

MINUTES

CONNECTICUT PROFESSIONAL GENEALOGISTS COUNCIL

2 FEBRUARY 1995

Meeting held at Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford, CT

Present: Donna Siemiatkoski, Jack Kuras, Dr. Robert Rafford, Warren Buchanan, Kathryn Black, Helen Ullmann, Judith Johnson, Kelly A. Nolin, Niel Sundt

Meeting called to order about 10:10 by President Donna Siemiatkoski. Minutes of previous meeting were accepted by members present. Motion by Jack Kuras, seconded by Bob Rafford.

Our scheduled guests, John Boccaccio, Registrar of Vital Records, his assistant Jean Bushey and Bernadette Dillon, President of the CT Town Clerks Association, could not attend.

Donna reported that Dick Tomlinson, Treasurer of the CSG, had a call from an attorney looking for assistance in a missing heirs case. This frequently happens, and he asked if we could formulate a policy to handle calls for professionals when they ask CSG for a referral. Kathryn Black suggested providing copies of our brochure. Helen Ullmann suggested compiling a special list of those of us who do missing heir work. Warren Buchanan pointed out that there may be individuals in the brochure who do such work may not have that noted on their listing. After further discussion the motion was made by Kathryn Black, seconded by Jack Kuras that:

1. The Council will provide its existing brochure to CSG and any other society.
2. We will encourage members to send additions and corrections to their listing to Warren Buchanan.
3. The President and council are authorized to communicate with CSG on this matter.
4. We will print new brochures.

The motion carried. In order to effect this Helen Ullmann will design and include in the minutes a short questionnaire to be returned to Warren.

Donna announced that Tim Beard, a CPGC member and F.A.S.G., lost his wife Annette this week. She was active in the D.A.R. in NY and CT.

Donna and Jack reported that they met with Jean Bushey and John Boccaccio on Tuesday, 25 January. John again suggested that we have a voice in the Town Clerks Association meetings. They discussed

1. The brochure we wish distributed to town clerks giving an interpretation of the law regarding access to birth records. John wants a different angle on the material.
2. A bill before the legislature to open births to all.
3. A bill to open adoption records.
4. John does not want to change the state fee to match the town fees. It costs more than \$5 to process a certificate.
5. John would like CPGC to compile a list of *all* legally incorporated genealogical societies.

Donna recommended not taking a stand on adoption.

Donna said the Registry will oppose opening births to all. A discussion ensued on the matter. The state is revising the *General Statutes of Conn.* which is what the town clerks use to determine their policy. It was moved by Bob Rafford, seconded by Warren Buchanan, that we urge those people responsible to clarify the guidelines on state statutes 7-51, 7-51A and 7-41A in the next revision. The motion carried.