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Connecticut Professional Genealogists

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OLD BUSINESS:

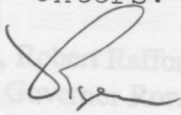
Checking Account; Bob Bamford has carefully rechecked his own checking account. Members agreed to register CPGC with the organization having not more than \$25,000.00 per year incorporated. Once this is completed, then a checking account will be opened. This date by Bob Bamford Treasurer, Donna Siemiatkoski. No further discussion at this time.

Official Signing of new Legislation: Senator Upson Kathryn Black and Barbara Mathews were present when CT legislation regarding vital records access in Connecticut; effective October 1, 1996.

Just some clarifications on the minutes.

Sorry I cannot be there on the tenth!

Cheers!



NEW BUSINESS:

New Member Recommendation Cards: Bob Bamford has developed a post-card format which can be completed and mailed when recommending someone for membership in CPGC. Members present agreed that this was a good idea to promote membership. Motion made by Bob Bamford, seconded by Harlan Jessup to distribute this formatted card with our next [Oct. 1996] minutes. Motion carried.

Ancestors; A Family History Series for PBS: An introduction to this new series was "rolled out" at the Rochester NY conference. Corporate funder Eastman Kodak Company has joined the *Ancestors* team in producing this series. Additional support for outreach and promotion will be provided by Broderbund Software Inc., Ancestry Inc., Lineages Inc., AGLL and Palladium Interactive. Member Roger Joslyn was able to fill us in with many details, as follows: This is a series of 10 half-hour programs to help people begin searching for their ancestors. It will begin airing on PBS member stations in January 1997. Each episode begins on location with stories of people who have experienced dramatic changes in their lives because of their search for roots. The series will be hosted by genealogists Jim and Terry Willard. The episodes will be titled (1) *Getting Started*, (2) *Looking at Home*, (3) *Gathering Family Stories*, (4) *The Paper Trail*, (5) *Libraries and Archives*, (6) *Census and Military Records*, (7) *African American Families*, (8) *Your Medical Heritage*, (9) *High Tech Help*, (10) *Leaving a Legacy*. The series will be distributed nationally by PBS and will be available to 351 stations across the country beginning in January 1997. The Program Director at each station will choose when and where to carry *Ancestors*. For additional information, you may contact Ancestors online at: <http://www.kbyu.byu.edu/ancestors>. Secretary Dianne Lenti was asked to send a letter to CT PBS stations on behalf of CPGC. Roger Joslyn encourages ALL INTERESTED PERSONS TO CALL OR WRITE THEIR LOCAL PBS STATIONS REQUESTING THAT THIS SERIES BE AIRED.

Also in Nashville in May (NGS conference)

Etiquette Committee formed: CPGC, thinking ahead to the increased interest the *Ancestors* series will create, decided to form an etiquette committee. Currently, Donna Siemiatkoski, Warren Buchanan, Bob Bamford and Roger Joslyn volunteered to serve on the committee. Roger's participation will be to proofread all developed material prior to it being sent out. Other members interested in this subject are invited to participate. This committee is looking forward to working with all concerned to suggest proper etiquette when contacting libraries, town clerks, state offices, etc. Also to develop a brochure that can be sent to libraries and town clerks alerting them to the increased interest that this will certainly create.

State Registrar of Vital Records, John Boccaccio, requested that members be alerted (1) to the revised list of Incorporated Genealogical societies registered with the CT Secretary of State (copy enclosed), (2) that all incorporated genealogical society membership cards must have an officer's signature, plus the member number and expiration date printed on them, and (3) that he plans to have joint meetings in the future involving at least one representative from each incorporated society.

Meet with State Librarian. Warren Buchanan requested that all members jot down pro's and con's of their experience with the CT State Library. A future meeting with CT State Librarian Richard Ackroyd will

