

CONNECTICUT PROFESSIONAL GENEALOGISTS COUNCIL

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~~DECEMBER~~ NOVEMBER 1999 – NEWS & MINUTES

Barbara J. Mathews, Secretary

WE ARE OPEN TO ALL THOSE WHO PROVIDE GENEALOGY FOR OTHERS OR MANAGE COLLECTIONS OF RECORDS

CPGC MINUTES – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1999 (Polish National Home, Hartford, Connecticut)

Attending: Kathryn S. Black, Betty Ann Chapman, Priscilla Chatfield, Mike Castroll, Marge Cox, Gerald Cruthers, Fred Hart, Penny Hartzell, Midge Hurtuk, Harlan Jessup, Jack Kuras, Dianne Lenti, Barbara Mathews, Olivia Patch, Jean Perreault, Bea Thomson, Donna Siemiatkoski.

BUSINESS MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Robert Rafford at 10:8 AM. We introduced ourselves, including visitor Midge Hartuk, Historian of the state Mayflower Society. Her job includes work qualifying new lineages for the society.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Secretary's Report of 4 Nov 1999 was accepted without change on a motion by Barbara Mathews seconded by Penny Hartzell.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Marge Cox. Legal paperwork has just been completed to change the signatories. Dues have been received and will soon be deposited. The current balance in our account is \$1,833.79. The report was filed for audit.

The Corresponding Secretary Virginia Howard was unable to attend the meeting and her report was tabled.

Warren Buchanan of the Government Relations Committee was unable to attend the meeting. We did, however, discuss two things: training for use of resources at the Department of Public Health (which is going very well), and an on-going problem in one town hall in interpretation of regulation (certified v. non-certified copies). Dianne Lenti was able to supply the web site to search state laws: <http://www.cslnet.ctstateu.edu/statutes/>.

Other issues coming under the purview of the Government Relations Committee are the restrictions of hours in New London and in New Haven. As most of the town clerks take their operating procedures from memos and letters distributed by Christine Farrelly of the state's vital records office, and as we know of at least one other genealogical society in Connecticut which has copies, we decided to request to be put on the mailing list and to request copies of letters from at least the one of May 1998. With an understanding of the procedures and interpretations supplied to town clerks, we will be better able to communicate. Donna Siemiatkoski, a member of the Government Relations Committee, will follow up on this.

Jean Perreault presented the Membership Committee report. She requested that the FGS Society Hall web site include information to contact Jean for membership. Barbara Mathews will follow up on this.

Donna Siemiatkoski and Dianne Lenti presented the report on our efforts for NGS 2000, to which Dianne Lenti is our delegate. We have submitted our lists of volunteers and members of committees and are on-track for the organizing phase. We have requested our table in the Society Hall area, but do not need to plan staffing until after the New Year.

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Dianne Lenti, Vice President - and as such the automatic Program Committee Chair - presented a list in progress that identified topics for each of our upcoming meetings. There was general agreement with the topics she had presented. Harlan Jessup suggested also that we also consider visiting a research facility in Fairfield County, where the Connecticut Ancestry Society could present the program on research in that area. This could take place in the Ferguson Library in Stamford, the Fairfield Historical Society, or the Pequot Library in Southport.

OLD BUSINESS

Robert Rafford asked for some more discussion on Membership Cards. The consensus was that we would go ahead and use them, with the few minor changes that were suggested at our November 4th meeting.

Virginia Howard is leading an effort to introduce a volunteer effort on behalf of the Connecticut State Library. She met with Richard Roberts, Head of the History and Genealogy Unit, and with Lynne Newall, Dick's supervisor. Attending this meeting on behalf of CPGC were Robert Rafford, our President, and Barbara Mathews, our Secretary. Although Ginny was not present to report, Bob and Barbara are very happy to be able to report a consensus that a group of volunteers would be able to work on one or more projects that are in the pipeline. Among these projects might be completing the data entry of an index to the Hartford Courant, or helping to develop a table of contents for the microfilms of the Gideon Welles Newspaper Collection.

Nine individuals signed up as CSL volunteers. They were Harlan Jessup, Kathryn Black, Priscilla Canfield, Jack Kuras, Mike Castroll, Barbara Mathews, Dianne Lenti, Olivia Patch, and Bob Rafford. Barbara Mathews agreed to email this list - together with email addresses - to Ginny who will coordinate our efforts.

NEW BUSINESS

Robert Rafford put to a straw vote the question of whether members wanted to receive their minutes by email. Only 3 out of 17 members present were interested, so the topic was tabled for the time being.

On a motion by Harlan Jessup, the business meeting adjourned at 12:13 PM.

PROGRAM: Panel Discussion on Certification

Panel Members: Gerald Cruthers, Barbara Mathews, Fred Hart

The handout was the syllabus of the Board for Certification of Genealogists Workshop presented at NGS 1999 in Richmond, Virginia. The presenters were Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG; Helen F. M. Leary, CG, CGL, FASG, FNGS; Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL, FASG, FNGS; Christine Rose, CG, CGL; and Paula Stuart Warren, CGRS.

CPGC Members who did not attend the meeting may send a long SASE with 55 cents postage to Barbara Mathews, 18 Blossom St., Lexington, MA 02421, for their own copy of this important BCG Workshop syllabus. It delineates the revisions to categories and tested specialties as well as the standards to which applications are judged.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

January, 2000, no meeting.

February 3, 2000: CPGC meeting at the Connecticut State Library, Dick Roberts will provide an update. We will also present our Appreciations to the staff members of local libraries.

March 2, 2000: CPGC meeting at the State Legislative Office Building; we will bring in an outside group to present a workshop on the Freedom of Information Act.

April 6, 2000: CPGC meeting, program in development.

May 13, 2000: Manchester, Connecticut, Family History Day

May 31 – June 3, 2000: *Bridge to America*, National Genealogical Society Conference, Providence, Rhode Island, hosted by the New England Regional Genealogical Conference.

June 8, 2000: CPGC meeting, program in development.

CPGC Meeting
Thursday, February 3, 2000
10:00 AM
Connecticut State Library
Conference Room
Dick Roberts will present an update on the collections.

Come help us celebrate our newly inaugurated
Appreciation Day
For library staff

Hi Everyone,

I am the new membership person and I am trying to put together the list for a new printing of our CPGC brochure.

First I want to thank you all for your checks for continued membership. We appreciate your continued support.

Please e-mail me the following information so the listing in the brochure and on the Web page is the way you wish it to be. We are hoping that the new printing can be completed by the end of January.

1. Name:
2. Full Address:
3. Phone number:
4. Fax number:
5. e-mail:
6. Web page:
7. Specialities:

Do you wish to be listed in the member brochure? yes no
Do you wish to be listed on our Web page yes no

Please check items NOT to be published Phone Fax e-mail

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Regards,

Jean E. Perreault