



**Anchorage Genealogical Society**  
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**September Meeting:** The regular meeting will not be held this month. The seminar will replace the meeting. The October meeting will be the regular annual business meeting including the election of officers and proposed changes to the by-laws. The meeting will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October at 7 p.m. in the conference room, ground floor of the Z.J. Loussac Library.

**Seminar:** The 16<sup>th</sup> annual AGS seminar is to be held Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> of September. The pre-registration fee (until August 31) will be \$40.00 and \$45.00 at the door. All registrations postmarked September 1 or later will be at the \$45.00 rate. Registration will be from 8 – 9 a.m. and the seminar will be from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a lunch break. If you desire you may order your lunch when you register. For \$6.00 there will a choice of a beef, ham or turkey sandwich and coffee, tea, water or a soft drink. Richard Hooverson will be our speaker; he will present four different topics:

- Westward Ho: American Settlement Patterns
- Waters West: The Erie Canal and Great Lakes
- Life in the Past Lane: Every day life of Yesteryear, and
- Soiled Doves: Prostitution & the Under Class.

Contact Llana Markey, our seminar chairperson, at 563-7741 or e-mail ags@ak.net to find your spot in making this a successful seminar. All Members please bring cookies to the Seminar.

The registration form for online recipients of this newsletter may be obtained at our website <http://www.rootsweb.com/~akags>.

**August Meeting:** There were 27 members and three guests present, two of the guests Tim & Julie Moisan of Anchorage became our newest members, the other guest was Billie DeVore of Anchorage. Lynn Pikey gave a report on both the Highland Games and the Irish Music Festival. Lyle Perrigo gave a report on a trip that he and his wife made to the Shetland Islands. Linda Sharp gave a talk on arranging a reunion long distance. She and her mother, here in Anchorage, accomplished this task; a reunion in Minnesota with guests from as far away as Norway! John Burkholder gave us a good tip for taking photo's at a large gathering where you are not sure of everyone's name; arrange everyone in a bleacher type set up and in each position have an 8 X 10 sheet of paper that the position number is written on one side. Have each individual write their name on the other side, then have the photographer snap two shots: one when everyone is holding up the piece of paper and the next one with the paper down.

"Misers are no fun to live with, but they make great ancestors."

**New Website:** The Wisconsin Historical Society is putting a new service on the Internet this fall with more than 100,000 obituaries and biographical sketches available, [www.wisconsinhistory.org/genealogy/ogrs/](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/genealogy/ogrs/) will be the location. At this time they have not decided on a price for their look-up service and printed copies but it will be possible to use a credit card to complete any transaction.

**Rootsweb Review@:** QUICK TIPS FROM READERS: Hard-to-Search-for Surnames? Try:

[http://www.google.com/advanced\\_search?hl=en](http://www.google.com/advanced_search?hl=en) this search engine allows you to use a "without the words" box (the fourth box.) So, if you search for the surname TROUT, you can omit all search results containing the word fish. And, if your name is MILK, omit cow. This will save you tons of time. --Thanks to: Angie Blatern, San Diego, California, U.S.A.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~annegee/angie.htm>

**NARA Funded:** The U.S. House of Representatives recently approved House Resolution 5120, The Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government Appropriations Bill for 2003, which funds the National Archives and Records Administration at a total of \$267,189,000. The measure includes \$249,731,000 in operating expenses, an increase of \$3,884,000 from FY 2002. Archivist of the United States, John W. Carlin said, "This Bill reflects the continued support of the Congress and the President in the important work that the National Archives performs in documenting the rights of American citizens, the actions of Federal officials, and the national experience. Thanks to their generosity, we have made significant gains this year in information technology and electronic government and expect to build on that momentum in the coming year."

The measure allotted \$11,837,000 for FY 2003, for the Electronic Records Archives (ERA), which will allow the National Archives to continue to work on building the ERA so that the Federal Government can preserve and make accessible to the public permanently valuable electronic records. The funds will also enable the National Archives to extend the life of existing electronic records systems until the ERA is fully developed. The House has also allocated an additional \$2,000,000 for grants, bringing the total to \$7,000,000. To learn more about plans for expenditures, visit the NARA online at, [http://www.archives.gov/media\\_desk/press\\_releases/nr02-66.html](http://www.archives.gov/media_desk/press_releases/nr02-66.html)

*Everton Family History Newslite, August 12, 2002.*

**FGS Conference Report:**

Most of this week's newsletter was written in hotel rooms and on board airplanes. I am finishing the newsletter on board Southwest Airlines flight 159 flying from Los Angeles to Providence, Rhode Island. I love these \$99 coast-to-coast airfares! I spent much of this week at the annual conference of the (U.S.) Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) in Ontario, California. This year's conference was hosted by the California State Genealogical Alliance (CSGA). The annual FGS conferences are amongst the larger genealogy events of the year. This year's conference seemed to be a success. I know that I

enjoyed myself, and it looked like most all the other attendees were smiling, too. I heard almost no complaints. No wonder, as this four-day conference, with nearly one hundred of today's top genealogy speakers, was held in a very modern conference center, featuring easy access and several nice nearby hotels and restaurants. The attendance seemed to be a bit less than some other FGS conferences I attended, but several vendors I spoke to claimed that their sales were significantly higher than those of any previous years at FGS conferences. As the name implies, the Federation of Genealogy Societies is an organization whose members are genealogy societies. The Federation's primary mission is to help local societies better serve their members. By banding together, the societies trade expertise and help train each other on what has worked well for the member societies. The Federation of Genealogical Societies has more than 550 member societies, representing more than 500,000 genealogists across North America. This is a large and active group! About 185 or so presentations were made over four days at this conference, many of them made by today's leading genealogical speakers. Most of the time there were seven or eight presentations being made simultaneously. Attendees certainly had a wide variety of topics to choose from. A full list of all the presentations made this week can be found on the FGS Web site at <http://www.fgs.org>. Looking at the list, you might find a topic that makes you exclaim, "Gee, I wish I could have heard that!" Well, you probably can. Most of the presentations were recorded, and tapes will soon be available for sale from Repeat Performance, Inc. Check their Web site at <http://www.audiotapes.com>. I doubt if the list of the presentations made at this week's conference will be on their Web site immediately since the Repeat Performance employees are also en route back from the conference as these words are being written. However, I suspect the list will be available soon on that Web site.

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The Friday banquet speech was one of the conference highlights. This year the banquet featured two speakers: Tony Burroughs and Jim Warren together gave a talk entitled, "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? The Burroughs-Warren Family Reunion." Together, these two walked down memory lane, describing many events of past conferences. If either of these two ever needs to find a different line of employment, each could easily become a stand up comedian.

The many California volunteers who worked so hard to make this event a success obviously succeeded. I'd especially like to thank the ladies at the Registration Desk as they helped me get oriented quickly and easily. (I also promised I would mention them in this newsletter.)

The conference worked well and seemed to please all the attendees I have one thing to say to FGS President Dean J. Hunter, CSGA President Sheila Benedict, 2002 National Conference Chair Wendy Bebout Elliott, and the many others who worked hard to make this conference work: "Great job!"

The next conference of the Federation of Genealogical Societies will be held in Orlando on September 3 through 6, 2003. Next year's hosts, the Florida State Genealogical Society, will have to work hard to match this year's event. However, I suspect they plan to do just that.

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### **See you at the Seminar!**

The Executive Board is proposing the following changes to Anchorage Genealogical Society By-laws: to bring them into compliance with the recent vote to change our fiscal year to January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, as suggested by a CPA; to simplify some of the wording; and to provide continuity between the different Articles.

Words in parenthesis () are being deleted, words inserted are underlined. Explanations for the proposed changes are in italics.

#### **ARTICLE II Membership**

**Section 1.** The membership year coincides with the fiscal year. Dues are payable (October) January 1<sup>st</sup>. First time memberships received after (April) July 1<sup>st</sup> may be prorated. Membership is effective when dues are received. Types of membership are Single, Family and others as directed by the Executive Board.

This reflects the recent vote to change the fiscal year to that of the calendar year for ease in bookkeeping practices, as recommended by a CPA.

#### **ARTICLE IV Officers**

**Section 1.** The officers shall be the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Membership Officer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, (Member-at-Large-) Publicity Officer and (Member-at-Large-) Hospitality Officer and shall comprise the nine members of the Executive Board.

**Section 2.** The officers (and two members-at-large) shall be elected by membership at the annual meeting for a term of one year or until successors have been elected.

We felt that these two positions are Officers and the words Member-at-Large were not necessary.

**Section 6.** The Membership Officer shall maintain membership applications and records (and maintain the mailing list.) and promote retention of members and the recruitment of new members.

One of the results of computerizing our books is that it is easier for the Treasurer to maintain a current mailing list. The Membership Officer would assume these new duties.

**Section 10.** *(Elected Members-at-Large shall be responsible for publicity, hospitality and other duties as assigned by the Society officers.) The Publicity Officer is responsible for publicity of meetings, classes, seminars and other events as designated by the Executive Board.*

**Sections 11 through 14 are renumbered to Sections 12 through 15, with no additional changes.**

When we changed Section 10 to describe the duties of the Publicity Officer it became necessary to insert a description of the duties of the Hospitality Officer, which we will do in the next amendment, the new Section 11.

**Section 11.** The Hospitality Officer is responsible for greeting attendees at meetings, ensuring that sign-in sheets are available at each meeting, introduces guests, keeps current a sign-up sheet for refreshments and other duties as designated by the Executive Board.

#### **ARTICLE VI Executive Board**

**Section 2.** *The members of the Executive Board shall be the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Membership Officer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, (Member-at-Large-) Publicity Officer and (Member-at-Large-) Hospitality Officer. Voting rights shall be restricted to elected Board positions.*

The changes were made to keep the new wording consistent throughout the By-laws.

**Section 4.** *Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or by request of one of more of the members of the Board, as long as all members are notified five days prior to such a meeting. Members can waive their right of notification.*

The added stipulation ensures that an honest representation is always present.

#### **ARTICLE VIII Finances**

**Section 1.** *The fiscal year of the Society shall be from (October) January 1<sup>st</sup> to (September) December 31<sup>st</sup>.*

**Section 3.** *The membership year coincides with the fiscal year. Dues are payable (October) January 1<sup>st</sup>.*

*First time membership received after (April) July 1<sup>st</sup> may be prorated.*

To maintain continuity throughout the By-laws.

**Section 5.** *The President shall retain the services of (an accountant) a bookkeeper prior to the close of the fiscal year. (The accountant will complete a financial review of the Treasurer's books.) The (accountant) bookkeeper will provide a written report to the Executive Board within forty-five (45) days after the close of the fiscal year.*

We are making these proposed changes on the advise of two CPA's who felt the old requirement would be too costly and is not necessary under the current rules of a Non-Profit Corporation.