

**MICHIGAN GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL**  
**DELEGATE MEETING**

Michigan Historical Center  
Lansing, Michigan

President Cynthia Grosttick opened the meeting at 10:00 and welcomed all attendees.

Mark Harvey presented an update on happenings in the Archives. Some of the State Census films/documents that Ancestry is indexing will be back on the shelf shortly and the data put up on SeekingMichigan.org by July. Will be sending Naturalization Records to Ancestry for indexing. Appears several of the Counties who had not previously turned their registers in to the Archives, are willing to loan their registers so the data can be included in the indexing. Copy of the respective indexes will be furnished the county concerned. Mark will be visiting the counties who have not yet furnished the information to the Archives to ensure they are aware of how important this project is. Another project has been approved, by Bureau of Construction Codes. The original Survey Maps of Michigan will be put up on SeekingMichigan.org. They will also be putting the Land Patent Records on Seeking Michigan.org. Mark indicated there is no new information on the reference library and possible move to the Archives. Mark then indicated they will be adding a tutorial to the SeekingMichigan.org website to assist the many users. He mentioned that in April the website had 100,000 users, which is incredible.

Sue Irvine then introduced Deb Moore, today's Speaker, who is presenting information regarding Preserving Family History in Writing. Deb first said to listen & pay attention to family stories and write them down before details are lost. Take time to write the story of your life. Deb passed out a list of topics that should be considered. Write it as though you were telling the story. Use descriptive terms. When possible, use the dialogue as you remember it, word for word. Review what you have written for spelling, structure, and completeness. Then, take time to share your story. The question/answer session elicited many outstanding suggestions and ideas.

Tom Koselka, Corresponding Secretary, covered some of the mail received. One letter talked about a barrel of photos and letters that were stolen from a home. The sender gave some details along with names and asked that anyone who sees anything that might fit this description to let them know. Another letter was from an individual looking for a book written by Virginia Loeb. Under Legislation, Tom indicated the Senate &\* House have separate versions of the Budget. Both bills have kept language requiring the Library of Mich to retain the non-Michigan genealogical collection and keep it available for public use.

Pam Epple indicated they are still hoping for funding for the Troy Library to operate. Mary Lou Duncan said the Detroit Library will keep going. Some branches will be closed.

Cindy then noted a couple of errors in the March minutes. Under attendance, Tom Koselka is Alternate at Dearborn, and is a Delegate at Downriver. On Page 2, under Committee Reports, it should say Centennial Project rather than Marriage Index Project. On Page 3, line 2, change to read "Sue Irvine".

Sue Irvine then made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Motion was seconded, and approved.

Treasurers Report was handed out, and Laurine Griffin reminded attendees that reduction in costs was due primarily to now having an electronic version of the MGC Newsletter. She also indicated she is now accepting Society Dues for the coming year.

Cindy presented her Presidents Report. The July 14<sup>th</sup> Delegate Meeting will be in Midland at the Family History Center. Directions will be sent later. Speaker will be from Dow Library. There will be a Banquet at the Archives on the evening of July 15<sup>th</sup>. Attendance limited to Society Delegates/Presidents, and MGC Board of Directors, along with Directors of Family History Libraries in mid-Michigan. The Abrams Seminar will be on 16 July at the Michigan Historical Center. Morning Speaker will be David Rencher, Chief Genealogical Officer at Salt Lake City, and Chief Operation Officer for Family Search.

The Abrams Seminar will be on 16 July at the Historical Center. David Rencher will speak on two topics: Using the Family History Library Catalog, and Researching in Great Britain. In the afternoon, there will be a choice of 6 presentations plus a tour of the Archives. The September meeting will be on the THIRD THURSDAY, the 15<sup>th</sup> of September. At the 10 November meeting, Ken will be talking about using the Fire Maps. October 29<sup>th</sup> will be the MGC sponsored Family History Seminar.

Cindy then reminded attendees to tell their society members THERE IS NO TRUTH TO THE RUMOR THAT THE LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN IS CLOSED. It is operating, although at a reduced schedule.

Committee Reports:-

Byron Bailey indicated the Michigan Marriage Index project is moving rapidly and progress is great.

Jim Jackson reminded attendees it was time to turn in a recommendations for the Lucy Mary Kellogg Award.

Ann Martin said the rewrite of the By-Laws has gone back to committee. Purpose is to reposition several items and to remove several items that should be covered in Policy & Procedures. It is important for each society to have two Delegates appointed. They are the ones who will vote to pass or fail the rewrite of the By-Laws. If appointing new Delegates this summer/fall, be sure their names are turned-in to Tom Koselka. Voting authority for Delegates / Alternates was explained. There will be a ballot to use for voting on the By-Laws by the Delegates.

Past President Connie Olson indicated there will be a Workshop for Society Officers/Members again, on 21 April 2012. She needs volunteers to assist in planning and scheduling topics. Please let her know of your availability.

Cindy the commented on the necessity to have Liability Insurance when utilizing outside facilities for meetings. Several attendees also added their comments.

Barbara Curtindale conducted the election of Officers for the Michigan Genealogical Council for the period 1 July 2011 – 30 June 2012. Officers elected are:

President – Cynthia Grostick  
Vice-President – Sue Irvine  
Corresponding Secretary – Tom Koselka  
Recording Secretary / Delegates – Stacy Stoner  
Recording Secretary / Board – Sam Pardee  
Treasurer – Laurine Griffin  
Trustee / 3 Years – Marilyn Saylor  
Trustee / 2 year – Mary Strouse  
Trustee / 1 Year – Carolyn Haines

Barbara then reminded attendees that when the election is held, Committee Chair appointments are automatically terminated, and the incoming President appoints Committee Chairs.

*FRIENDLY FORUM:-*

Judy Sheldon indicated they are having a program on May 14<sup>th</sup> on Death and Death Records in Oscoda on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Joanne Harvey indicated she is involved in a project of Indexing Irish Immigrants. She then gave an example of the difference between the words Immigration and Emigration by talking a little survey of attendees

Jim Collins noted that Eaton County is scheduling a bus trip to Fort Wayne on 23 September. At the same time, there will be an Ancestry Program happening across the street from the Fort Wayne Library. Interested persons could conceivably do some research at the library, and attend part of the Ancestry Seminar.

Valerie Koselka commented that Fred Kuplicki is involved in verifying burials and locating headstones in Sweetest Heart of Mary Cemetery in Detroit.

Ceil Jensen said the Polish Genealogical Society has received a grant from the Michigan Humanities Council which will be used to run a free program for Grandparents – Grandchildren workshops this summer. Grandparents will relate the stories of their lives, and the Grandchildren will record them. If you have any German, Polish, or Catholic roots in Poland, this could be very interesting.

Mary Lou Duncan gave an update on Diana Hebner. Diana will have one more session of Chemotherapy, and then nothing more for her cancer.

Ann Martin mentioned the Cheboygan Society has placed the book on cemetery readings online at the Society website. The Cheboygan Society also has an index of deaths that were found in the early newspapers in the try-county area near Cheboygan.

Stacy Stoner indicated Jackson was involved in a Civil War Project of issuing Certificates to applicants who had ancestors in the Civil War, and who have been past or current residents of Jackson County.

There being no further business before the Council, Cindy closed the meeting.

## ATTENDANCE

Calhoun Co GS	Lucindia Wilson (D)	Jim Jackson
Cass River GS	Marie McGregor (D)	Dorothy Kuck (A)
Cheboygan Co GS	Ann Martin (D)	
Dearborn GS	Laurine Griffin (D)	Tom Koselka (A)
Detroit Soc for GS	Mary Lou Duncan (D) (PP)	
Downriver GS	Reletha Mock (D)	Tom Koselka (D)
Eaton Co GS	Jo Glasgow (D)	Jim Collins (D)
Farmington GS	Byron Bailey (D)	
Flint GS	Lorene Wilson (D)	James Thornton (D)
Gladwin Co GS	Barbara Curtindale (D)	
Gratiot Co HGS	Barbara Curtindale (D)	Mary Strouse (D)
Harrison Area GS	Barbara Curtindale (D)	
Hillsdale Co GS	Sharon Mayers (D)	
Ingham Co GS	Tammy Parsons (D)	Isabelle Wells (A)
Irish GS of MI	Mary Lou Duncan (D)	
Isabella Co GS	Donna Hoff-Grambau (D)	
Jackson Co GS	Stacy Stoner (D) (P)	
Kalamazoo Valley GS	Jim Jackson (D)	
Lenawee Co GS	Marilyn Sayler (D)	
Livingston Co GS	Barbara Allison	
Mich Fam Hist	Pat Hamp (D)	Donna Hoff-Grambau
Mich Gen Web	Pat Hamp (D)	
Mid-Michigan GS	Ken Howe (D)	
Midland GS	Jo Brines (A)	
Monroe Co GS	Laurie Schultz (D)	Florence Wilson (P)
Northeast MI GS	Janet Romas (D)	
Oakland Co GS	Grace Bonfiglio (A)	Pam Epple (D)
Polish GS of MI	Valerie Koselka (D)	J William Gorski (D)
Polonica (PARI)	Ceil Jensen (D)	Dana Barrett (D)
Stockbridge Area (G&HS)	Cynthia Grostick (D)	
Then & Now HGS	Isabelle Wells (D)	
Washtenaw Co GS	Jessie Siekmeier (D)	
Western MI GS	Sue Irvine (D)	David Smith (D)
Council Past Presidents	Connie Olson	Ann Martin
	Joanne Harvey	