024-2026

15 April 2025

No objection.

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

No Objection to the corrected version!

Linda Ziemann
AB Representative at Large 2025

**2024/25-10
Grievance
Committee
Appointments
Corrected**

14 April 2025

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Please state any objections, or respond No Objection.

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Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2024-2025

No objection.

Norma Hass
Southeast/Mid-Atlantic Region
County Coordinator Representative 2024-2026

For those who already responded, please respond to the Corrected version.
My apologies for the copy/paste error in the first version.

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2024-2025

No Objections!

Linda Ziemann
AB Representative at Large 2025

No objection

Nancy Janyszeski
Northeast/North Central Region
State Coordinator Representative 2024-2026

No Objection.

MaryAlice Schwanke
Southwest/South Central Region
County Coordinator Representative 2024-2026

no objection

Kris Meyer
Northwest/Plains Region
County Coordinator Representative 2024-2026

No objection

Jeff Kemp
Southeast/Mid-Atlantic Region
State Coordinator Representative 2024-2026

No objection.

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

No objections

Rebecca Maloney
Special Projects Representative 2024-2025

15 April 2025

No objection.

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

No Objections

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

No objection

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

No objection.

David Gochenour
Northwest/Plains Region
State Coordinator Representative 2025

16 April 2025

No objection.

Mary Ann Lubinsky

Northeast/North Central Region
County Coordinator Representative 2024-2026

**2024/25-10
Grievance
Committee
Appointments
Corrected Results**

17 April 2025

The motion passes with 12 members responding within the allotted period and having heard no objections. Sharyl Ferrall and Nettie Mae Lucas are now seated on the Grievance Committee. Congratulations and thank you to Sharyl and Nettie Mae!

Motion: "I make a motion, by general consent, to appoint Sharyl Ferrall and Nettie Mae Lucas to the Grievance Committee for 1-year terms ending March 1, 2026."

Members Responding No Objection:

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Randy Cummings, NWPL CC
Tricia Aanderud, SEMA CC
David Gochenour, NWPL SC
Mary Ann Lubinsky, NENC CC

Member Not Responding to Corrected Motion

Linda Simpson, SWSC SC

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2024-2025

**1st Quarter 2025
Grievance
Committee Report**

17 April 2025

For the record, the quarterly Grievance Committee report is submitted below by Karen De Groote, Chair.

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

From: Karen De Groote <iage...@gmail.com>

To: Linda Lewis <webm...@cottonhills.com>

Date: 04/14/2025 10:26 PM EDT

Subject: 1st Quarter 2025 Grievance Committee Report

Greetings Linda,

I am happy to report the grievance committee has received no grievances in the first quarter of 2025. I officially report that there has been no activity.

Thanks much,
Karen De Groote
USGenWeb Grievance Committee Chair

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2024-2025

**ECSRC report for
April**

26 April 2025

For the record, the monthly ECSRC report is submitted below by MaryAlice Schwanke, Chair.

On 04/26/2025 3:27 PM EDT Mary Schwanke <greatu...@gmail.com> wrote:

The ECSRC submits the following report,

- Through March 31st - We finished the Discovery Phase. (to collect information about available options for Member Management, Elections/Voting, Broadcast E-mail)
- We put the 'Hire a Professional' option aside for a possible discussion with a future committee, there are no funds to cover such an expense at this time.
- April 1st we began to review/discuss the options that were discovered for Member Management, so far they have been:
 - Zeffy - Appeared to be primarily a fundraising platform; Member Management consists of name, email, donation data, a section for notes and ability to apply 'tags'. The general opinion was that this did not fit our needs.
 - Tendenci - Although it seems this option would fill many of our needs, the minimum cost using their 'hosted through Tendenci' plan would be \$249/mo; There is a free 'open-source' option with requirements (software/programs needed) that may exclude it from being an option for us.
 - We are starting to review the **PHP / MySQL / PhpMyAdmin** option.

MaryAlice Schwanke
ECSRC Chair

Linda K. Lewis

National Coordinator 2024-2025

Adjournment

02 March 2025

The April 2025 meeting of the Advisory Board is adjourned, and the May 2025 Advisory Board Meeting is now convened.

Linda K. Lewis
National Coordinator 2024-2025

The full text of all BOARD-L messages can be viewed in the threaded list archives for this list by subscribing members in their email.

All Advisory Board Minutes are located at <http://usgenweb.org/about/minutes.html>.

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.