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WMGS NEWSLETTER

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE:

Dues are \$10.00 a year for individuals or \$12.00 a year for a family, and includes Newsletter (Sept-May). Please include an extra \$1.00 with your dues if they would also like to be a member of the Montana State Genealogical Society through the Western Montana Genealogical Society. Please send dues to the society mailbox or bring to the next meeting.

MONTHLY MEETINGS - Held on the second Thursday of the month (Sept.-May) at 7:00 pm in the small meeting room of the Missoula Public Library.

QUERIES: We welcome queries from members (published free) and non-members (\$2.00 each). Send queries to the P.O. Box.

OCTOBER MEETING - Thursday, Oct. 13th at 7:00 pm at the Missoula Public Library. We will look at the film PAUPER'S DREAM which is a memorial to the Butte Miners. The film runs 58 mins.

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY - The current FHL hours are Mon., Tue., Thurs. & Sat. 12:00-4:00 and Tue., Wed. & Thurs. 7:00-9:30 PM. Please call 543-6148

during library hours to reserve your computer time. The FHL has just received 2 new microfilm readers. These are a great addition to the library as there are several new lenses, including a zoom lens, that can be used with either of these readers. It makes reading that fine print lots easier!
FHL Fall/ Winter Closures:
Nov. 23-26 - Thanksgiving
Dec. 19- Jan 2 - Christmas

MISSOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY - will be closed Monday, Oct. 24th for inservice training.

NEW BOOK: CEMETERIES OF THE U.S. A GUIDE TO CONTACT INFORMATION FOR U.S. CEMETERIES AND THEIR RECORDS. First Ed. Deborah M. Burek, Ed. GenColl R 363.75 CEMETER. This book list the cemeteries by county in the state, and also has a master index of all cemeteries alphabetically by name. There is also a denominational listing by state, and it also gives related organizations such as historical societies, genealogical societies, and county historians where these exist. The appendix gives contact info for publishers and other organizations listed in the bibliographical citations.

Genealogical Magazines

Remember that the WMGS subscribes to the Genealogical Helper and Heritage Quest magazines which can be found in the stacks of the Genealogical Collection at the Missoula Public Library. The exchange quarterlies and Newsletters which we get can also be found there.

USED BOOK SALE: The Missoula Public Library's annual Used Book Sale commences on Thursday, Oct. 20th with the Early Bird Sale. Admission is \$1.00. The sale continues on Friday, Oct. 21st from 10am to 5pm, and then wraps up on Saturday, Oct. 22nd from 10am to 3pm. Materials available for purchase include hardcover books, paperbacks, magazines, rare books, records, and more. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Missoula Public Library. The person in charge is Leo Lott. Give him a call at 549-6736 if you would like to help with the sale.

GENEALOGY COLUMN - The Spokeaman-Review carries a column on genealogy by Donna Potter Phillips. This appears on Sundays in the Life section. If you don't usually get this paper you can read the column in the newspaper section of the Missoula Public Library.

COMPUTER GENEALOGY NEWS
AOL - AMERICA ONLINE has recently introduced six new online Special Interest groups to allow people to discuss how they do their genealogical research in each of these unique areas. The new groups are:
Native American Genealogy
English Genealogy

Scandinavian Genealogy
Jewish Genealogy
Mid-Atlantic States Genealogy
Mid-Western States Genealogy

These new Special Interest Groups are in addition to the current special interest groups which are:

New England States Genealogy
Southern States Genealogy
Irish and Scot Genealogy

If you are doing research in these areas, here is a way you can discuss your successes and problems with others that are doing like research. Most of the sessions start at either 9 or 10 PM Eastern Time. Check the schedule for the exact time and location. To get to the Genealogy area use keyword "ROOTS".

For a sign-on disk with 10 free hours call 1-800-827-6364 x0282.

We still have a few of the state cookie cutters left for sale, including a couple of US ones. Cost is \$1.00 each. States left are: NY, KY, CA, SC, UT, OR, IL, PA, WY, WI, ND, WA, GA.

I recently became aware of a useful 1890 census substitute for Manhattan and the Bronx in NY. It is the 1890 Police Census which lists everyone at the address, with their sex and age. To use it, you must get the 1890 address of the person you're looking for from a city directory, then order the Index to the 1890 Police Census through the FHL. This is not a name index, but allows you to find the census book from an address.

BYLAWS
FOR
WESTERN MONTANA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

ARTICLE I--NAME

The following shall prevail throughout these Bylaws in the interpretation thereof unless specific provision directs otherwise:

WESTERN MONTANA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY is the incorporated organization which is to be governed by, and which is empowered to act in accordance with, these Bylaws. Hereinafter said corporation shall be referred to as the "Society."

ARTICLE II--ADDRESS

The address of the principal office of the Society shall be: Post Office Box 2714, Missoula, Montana 59806-2714.

ARTICLE III--POWERS

The Society shall have all the powers of a nonprofit corporation enumerated and set forth in Title 35, Chapter 2, M.C.A., 1978. The purposes of the Society are those set forth in the Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE IV--MEMBERSHIP

Section A:

Any individual or institution willing to promote the objectives of the Society and pay the requested annual dues may be eligible for membership.

Section B:

Membership is effective when dues are received and shall continue to the end of the Society's current fiscal year. Membership is terminated by failure to pay the annual dues. A sixty-day grace period shall be allowed for renewal of membership.

1. Individual dues are \$10.00 per year.

2. Family dues are \$12.00 per year. A family membership receives one newsletter per issue.

Section C:

Nonmembers may be invited to assist in the objectives of this Society.

ARTICLE V--EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board (hereinafter the "Board") shall consist of all elected and appointed officers, and the immediate past-President.

ARTICLE VI--OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section A: Officers

All officers shall be paid-up members. An officer who misses three consecutive business meetings without reasonable cause shall be subject to action by the Board as to his continuance in office. Each officer shall:

1. Perform the duties outlined in these Bylaws and those assigned in the future.
2. Deliver all official material to his successor two weeks prior to the end of the fiscal year.
3. Present an annual written report at the annual corporate meeting.
4. Report on the activities of his office at the request of the President.

Section B: Elected Officers

The elected officers shall be President, Vice-President, Corresponding and Recording Secretaries, and Treasurer. They may be elected and serve in any one office for no more than two consecutive terms.

1. The President shall plan meeting agenda, preside at all meetings of the Society, and be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

2. The Vice-President shall temporarily perform the duties of the President or shall fill the unexpired term of the President in the absence or inability of that officer to serve. The Vice-President shall maintain the Society's surname file.
3. The Recording Secretary shall record the minutes of the business, Board and corporate meetings; read the minutes of previous meetings as requested by the President; preserve all minutes and reports; and provide the President with a copy of the previous minutes prior to each meeting.
4. The Corresponding Secretary shall attend to the correspondence of the Society and shall distribute the mail to the officers.
5. The Treasurer shall collect and record all dues and funds received by the Society, pay all budgeted bills of the Society, keep an accurate record of all receipts and expenditures, and give a financial report at each monthly business meeting.
 - a. The Treasurer shall maintain the: 1) Check-book; 2) Bank statements and cancelled checks; 3) Account book; and 4) Paid bills, statements, and other financial records.
 - b. Checks must be signed by two of the following four officers: Treasurer, President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary.
 - c. The Treasurer shall serve as chairman of the Budget Committee.
 - d. The Treasurer shall maintain a current membership list and provide a copy to the President and the Newsletter Editor.
 - e. The Treasurer's accounts shall be examined annually at each fiscal year end by the Auditing Committee.

Section C: Appointed Officers

The Newsletter Editor and the Librarian shall be appointed by the President.

1. The Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for preparing, printing, and mailing a monthly (September through May) newsletter that informs members of upcoming meetings, elections, proposed Bylaws amendments and revisions, and other announcements or topics of interest.
2. The Librarian shall catalog and maintain, and suggest new materials for, the Society's Genealogy Collection.

ARTICLE VII--COMMITTEES AND CHAIRMEN

Section A:

The following committees and chairmen shall be appointed by the President. They shall recommend policy to the membership and upon approval shall implement it within their estimated budgets. Additional ad hoc committees shall be selected to be responsible for special projects as they are undertaken. Chairmen may ask for assistance from the membership.

1. The Auditing Committee of two or three persons shall audit the Treasurer's records at the end of the fiscal year and shall report its findings in a signed statement at the October business meeting.
2. The Publicity Chairman shall be responsible for announcement of all Society meetings and special events to the public media.
3. The Program Chairman shall secure and arrange programs for each meeting. Programs should be centered on genealogy and related topics.
4. The Budget Committee shall determine financial requirements and compile the annual budget. The

Treasurer shall serve as chairman. The membership shall approve or disapprove the proposed budget and any expenditures exceeding the approved budget.

5. The Publishing Committee shall select and publish materials of genealogical interest sponsored by the Society.
6. The Nominating Committee shall consist of at least two members. (For duties, see ARTICLE IX--ELECTION OF OFFICERS.)

ARTICLE VIII--MEETINGS

Section A: Business Meetings

1. A business meeting of the Society shall be held once a month (September through May) unless waived by majority vote. The meeting day will be selected to accommodate the majority of the members.
2. Five members in good standing must be present to constitute a quorum for conducting business. Of that five, at least two officers must be included.
3. All voting shall be by simple majority unless otherwise stated.
4. Any member must be present to vote. A family membership constitutes one vote.

Section B: Annual Corporate Meeting

The annual corporate meeting shall be held in May at which time officers shall be elected and annual reports given.

Section C: Board Meetings

1. Meetings of the Board may be called as needed by the President or by a majority of the Board members, provided all Board members are notified. Board meetings shall be open to the Society.
2. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum.
3. The Board shall report at business meetings of the Society on proposed policy changes and new projects. Minutes of Board meetings will be read upon request.

ARTICLE IX--ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section A:

The Nominating Committee shall use the Bylaws (which list each elected officer's duties), together with the current membership list, to select one nominee for each elected office.

Section B:

Following the Nominating Committee's report at the April business meeting, an opportunity shall be given for nominations from the floor.

Section C:

In the absence of a Nominating Committee report, nominations shall be made from the floor.

Section D:

Only those who have consented to serve if elected shall be eligible for nomination either by the Nominating Committee or from the floor.

Section E:

Officers shall be elected by majority vote of the members present at the May business meeting.

Section F:

A vacancy occurring in any elected office other than the Presidency shall be filled for the unexpired term by a member elected by majority vote at a business meeting. The President may appoint an interim officer.

ARTICLE X--AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS

Section A:

Bylaws amendments and revisions (hereinafter "proposed change") may be proposed by:

1. Any member, or
2. A five-member committee that shall be appointed by

the President every five years, from the time of the last revision, to review the Bylaws. This committee shall report its findings and proposals to the membership.

Section B: Procedure for Proposed Change

1. Any proposed change shall be introduced in writing (in person or by letter) at a business meeting and read into the minutes, and shall be recorded by the Recording Secretary.
2. A copy of the proposed change and notification of its voting shall be published in the newsletter announcing the meeting at which voting will take place.
3. Voting shall be no earlier than the next business meeting after the proposed change was introduced.
4. Ratification of a proposed change shall be by a two-thirds majority vote.

ARTICLE XI--FISCAL YEAR

The Society's fiscal year shall be from September 1 through August 31.

ARTICLE XII--PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The Society shall be conducted in accordance with the parliamentary procedure set forth in the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order in case of question not covered by these Bylaws.

This version of the Bylaws, as amended, was accepted by a two-thirds majority vote of the Society on [month date], 1991 and replaces all earlier Bylaw versions and amendments.

Please help us to make some plans for the future by taking a few minutes to fill in the following questionnaire. Return it to the society by Nov. 1st so we can have the results for the November Newsletter.

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

1. How often do you attend the Society's meetings? Always _____ Frequently _____ Sometimes _____ Never _____
2. Are you interested in field trips? _____ Suggestions? _____
3. What would you like to see in our monthly programs? _____
4. Would you be able to give a program? _____ What area(s)? _____
5. Do you have any suggestions for articles in the Newsletter? _____
6. Would you be interested in writing articles for the Newsletter? (includes writing up short notices about activities or upcoming events for other related societies that you may belong to) _____
7. Would you be interested in a workshop? _____ In what area? _____
8. Are you interested in workshops for Beginners? _____ Intermediate? _____ Advanced? _____
9. Would you be interested in indexing vital records from the Missoulian? _____ What day? _____
10. Are you interested in going to Helena to index the state death records? _____ What weekday? _____
11. Foreign languages that you can read/ help translate vital records? _____
12. Main area(s) of research? _____

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