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GSHA 2018 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA
Saturday, August 18, 2018, 4:00 p.m. (MST)
Pueblo, Colorado

AGENDA: ORDER OF BUSINESS

- I. Call Meeting to Order – The meeting was called to order by President Frank Dominguez at 4:02 p.m.
- II. Roll Call of Board – Roll call of the Board of Directors was performed by Jeanette Martinez. All board members are present and a quorum of the board declared.
- III. Report of the Credentials Committee – Charlene Simms reported 69 members in good standing are present and able to vote.
- IV. Quorum Declared - President Frank Dominguez declared a quorum of members present.
- V. Report by the Secretary
 - A. Standing and Special Rules for the Assembly
 1. Any member in good standing wishing to speak must raise their hand and be recognized by the President. They may speak for two minutes.
 2. All members speaking should address the President, not another member. Only one (1) member per household may vote.
 3. To vote, hold up your red paddles during voting and keep them up until instructed to lower them.

A MOTION was made by Pauline Salazar to approve the Standing and Special Rules for the Assembly; seconded by Barbara Trujillo and approved unanimously.

VI. Reports of the Officers

Due to many members not having copies of all reports, each board member was instructed to read aloud their previously submitted written report. All reports are available for members to review by contacting GSHA Secretary, Jeanette Martinez.

A. President Frank Dominguez – After reading his report aloud, Vera Estrada made a MOTION that the president's report be approved as read. Vickie Arellano seconded; MOTION passed unanimously.

B. Vice President Charlene Garcia Simms – After reading her report aloud, Margie Delgado made a MOTION that the Vice-president's report be approved as read. Ed Vigil seconded; the MOTION passed unanimously.

C. Secretary Jeanette Martinez – Having read her report, Abel Santistevan made a MOTION the report of the secretary be approved as read. Barbara Trujillo seconded, and the MOTION passed unanimously.

D. Treasurer Bob Craig – After reviewing the Income Statement of January 1, 2018 to July 31, 2018, he explained that the online memberships appear as an odd amount because GSHA pays a 2.9% fee plus 15% transaction fee to PayPal. He then read the 2019 Estimated Budget which he based on 2017 and 2018 figures.

Carmen Arteaga commented that the Income Statement doesn't show if we'll have a profit. Bob stated it's hard to predict. He is doing a separate income statement for the conference which will be included in the year end income and next quarterly report of July through September.

Betty Duran asked Bob to explain more about insurance. Bob explained the insurance is Errors and Omissions Insurance the GSHA Board carries. It also covers our assets – the GSHA journals. He checked last year for a lower rate and found one, but it offered much less coverage.

Margie Delgado asked about the cost for the journal. Bob explained we've only paid for two journal issues and two more will need to be paid for before the end of the year. Carmen Arteaga made a MOTION that the Treasurer's Reports be approved as read; Linda Kouba seconded, and the MOTION passed unanimously.

VII. Reports from the Chapters

- A. Fray Angelico Chavez Chapter (FACC) – Report read by FACC representative Mary Ellen Burciago. A MOTION to accept the report as read was made by John Valdez; seconded by Bill Trujillo, and the MOTION passed unanimously.
- B. Genealogical Society of Hispanic American – Southern California Chapter (GSHA-SC) – Chapter representative Patsy Vasquez stated she did not submit a formal written report, but she does give a report for each board

meeting. The SC Chapter publishes a newsletter five times a year. Members will meet in October for their annual Fiesta and December for their holiday gathering. Networking meetings are held at various locations throughout southern California such as San Diego, Torrance, Mission Viejo and the Los Angeles Main Library. More Chapter information can be found on the GSHA-SC website and Facebook page.

A MOTION to accept the report as read was made by Ed Vigil. Phil Duran seconded, and the MOTION passed unanimously.

- C. Genealogical Society of Hispanic America – Utah Chapter (GSHA-Utah)
Chapter representative Evan Christensen gave a verbal report stating he received word the 30th member just joined their Chapter. Margie Delgado is membership chair and has a passion for making sure everyone is counted. We're a new chapter and happy to listen to any wisdom you're willing to share. He asked if anyone had questions. None were asked.

Member Michael Turner asked a question about people traveling from New Mexico to California in the 1800s. The parliamentarian suggested Mr. Turner address his question at the Chapter level. He agreed to contact them.

A MOTION to accept the report of the Utah Chapter was made by Gloria Gonzalez- Cook; seconded by Leonard Trujillo, and the MOTION unanimously passed.

- D. Member at Large – Member at Large representative, Arturo Cuellar, reported he has some contacts with the Family History Libraries in Nevada, Texas and Arizona and has received an invitation from Tucson to present there. He will probably do so the 1st week in December. No questions were asked of Arturo.

A MOTION to accept his report as stated was made by Ron Sandoval. Dolores Charlifue seconded, and the MOTION passed unanimously.

VIII. Report from the Standing Committee's

- A. Report of the Rules Committee – Rules Committee Chair Jeanette Martinez read her report and stated the results of the vote for the 15 proposed bylaws changes resulted in all changes being approved unanimously by the 118 GSHA members who voted. Barbara Trujillo made a MOTION to accept the Rules Committee report; Ed Vigil seconded, and the MOTION passed unanimously.
- B. The Nominations Committee report was given verbally by Charlene Garcia Simms. Other members of the Nominations Committee include Donie Nelson, Leonard Trujillo, Arturo Cuellar and Carmen Arteaga. The committee will be

contacting members and asking them to run for the positions of GSHA Treasurer and President for two-year terms beginning in January 2019.

IX. Reports of Special Committees

- A. Duran Youth Initiative Chair, Charlene Garcia Simms, gave a verbal report stating \$5,000 was donated at the 2013 GSHA Annual Conference to bring younger members into our group. We are finding out young is under age 55. Writing contests were held with little participation and no real improvement in gaining younger members. Per the Committee's recommendation the GSHA Board voted to divide the remaining \$1400 between the three chapters. Charlene encouraged each chapter to have writing contests and anyone who submits a story will win a one-year membership to that chapter. For example, grandparents can help their grandchildren write stories and submit them by the end of this year. Remaining funds will also be used to pay for one-year GSHA memberships for Moises Garza and Cindy Gallardo because they are very active in Texas and their memberships could be very beneficial to GSHA.

- B. In 2015, member Doug Daniels started the GSHA Youth Initiative Fund. \$750 was collected. The GSHA Board decided we will be asking these donors if they want their money back or if they would like to donate it to GSHA for other expenses. (As reported by Charlene G. Simms.)

Member Comments: Don Bruestle informed members age is 48 when most people begin doing their genealogy. Margie Delgado stated the Family History Library has a discovery day and suggested we research that to see how they recruit their members. Charlene Simms asked UT members to check into this and report back to the GSHA Board.

- C. Finance Committee: Treasurer, Bob Craig, stated the Finance Committee will be meeting soon after the conference. GSHA membership with FGS has been re-established now that FGS's website problems have been resolved.

X. Reports of Volunteer Positions

Because the meeting is running longer than expected, Don Bruestle made a MOTION to skip this portion of the agenda so the topic of the future of GSHA can be addressed. MOTION seconded by Ariane Paul. MOTION carried with one no vote by member Michael Turner.

XI. Unfinished Business – No unfinished business from last year's annual meeting.

XII. New Business

- A. Future of GSHA:

Member Don Bruestle stated our organization is kind of unique because each member is researching their history. After that person passes away, they pass on their work to their ancestors, so who is there to continue if they don't designate someone to pass on data?

Ariane Paul disagrees. She feels genealogy has become a booming activity, but it is specialized. Maybe when records get combined – when we have more records and find lineage there may be more interest. But she feels interest in genealogy is going to grow.

Jeanette Martinez would like to hear from members about more people volunteering. Linda Sena-Kouba stated she moved away from Pueblo for 43 years and is now back and is loving having access to all the New Mexico records. She sees we need more volunteers. Jessica Tidball recently joined FACC, so she sees we're moving forward but we do need more people.

Bob Craig stated he's been a member for seven years and the only time he hasn't served on a committee or board was the first three months after he joined. He was president of FACC for five years and then moved on to the GSHA board. He is burned out and needs someone to take over the position of Treasurer. He stated, "We need people who have not held a position to have the courage to do it. I took over and thought, 'What are you doing?'" You don't know yourself until you test yourself. You have to step outside yourself and help your fellow man.

John Valdez posed a question: The position of president is open. What would happen if no one steps up?

Bob Craig responded: Frank Dominguez is now President. If Frank does not run for president and we don't get any nominations, the Vice President becomes the next president. If the current vice-president, Charlene Garcia Simms, doesn't take the position, it moves down the board, comes to the last board member and from there it starts filtering through chairs of different committees. If no one steps forward, we are stuck and will cease to operate, and no business can be conducted. The chapters can go on, though.

GSHA is the mother of the organization. Chapters are the kids – the children. The kids have to go on their own. But as long as the chapters are functioning, they're fine. Then GSHA members must decide to continue or dissolve. To continue, someone must step up to serve on the board. Whatever money is left in the treasury of GSHA would be divided equally among the Chapters and the journal will stop. There will be no conference and the chapters would be independent to do what they want to do. The chapters could collaborate among themselves. But national would cease to exist.

Back in '98 when we had a reorganization, the people from Denver bowed out and formed 2 chapters—the Olibama Lopez Tushar group and the Colorado Society of Hispanic Genealogy. Since '98 they handled business on their own without GSHA. The Olibama group recently dissolved. So it could happen. You can exist. Now the Colorado

organization is having the same problem. We do need active, younger people. The world will continue to exist, but we're hoping we will have a new surge of GSHA participation, so please think about volunteering. We will act as consultants. So someone needs to come forward to sign up for the Conference and Rules Committees.

Carlos Yturralde stated the SC Chapter needs to evaluate and analyze what we're doing and see if we can simplify it. We need to try to eliminate and streamline so it's easier to continue.

President Frank Dominguez thanked everyone for their comments and remarks.

Alfie Salazar made a MOTION to adjourn; seconded by Joann Peralta-Templeton and the MOTION passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Martinez
GSHA Secretary