

**National Grigsby Family Society
Board Meeting
Minutes – Friday, October 11, 2003
Bossier City, LA**

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| I. Executive Session 9:35 A. M. to 10:00 A. M.
Elected Board members and Appointed Staff only | Bruce Jogerst |
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| II. Call to Order at 10:00 A. M. | Bruce Jogerst |
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| Opening Prayer | Janis Franklin |
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| Welcome and Introductions | Bruce Jogerst |
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| a. Board Members Present
Bruce Jogerst, Stanley Grigsby, Gloria Russell,
Matt Beard, Brian Grigsby, L. W. Grigsby,
Tom Grigsby, Jack Painter, Frank Roberts,
Judy Doughty and Janis Franklin
Board Members elect:
Matt Beard; Sharon Braden; Tom Grigsby;
and Henry J. “Hank” Williams | |
| b. Other Officers/Staff Present
None | |
| c. Board Members Absent
Frances B. Prevo; Eldon Lawson, LaVern Shaw, Lindle Grigsby, and Benson Grigsby | |
| d. Board Member Elect Absent
None | |
| e. Other Officers/Staff Absent
None | |
| f. Visitors
Nyla Jogerst; Donna Grigsby | |

III. Secretary's Report and Discussion

Minutes Presented from the Board Meeting, October, 27, 2002

- a. Bruce Jogerst previously e-mailed and/or mailed the Minutes of the Board Meeting, which were prepared by Gloria L. Russell, to all Board Members for review. Gloria Russell read and briefly discussed minutes and submitted them for approval.
- b. Minutes were approved as presented.
Motion: Brian Grigsby
Second: Frank Roberts
Minutes approved as presented.

IV. Treasure's Report and Discussion

- a. Treasurer's Report presented by Stanley Grigsby.
Audit report presented covers the past 3 years as well as the balance sheet of 2000 to establish a base line.
- b. Donna Grigsby (wife of Stan Grigsby) complimented by auditors on the procedures she set up for treasurer records in assisting Stan. The Auditor's recommendations from Natalie [REDACTED] were to focus on membership as it relates to lifetime dues and accounting and use of those funds. Discussion of current use of Excel and recommendation to move to software "QuickBooks". Chart of Account numbering system modified to meet accounting standards. Stanley Grigsby to carry forward discussion on lifetime membership, dues versus contributions for next year.
- c. Request for Motion to approve purchase of Quick Books Pro
Motion: Jack Painter
Second: Brian Grigsby
Approved:
- d. Treasurer's Report approved as corrected with addition of audit to take place each year.
Motion: Frank Roberts
Second: Hank Williams
Approved

V. Standing Reports

a. Administrator's Report and Discussion -

Administrator's Report presented by Judith Doughty with an update on membership.

247 active members

71 honorary members (80 years of age or older)

47 life members

(*21 new members since Kansas City meeting – mostly through the internet)

Brian asked about a printed Membership Directory. A membership directory is on the web site but not all members use the web site.

Motion: To accept Administrator's Report.

Motion: Stanley Grigsby

Second: Jack Painter

Approved

b. Genealogist's Report -

Genealogist's Report presented by Matt Beard

117 Newsletter Books left - "*National Grigsby Family Society, Newsletter 1981-1995*"

Future means of distribution would possibly be digital media (CD's, etc.) rather than printed hardcopy.

Recommendation to pass extra copies on to libraries, etc. rather than to store or a member could purchase a copy to honor a relative and put it in small local libraries.

Matt discussed the purchase of a scanner to preserve NGFS newsletter, data and place it on CD for preservation.

Authorization of one time budget for a system structure to include scanner, etc.

Motion: Jack Painter so moved to purchase scanner and sub-contract scanning of documents with Stan Grigsby's amendment to convert our documents to electronic media.

Motion: Jack Painter

Second: Frank Roberts

Approved

c. Database Report and Discussion -

Gloria Russell gave a report on the NGFS database and her work to conform certain portions of the database. She also discussed items Matt and she discussed regarding updates when more than one person was working with the database. [See V b. above] Gloria briefly discussed actual items within the database, what is there, lack of source information on NGFS database itself at present.

d. Web Site Report and Discussion - www.grigsby.org

Matt Beard as Head of Information Technology & Communications gave a brief update report of the NGFS web site with more detail to follow in his later presentation..

e. Chaplain's Report -

Janis Franklin discussed the newly created position of NGFS Chaplain and her work to date. She also showed Board Members the 3 ring notebook for archives that she was building regarding this position.

Two (2) members died this year – John E. Grigsby, Tishomingo, OK (died 19 Apr 2003) and Dwight Brinson Grigsby, Lafayette, LA (died in 2 Aug 2003). Janis is going to do a story for each person to tie them into the Grigsby line. A Newsletter book will be placed in a designated library to honor the deceased member.

Discussion ensued regarding budget for this position. Stan commented that Janis would need a Budget line for this position of Chaplain.

Motion: Society Chaplain will donate a Newsletter book in honor of a deceased member in good standing to be placed in a library location either specified by the deceased's immediate family or a determined by the Chaplain in accordance with the procedure established.

Motion: Stanley Grigsby
Second: Frank Roberts
Approved

10:45 a.m. - BREAK: 10 minute break

Thank you from Bruce Jogerst on all the hard work on the part of the Board Members who have taken up the Administrator, Genealogist, and Database positions.

Discussion of Richard Perry's role and Grigsby connection. He had other commitments and could not attend today but his Grandmother was a Grigsby. Discussion by Janis Franklin was to get Richard more involved with the NGFS.

f. Southwest Chapter Report -

Stanley Grigsby, as President of the SW Chapter, gave the report of the SW Chapter and the recent gathering in Tampa, Florida. Gathering coordination of Tampa, SW Chapter was put together by Frank Roberts and his wife. A very good business meeting was had. About 115 attended this SW Chapter event in Tampa, Florida.

SW Officers are:
President - Stan Grigsby
1st Vice - LaVerne Shaw
2nd Vice - Nancy Powell
Secretary - Janis Franklin
Treasurer - Jerrye Grigsby

Members: 356
Treasurer Report: \$5,248.00

SW Board Members are:
Judy Hayes - 2001-2004
Barbara Morris - 2001-2004
T L Franklin - 2002-2005
Al Ghrigsby - 2002-2005
Matt Beard - 2003-2006
L. W. Grigsby - 2003-2006

Upcoming SW Chapter meeting for June 18-19, 2004 will be in Branson, MO.

Discussion of why there is a SW Chapter (although it is not really SW locale) – it is more the social side of the NGFS to promote the society in general and enjoy the fellowship of fellow members.

Janis Franklin gave an update on Richard Perry (his Grandmother was a Grigsby) is also having a Grigsby reunion, their reunion is the 1st weekend in June 2004 and does not conflict with SW Chapter which is the 3rd weekend. Janis Franklin distributed flyer on this reunion. This group is only two years old. Richard says that his group is strictly social and even though he encourages them to join the NGFS, they are reserved to do so and he even has trouble getting them to give him their pedigree charts. Further pursuit of this group will follow.

Motion to accept SW Chapter Report

Motion: Frank Roberts

Second: Judy Doughty

Approved

g. Social Committee Report –

Brian Grigsby, Committee Chair, gave the update on the Social Committee.

Why should the social activities intertwine with the NGFS and business activities?

- 1) Fellowship and Family Activities integrated with genealogy
- 2) Add special recognitions that fellow NGFS members have obtained to the newsletter and web site – maybe adding a member Hall of Fame
- 3) Guidelines for such a Hall of Fame should be established by a special committee (for further discussion at a later date).
- 4) Chairman of various committees would not have to be a member of the Board (for later discussion in detail).
- 5) Membership Directory is needed for reference and use by Board Members.
- 6) Discussion of NGFS emblem (logo design) by Janis Franklin. Eunice Esther Grigsby Robert [Mrs. Leo Washington Robert of Arkansas] was the one who designed and/or came up with the NGFS emblem because her maiden name started with a “G”. Discussion ensued that Janis should do a story for the newsletter regarding the Grigsby emblem.
- 7) Standing Committees discussed and as formed at Kansas City Board Meeting:
 - a. Social Committee - Brian Grigsby, Chair
Committee Member(s): Janis Franklin and L. W. Grigsby
 - b. Genealogical Committee - Gloria Russell, Chair
Committee Member(s): Matt Beard and Tom Grigsby
 - c. Business Committee - Stanley Grigsby, Chair
Committee Member(s): Frank Roberts

Discussion ensued regarding reporting of committees and any proposed budgets to be submitted to NGFS Board for approval.

Motion to adopt ideas discussed as the goals for the Social Committee and handed back to the Social Committee Chair to implement.

Motion: Stanley Grigsby

Second: Judy Doughty

Approved

VI. Old Business

- h. NGFS History Project Report** – Presented by Bruce Jogerst who stated that Margaret Mottley had requested to be removed from the project. Margaret is going to send all her data to Bruce for dissemination.

History Project Chair will be needed, as Margaret is resigning her role for lots of reasons. Beth Nicholson and others wrote to Margaret regarding suggestions. Lutha would be a valuable source for consultation to work with whoever does take over this project. As space permitted, all NGFS directors and officers from past might be included as well as triennial pictures. Discussion ensued regarding accumulating and identifying all triennial pictures.

- i. Web Site Report** – Matt Beard

Cost of Name Recognition (www.grigsby.org) – paid for five (5) years to get the cost savings – domain name will be registered through 2008. (\$35 for one year vs. \$95 for five years). Site Host is up for renewal on October 30 and will be taken care of.

Matt discussed what items were on line for members to review as well as what non-members have access to seeing. Guidelines, lists, sites, newsletters, etc. are available for review at the web site. Security of database discussed as it relates to member pedigree information.

- j. 2004 Board Site Meeting Report** – Brian Grigsby

Consideration of distance and expense to Board Member should always be a consideration in deciding the Board Meeting Site.

Board Meeting is to be in October but Triennial could be any month.

Orlando was discussed as possible site. Las Vegas also discussed as a major hub with very reasonable room rates, etc. Sharon Braden, who is in the travel agency business, could be a help with travel arrangements.

ADJOURNED FOR LUNCH – MEETING RESUMED AT 12:55 PM

Continued discussion of Board Site Meeting Report

Moved to 2005 Triennial Site Discussion – National Bridge, VA then back to 2004 discussion following.

First NGFS Meeting was held at Natural Bridge because of its genealogical significance as well as a natural wonder of the world. Automobile would probably be the best choice of transportation because of the location and not being a central hub of air travel. Brian suggested having a very full program regarding history of society, history of area, Grigsby history with a tour of some of the remaining Grigsby homes.

Discussion of past Grigsby triennial pictures and getting them identified.

Motion to declare the 2005 Triennial at Natural Bridge, VA

Motion: Janis Franklin

Second: Brian Grigsby

Approved

Discussion ensued regarding possibly having the 2005 Triennial during the summer months to include more young people versus the regular October time period.

Motion to declare **July 2005 as the time for the Triennial at Natural Bridge, VA**

Motion: Stanley Grigsby

Second: Judy Doughty

Approved

Discussion to change By-Law wording Whether it can be a Board Vote or a Membership Quorum Vote of approval.

Motion to strike October from the By-Laws and state only Annual Meeting.

Motion: Stanley Grigsby

Second: Jack Painter

Approved

Discussion ensued on follow up as to how By-Law changes are and must be implemented.

Discussion ensued on finalizing meeting location for 2004 Board Meeting Site

Motion to declare **2004 Board Site Meeting in Orlando, Florida**

Motion: Frank Roberts

Second: Judy Doughty

Approved

ADJOURNED FOR 5 MINUTE BREAK – MEETING RESUMED AT 2:15 P.M.

Recess of the Board Meeting

VII. Call to Order for a General Business Meeting

a. Presentation of Minutes

Motion to Accept Minutes as Presented During Morning Session

Motion: Judy Doughty

Second:

Approved

b. Presentation of Treasurer's Report

Motion to Accept Treasurer's Report as Presented During Morning Session

Motion: Judy Doughty

Second: Frank Roberts

Approved

c. Canvas of Votes from Election (Quorum = 10% of Membership)

Brian Grigsby discussed the ballots received (28).

No nominations from the floor.

Recognition of New Board Members: Matt Beard; Sharon Braden; Tom Grigsby; and Henry J. "Hank" Williams

Board Members: Approved by Acclimation

Motion to Adjourn General Business Meeting

Motion: Jack Painter

Second: Stanley Grigsby

Approved

Reconvene Board Meeting

VIII. New Business

a. Ratify Appointment of Chaplain's Position

It was discussed that Janis Franklin would assume the role of Chaplain for the NGFS.

b. Web Site Software Discussion and Recommendations

Matt Beard discussed the reason and need for new software for use on the NGFS web site. He particularly discussed the need for allowing more than one user to use the NGFS database at the same time. Allowing members to update their own information. Found six (6) different software packages that would work but the best (also the most expensive) – Tendenci Identity Management (cost approx. \$95/month). A new host might also be necessary. Reference: <http://www.schipul.com/tendenci/>

Matt was asked by Bruce Jogerst what he would do if he could anything he wanted. Matt said that he probably go with the best package but would like more time to evaluate the choices so that we make a wise organizational decision.

Motion to set up a Web Committee to evaluate technology to best serve the needs of the society.

Bruce appointed Matt Beard, Stanley Grigsby, Tom Grigsby, Gloria Russell and Judy Doughty as committee members. Matt Beard appointed as Committee Chair.

Motion: Stanley Grigsby
Second: Frank Roberts
Approved

c. 2004 NGFS Budget

Stanley Grigsby, Treasurer, discussed the budget which was distributed to Board Members and detailed the items within. He stated that each person who had areas within the Budget where monies were expended should provide an appropriate budget number to Stanley for insertion in the Budget.

d. Direction of Society – What Now What Next ... Think Tank Discussion --- Discussion of what the NGFS Board can do to have the society continue to flourish

Lengthy discussion ensued with some of the ideas as follows:

Bruce started discussion as it related to the Kansas City break out groups on the issue and then turned discussion over to Stanley Grigsby to elaborate as to the legacy of the NGFS. With \$30,000 + in the bank put there by people really dedicated to the organization and if nothing else, we owe that legacy something in return. It requires that we be wise about where we go with the NGFS and some of that money should be spent with new goals in mind not loosing site of old goals. This is a genealogical society first and foremost which means that it is a history organization by definition. One of the ways talked about was that genealogy and history go hand in hand and this can be a means of drawing young people into the group. Maybe some sort of scholarship fund could be created with a writing contest. The NGFS needs to set forth some long range goals with these ideas in mind.

Bruce continued with discussion of outreach – scholarships, contribute and preserve family history by writing family stories, NGFS presentations – i.e., Richard's local reunion, and/or going to local schools with a presentation – what is genealogy – or some type of presentation relating family history research to history.

Stan continued discussion with thought of spending \$5,000 to \$10,000 of funds in one time expenditure items to develop outreach programs. Invest in what the NGFS stands for. How can we make the organization more functional by spending the money with the focus on GRIGSBY family preservation?

Discussion ensued that some appointed Board Members should integrate with National Organizational Conferences to be able bring back to our organization ideas, to be outward looking and how do we fit in the grander scheme of things? We have been around longer than a lot of family societies.

Frank Roberts suggested that as a starting point maybe we could put together a Power Point presentation dealing with genealogy in general and bringing in GRIGSBY family history as specifics to show why we do what we do with an audience of upper grade students.

Brian suggested that someone needed to be overseeing the whole picture in any such plans. Stan suggested that the President and Board should not be doing all the work – that there should be others involved in carrying out such a business model as corporations. More of the entire membership should be involved in direction that NGFS is going. But, no matter what is decided there must be some major planning on where we are going.

At present the NGFS does not have short term and long term goals. The By-Laws also need to be changed if goals of the society change. Committees need to be empowered.

Bruce discussed Genealogy Lecture Source as follows:

Genealogy Lectures

Donna Moughty

25 Anthony Lane

Darien CT 06820

203-327-7699

moughty@mas.com

Reference: <http://www.genspeakguild.org>

and <http://genspeakguild.org/moughty.htm>

Possibly the NGFS needs to have reports of the standing committees.

Motion: The three Committees are Standing Committees with appointed Chairs (not ad hoc committees) and these Committees should report to the President on a quarterly basis who will then forward the reports to the Newsletter editor for publication.

- 1) Business Committee Chair: Stanley Grigsby
- 2) Genealogy Committee Chair: Gloria Russell
- 3) Social Committee Chair: Brian Grigsby

Motion: Stanley Grigsby

Second: Tom Grigsby

Approved

e. Board Attendance Guidelines

Bruce discussed that each Board Member is expected to attend Board Meetings.

f. 2004 Board Site Location

Discussion ensued regarding a site for the 2004 NGFS board meeting. It was decided that Orlando, Florida would be the site area selected. Frank Roberts volunteered to handle arrangements for the 2004 Board Meeting.

g. 2005 Board Site Location

Discussion ensued regarding gearing the 2005 Triennial to the Natural Bridge, Virginia area and the 25th Celebration of the NGFS. Brian Grigsby will head up the arrangements. Sharon Braden said she had been in contact with Linda Rusk, Director of Catering at Natural Bridge, Linda lives in Soldier John's home in Natural Bridge, VA. She knows a lot of the home owners in the Natural Bridge area. The Historical Society might be of great help in setting up information available for attendees of the NGFS triennial. Janis said that the DAR and SAR have had programs on Soldier John and others and their assistance might be solicited. A plan of action for this 25th Anniversary event is important for success.

IX. Other Items of Discussion

a. NGFS Membership Categories

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding family membership and structure of same as it regards voting and/or family participation. Currently (although unstructured) a Family membership consists of one (1) vote per family although it is not in by-laws per se.

Motion: Establish family memberships with conditions to be determined by the Board by April 1

Discussion of when new Board Members vote ... Lindle advised Bruce that new members did not vote at this meeting. Revote was taken.

Votes: Yes = 5
No = 3

b. New Brochure

Brian has new brochure completed and it will be printed and distributed appropriately for all to use in NGFS publicity.

c. 501c(3)

Stanley Grigsby discussed that it was his recommendation that we NOT pursue the 501c(3) classification at this point in time but monitor from time to time to see if it should be pursued in the future. Since the NGFS is primarily a social organization, it is not recommended to pursue this IRS classification at this time. In the future, if the NGFS changes, then it can be brought up again for discussion. The process takes approximately eight months. The NGFS currently has a 501c(7) classification.

Matt Beard added that he had discovered from a member in Alaska that a renowned Grigsby descendant is the former Apollo astronaut; William Alison Anders (b / 17 Oct 1933) now fully retired as of December of 1994. Matt stated that William Anders does many philanthropic things and might be a good donation source at some point in time.

d. Appropriation of Recording and Microphone Equipment

Gloria Russell discussed her investigation regarding the 2003 motion by Frank Roberts to purchase recording and microphone a/v equipment so that all board attendees can easily hear and so that details can accurately be recorded. Independently, both she and Frank Roberts looked into the possibility and discovered that it would involve too much for the needs of the society to invest in such equipment both from a financial level and from an expertise level. However, both Gloria Russell and Frank Roberts brought simple hand held recording devices as a test. Gloria will report back on the success of such devices at the next meeting.

e. Discussion Group Synopsis from Kansas City General Meeting

Brain Grigsby discussed in general the discussion group feed back from the Kansas City General Meeting.

General discussion ensued regarding implementing some of the suggestions that the members in attendance presented and how to implement some of the ideas making use of it in the Newsletter, etc.

f. Ratification of Chaplain's Position

Bruce Jogerst called for ratification of Janis Franklin as Chaplain of the NGFS.

Motion: Frank Roberts
Second: Brian Grigsby
Motion unanimously approved

g. Membership Dues Discussion

Motion unanimously approved

Bruce Jogerst made a motion to adjourn the meeting so that all could get ready for dinner.

Motion: Bruce Jogerst
Second: Jack Painter
Motion unanimously approved

X. Recognition of Retiring Board Members

Lindle Grigsby – to be mailed Certificate of Recognition
Benson Grigsby – to be mailed Certificate of Recognition
Stanley Grigsby – presented Certificate of Recognition
Brian Grigsby – presented Certificate of Recognition
Bruce Jogerst – presented Certificate of Recognition

XI. Election of New Officers

1. President – Tom Grigsby
Nomination: Bruce Jogerst
Second: Hank Williams
Approved

2. Vice President – Janis Franklin
Nomination: Matt Beard
Second: Frank Roberts
Approved

Officers continuing to serve:

Secretary: Gloria Russell

Treasurer: Stanley Grigsby

Administrator: Judy Doughty

Genealogist: Matt Beard

XII. Gavel passed to Tom Grigsby

Tom stated that after much thought he would accept the position of President with the help of a competent Board.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Gloria L. Russell, Secretary