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### Utah Chapter President's Report

The September 8, 2018 monthly meeting ended with the old guard stepping down from their positions and allowing the remaining members a probationary period to reorganize.

Rosa Alvarado, Gloria Gonzalez-Cook, Chuck Lobato, Margie Victoria Delgado, John Martinez, Alicia Suazo, Cindy Najarro and Lourdes Cooke, met monthly as a committee in October, November, and December, 2018 to discuss goals and objectives for the new chapter that were in line with GSHA's goals. We worked on membership, opened a new checking account, changed names on the P.O. Box, met with National in Zoom meetings, etc.

Maria Garcia joined us in November and has lent her expertise in running a business by meeting with Arturo Cuellar to review the 501(c)3 documents and other forms. She informed us that we also needed to file a state tax exempt status form. Maria continues to advise us in these areas as we move forward.

By December, Zach Lobato joined us and assisted the Chapter with technology concerns. He and Chuck Lobato have also designed and printed calling cards for the Chapter Officers. They also designed the Utah Chapter ad for the 2019 GSHA Conference program.

In January, Alicia Suazo and Zach Lobato worked on a nomination slate for new Officers and voting was done online. The new officers elected are: President - Margie Victoria Delgado  
Vice President - Chuck Lobato  
Treasurer - Albert Garcia  
Secretary - Gloria Gonzalez-Cook

John Martinez accepted the position of Chapter Representative.

Monthly meetings are held to share information with membership regarding conferences, new information and events, followed by a learning topic or a presenter. Treasurer Albert Garcia presents a Financial report at each meeting. Meeting space is scheduled at the Family History Library for the 2nd Saturday of each month, excluding August or the month of the National Conference. The room is scheduled so that members may come an hour earlier and do individual research. We have scheduled two presentations with the FHL where they assign volunteers to assist us. After each meeting is adjourned, members can continue their research or join one another for lunch to discuss geneology.

In May, 2019, individual members donated funds to purchase a booth at a Westside Fundraiser. The booth was managed by Chuck Lobato, Albert Garcia, Dave Lobato, Gloria Gonzalez-Cook

and Margie Victoria Delgado.

We spoke to many individuals about Genealogy and obtained new contacts that we are working on to recruit.

Board Meetings are held regularly with Margie Victoria Delgado, Chuck Lobato, Albert Garcia, Gloria Gonzalez-Cook, and John Martinez as we work to move forward.

Rose Alvarado has agreed to develop a monthly schedule of presenters. At our last Board meeting, Rose joined us, as she is also working on a mini 3 hour conference for November 9, 2019. She has lined up two great speakers,

Dr. Armando Solorzano, "History of Hispanics in Utah " & Gary Topping, "Dominguez and Escalante, Exploration in Utah." The Conference will be free with a suggested \$5 donation to cover expenses.

Members continue to work on their individual genealogies, recruit members, share their stories, attend conferences and family reunions. Both Maria Garcia and Margie Victoria Delgado enjoyed the Costilla Community Reunion. Maria also travelled to California to attend a Rael Family Reunion.

Maria will be sharing her adventures at the September meeting.

The Utah Chapter will need to rethink our summer meetings, as attendance drops with vacations, family obligations and other commitments taking precedence over meetings.

Membership remains at 22 with many prospects to recruit.

Adelante,

Margie Victoria Delgado, Utah Chapter President