

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 10, 2019

The meeting was called or order by President Shay Elliott at 6:00 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Betty Hagberg, Judi McDowell, Julie Vogel, Linda Polich, Linda Walker, Deb VanSant, Kathy Holmgren, Becky Dexter, Sally Bartosh , Shay Elliott & Kathy Elliott.

The secretary's minutes from the December 13, 2018 meeting were approved as e-mailed to the Board Members by Recording Secretary Betty Hagberg.

Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a checkbook balance of \$3,948.20 as of December 31, 2018. Interest earned on all accounts was \$39.76 and total cash assets as of December 31, 2018 were \$37,536.48. The report was filed for review.

President Shay Elliott explained that he would be giving Registrar Marilyn Mix all new applications and renewals received with the corresponding check number recorded on the application. At the same time he will be giving Computer Chair Julie Vogel a copy of the applications and renewals with the corresponding check number recorded. He will also give Treasurer Judi McDowell a copy of all applications and renewals with the corresponding check or cash payment attached. A donation in memory of Ruth Thompson was received from Barbara Anderson and Judi McDowell indicated she would like to donate a book to the RICIGS library in memory of Ruth. Motion by Betty Hagberg to purchase a library book or books from any funds received in memory of Ruth Thompson. Seconded by Linda Walker. Motion carried. Shay also distributed a copy of the Yearly Calendar and Guidelines for RICIGS Board Members.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – Judi McDowell reported that several of the volunteers working on our Find-a-Grave update project have completed their assignments. An article will be included in the next newsletter thanking the volunteers for their work and explaining what the project involved.

Computer Interest - Julie Vogel reported the website is up to date. She has already included information on the programs scheduled for the first four meetings of 2019 and will continue to add them as more information is available.

Conference – Judi McDowell reported the brochure should be ready for the printer soon.

Education – Linda Polich announced the first Lunch & Learn of 2019 went well with 20 members attending including 2 new members. Linda and Lorraine Hathaway will present a class at the Port Byron Library on January 24<sup>th</sup>. They will discuss Using Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org websites. Members of the Education Committee will meet in February to discuss future educational offerings.

FGS – Linda Polich reported we have received 10 subscriptions to the FGS Forum which will be used as door prizes at the General Membership meetings. She has also ordered a free copy of VIVID software from FGS to use as a door prize at Conference.

Fundraising – The Birdies for Charity kickoff meeting will be announced soon. Linda has 49 RICIGS envelopes left in her supply from 2018 so more will need to be ordered.

Funeral Cards – No Report

Historian – Nothing new to report.

Librarian – Deb VanSant reported she recently purchased archival boxes for Barbara Johnson's family Bible and the Budelier photo album and they are now on the shelves in the library. Margaret Acker recently donated 2 boxes of her sister's genealogy research including the Park family.

Obituaries – Linda Walker reported she is current with the 2018 obituaries. The Board then discussed the need to continue indexing current obituaries because the local newspapers are available on-line. Motion by Linda Polich to discontinue indexing current obituaries effective January 1, 2019. Seconded by Linda Walker. Motion carried. Work on the 2018 book will be finished up and the file will be prepared for sending out to be printed and bound. Linda Walker will continue to work on completing the 1950's obituary index so it can be printed and Julie Vogel volunteered to look at the work done on the 1940's to determine if it could be printed.

Publication Sales – No sales were made over the previous month.

Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel reported the Winter Newsletter was e-mailed to members. At this time we only have 7 members who do not get the e-mailed newsletter.

Quarterly Mailing – Nothing new to report.

Queries and Research – Julie Vogel reported a lady from Northern Ireland submitted a request to the website for research on some relatives in the area. Julie was able to get the information she requested and reply to her.

Registrar – No Report

Vice President – Jay Matlock sent a list of additional programs for 2019. They include:

May – Dr. Wherry speaking on fraternal societies & organizations of the Quad Cities.

June – a presentation on Scots-Irish genealogy.

July – Judi McDowell on Find-a-Grave.

August – Orphan Train by Angie Snook.

Sept – Joint RICIGS/SCIGS meeting on resources of each society. (proposed)

Oct – WPA/CCC in the Quad Cities. (proposed)

The idea of having attendees at General Meetings complete a Program Satisfaction Survey was approved.

Old Business: At the December meeting the Board discussed posting the Pease Genealogical Abstracts of RI County Newspapers on our website. After checking the written agreement between Janet Pease and RICIGS it has been determined these records can be used on the website. Motion by Betty Hagberg to scan the indexes to the Pease abstracts in the RICIGS library collection for posting to the website and the abstracts be scanned for use in the Members Only section and offered for sale to non-members in the website Store area. Seconded by Julie Vogel. Motion carried.

Society Goals: The following reports were presented:

Website Committee Goals:

1. Expand new Ancestral Photo Collection page.
2. Work with Publications committee to digitize publications to make available on website.
3. Keep a record of website Google Analytics statistics.

Education Committee Goals:

1. Genealogy for Kids
2. Lunch & Learn
3. Special Programs

Library Goals:

1. Increase Usage
2. Tie info on materials available in the library to meeting programs.
3. Use Quarterly and Newsletter to inform membership about using library materials in their research.

New Business:

2019 Audit Committee – Linda Walker and Judi McDowell volunteered to serve on the committee.

2019 Budget – Members discussed the proposed budget and suggested possible increases for the Library and Programs categories. Money can be withdrawn from reserves to fund these categories as needed.

2019 Annual Dinner Committee – Linda Polich, Kathy Holmgren and Judi McDowell volunteered to serve on this committee.

Announcements:

The next General meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The program will be “What’s in the Box? The History in Your Closet” by Michael Craft of Seymour-Memreez Home Movies to DVD. The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Butterworth Center Oak Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Shay Elliott at 6:05 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Betty Hagberg, Judi McDowell, Julie Vogel, Deb VanSant, Becky Dexter, Sally Bartosh , Shay Elliott & Kathy Elliott.

The secretary's minutes from the January 10, 2019 meeting were approved as e-mailed to Board Members by Recording Secretary Kathy Elliott.

Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a checkbook balance of \$4,317.24 as of January 31, 2019. Interest earned on all accounts was \$41.15 and total cash assets as of January 31, 2019 were \$37,946.67. The report was filed for review.

President Shay Elliott distributed mail to the appropriate officers and committees. He reported the Vivid-Pix software from FGS for use as a conference door prize has not yet been received. He also reported that Schar Blevins has requested her program in February count toward a credit membership.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – Judi McDowell nothing new with cemetery work this month.

Computer Interest - Julie Vogel reported on the analysis she is doing of website usage. In January 354 users visited the RICIGS website. Areas of highest interest were the obituary index, conference information, membership and genealogy resources for Rock Island County.

Conference – Judi McDowell reported flyers were mailed out and registrations have already been received. Several RICIGS Board members volunteered to deliver flyers to the local libraries.

Education – Linda Polich sent the following report: 22 people signed up for the Lunch & Learn on February 1<sup>st</sup>, but only 12 attended due to bad weather. The next Lunch & Learn will be on March 1<sup>st</sup> and the topic is Research in the Southern States. The Education Committee will meet on February 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss a Genealogy for Kids workshop.

FGS – No Report.

Fundraising – Birdies for Charity has not announced their kick-off date yet.

Funeral Cards – No Report.

Historian – No Report.

Librarian – Deb Van Sant reported she recently added several Kentucky county histories to our collection as well as an 1879 history of Adams County, Illinois. These books were being discarded by RICHS.

Obituaries – No Report

Publication Sales – Betty Hagberg reported that all RICIGS Quarterlies from 1990 through 2003 have been scanned to the website. We now have all Quarterlies from 1990 through 2018 available on the website. There are now many old copies of the Quarterly in storage. After discussion it was agreed that only 2 copies of the quarterlies will be saved. Betty and Julie will meet next week to discuss how to make parts of the Pease collection available on the website. Betty also suggested the word Sales be dropped from the committee name She will draft appropriate changes for the Standing Rules.

Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel reported she is working on the Spring 2019 Quarterly. The deadline for submissions is April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Quarterly Mailing – Deb Van Sant reported that new member Sandy Luse did not think she was receiving the Quarterlies. Shay will verify that she is on the mailing list.

Queries and Research – Deb Van Sant reported she had a request for a copy of an article in the Howard Historian and was able to supply that. There were also 2 requests for obituaries.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix sent a report the society currently has received 77 renewals, including a couple new memberships. We also have 1 credit membership and 11 life memberships for a total so far of 89 members.

Vice President – Jay Matlock sent a report that he is working out the details of a meeting with SCIGS. He also said the program by Schar Blevins in February will be approximately 1 hour long.

Old Business:

- 2019 Audit Committee – because of bad weather the committee has not yet had a meeting.
- 2019 Budget – The Board review the revised budget presented by the Treasurer. Motion by Betty Hagberg to accept the budget as presented. Seconded by Sally Bartosh. Motion carried.
- 2019 Annual Dinner – The committee is looking at an evening meal this year and a possible date of November 5<sup>th</sup>.

New Business:

- The Board discussed how to process electronic memberships and pay pal purchases on-line. It was agreed they would be recorded in the Presidents Book for tracking purposes. Discussion was also held on using pay pal for research requests. Julie will investigate this option and report to the Board.
- A questionnaire was received from our insurance carrier requesting information on society sponsored activities held during the year. Judi and Shay met prior to the Board meeting to complete the questionnaire and it will be submitted with information on all meetings, the Annual Dinner and the QC Genealogical Conference.

Announcements:

The next General meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The program will be “Researching Passenger Lists & Naturalization Records” presented by Schar Blevins. The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Butterworth Center Oak Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society  
General Meeting  
February 26, 2019

President Shay Elliott called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center with 22 members in attendance.

Shay then introduced the Board members for 2019 and the Committee chairs.

Members shared interesting genealogical discoveries.

Program:

Member Schar Blevins presented the program “Researching Passenger Lists & Naturalization Records”.

Business Meeting:

Minutes –Minutes of the October 23, 2018 meeting by were accepted as emailed to members.

Treasurer’s Report - Treasurer Judi McDowell reported an ending checkbook balance of \$4,317.24 as of January 31, 2019. Total interest earned for the month was \$41.15. Deposit accounts (Checking, Savings, Money Market) stand at \$12,383.08 and Investment Accounts (CD’s) are at \$25,563.59. The report will be filed for review.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – Judi McDowell reported on the ongoing project reviewing previously compiled cemetery indexes and updating the information to Find-A-Grave. Anyone interested in helping with this project should contact Judi.

Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported the website is up to date at this time. She thanked Betty and Darrell Hagberg for their work scanning RICIGS Quarterlies from 1990 to the present so they can be uploaded to the website. Eventually all our Quarterlies will be on the website. Janet Pease newspaper abstracts are also being added to the website and will be available for members to review there. Two other new areas of the website are the Ancestor Photo Collection and an area dedicated to Ancestor Stories.

Conference – Judi McDowell reported 2019 Genealogy Conference Brochures have been mailed out and we already have 55 registrations.

Education – Linda Polich reported there will be Lunch & Learn sessions every month this year. Check the website for details. Lorraine Hathaway and Linda Polich will present a one-hour class at the Port Bryon library on March 21<sup>st</sup> about using Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org for genealogy research.

The Education Team is developing a Genealogy for Kids workshop scheduled for Family History Month in October. More information will be available later this year.

FGS – Nothing new to report at this time.

Fundraising – Nothing new to report at this time.

Historian – No Report.

Funeral Cards – Jan McKenzie reported she continues to organize and store cards from local funeral homes at the RICIGS library and on our website. Anyone interested in working on this project is welcome to contact Jan.

Librarian – No Report

Obituaries – No Report.

Publications – Betty Hagberg reported that Society items are being scanned for the website.

Quarterly – Julie Vogel reported the deadline for items to be included in the Spring quarterly is April 1, 2019.

Quarterly Mailing – Nothing new to report at this time.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported we still have several members with unpaid dues at this time and said we also have several new members this year.

Vice President – Jay Matlock reported all programs for the year are set and are listed on the website.

Old Business – There was no old business to discuss.

New Business – The 2019 Annual Dinner has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 5, 2019. A committee composed of Linda Polich, Judi McDowell and Kathy Holmgren is planning the event and asked members to make suggestions for possible locations to consider.

The next Board meeting will be 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at the Butterworth Center. The next general membership meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at the Butterworth Education Center. The program will be Rock Island Arsenal Graveyards.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Shay Elliott at 6:05 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Sally Bartosh, Betty Hagberg, Kathy Holmgren, Jay Matlock, Judi McDowell, Jan McKenzie, Marilyn Mix, Linda Polich, Deb VanSant, Julie Vogel, Linda Walker, Shay Elliott & Kathy Elliott.

The minutes from the February 14, 2019 meeting were approved as e-mailed to Board Members by Recording Secretary Kathy Elliott.

Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a checkbook balance of \$4,531.24 as of February 28, 2019. Interest earned on all accounts was \$41.17 and total cash assets as of February 28, 2019 were \$38,201.84. She also distributed a comparison of expenses and budget for the year to date. Judi reported that Shay has now been added to the account at IH Mississippi Valley Credit Union and Judi has been added to the Safety Deposit Box at Blackhawk Bank. The report was filed for review.

Corresponding Secretary Julie Vogel reported the February presenter, Schar Blevins, has requested the results of the satisfaction survey conducted after the program. Julie will compile the information and send it to Schar.

President Shay Elliott distributed mail to the appropriate officers and committees. He reported reservations for all RICIGS meetings have been scheduled with Butterworth through June of 2020.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – Judi McDowell reported that 9 volunteers have completed their Find-a-Grave update assignments of local cemeteries and she will insert a thank you and update on the project in the Spring Quarterly.

Computer Interest - Julie Vogel reported the monthly website report shows 463 users in February with 414 being new to the site. From March of 2018 through February of 2019, 3287 people have visited the website. She also updated the Board on the ability to accept on-line payments for website services as well as dues and donations.

Conference – Judi McDowell reported that as of March 8, 2019, 105 registrations have been received for the conference.

Education – Linda Polich reported 17 attended the March Lunch & Learn session. The April 5<sup>th</sup> session will discuss German Research. Lorraine Hathaway and Linda P. will do a program at the Port Byron library on using Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org websites. The Education Team met on February 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss a Genealogy for Kids workshop. Plans are to hold it on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> during Family History month.

FGS – Two members were awarded FGS Forum certificates at the February General Meeting. The remainder will be distributed at the March meeting.

Fundraising – Birdies for Charity kickoff is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Linda will pick up pledge forms at that time and get them ready for members.

Funeral Cards – Nothing to report.

Historian – Nothing to report.

Librarian – Deb Van Sant reported another memorial donation was received in memory of Ruth Thompson and asked that a thank you be sent to the donor and a notice to the Thompson family. A Mercer County Atlas was recently donated to the Library as well as a family history of the Hanson family.

Obituaries – Nothing to report.

Publications – Betty Hagberg reported that all RICIGS Quarterlies have now been digitized and are available on the Society website. The next step will be to index them for easier use.

Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel reported she is working on the Spring 2019 Quarterly and asked anyone planning to submit an item to do it as soon as possible since she is going out of town in early April. Even though the deadline for submissions is April 1<sup>st</sup> it will be helpful if she can get started sooner.

Quarterly Mailing – The mailing list is up to date at this time as far as we know. Mailing labels will be printed for the Birdies for Charity letters.

Queries and Research – One query was handled this month by Julie.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported 34 people have not yet renewed. She will send out reminder postcards soon.

Vice President – Jay Matlock said he would be gone on the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting night but would be sure Program Satisfaction Surveys would be available for comments after the program. Dr. Whery is working on her program for the May meeting and will supply the title soon. Someone from SCIGS will talk at the September General Meeting about their Society's genealogical resources.

Old Business:

- 2019 Audit Committee – The audit is complete and everything is in order.
- 2019 Annual Dinner – The dinner has been scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup> at the Riverfront Grill. Doors open at 5:30 pm and the buffet meal will begin at 6:00 pm. Fried chicken, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and salads will be served. They require a \$100.00 deposit. Motion by Linda Polich to approve the site, menu and deposit. Seconded by Sally Bartosh. Motion carried. Program suggestions include John Brassard presenting a program on Murder and Mayhem in Scott County; a musical program by members of the Chordbusters; and a program on Privateers on the Chesapeake Bay during the Revolutionary War.
- Change to Publication Sales Committee – Chairperson Betty Hagberg reported that since our publications are now available online there is no need to sell or maintain hard copy supplies of them. The committee name was changed to Publications Committee at the February Board meeting and Betty proposed the following new job description:  
Publications chairperson shall:
  1. Encourage the use of Society Publications to benefit the Society and its members.
  2. Maintain a list of Society Publications.
  3. Coordinate the conversion of Society Publications to electronic formats.
  4. Work with the Computer Interest chairperson to offer publications for sale on the Society website and to offer selected publications to Members in the Members Only section of the site.

It was moved and seconded to adopt this proposed change. Motion carried. All members are asked to review the current job descriptions listed on the website under Standing Rules and Job Descriptions and suggest changes as needed at the April Board meeting. The list of Detailed Job Descriptions is not on the website but should also be reviewed for any necessary changes. The secretary will e-mail all Board members a copy of the Detailed Job Descriptions for review.

New Business: - There was no new business to discuss.

Announcements:

The next General meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The program will be "Rock Island Arsenal Grave Yards" presented by Kevin Braafladt. The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Butterworth Center Oak Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society  
General Meeting  
March 26, 2019

President Shay Elliott called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center with 23 members in attendance.

Members shared interesting genealogical discoveries.

Program:

Kevin Braafladt, Historian from the Rock Island Arsenal, presented the program “Rock Island Arsenal Graveyards”.

**Business Meeting:**

Minutes – Minutes of the February 26, 2019 meeting were accepted as e-mailed to members.

Treasurer’s Report - Treasurer Judi McDowell reported an ending checkbook balance of \$4,531.24 as of February 28, 2019. Interest earned for the month was \$41.17. Deposit accounts (Checking, Savings, Money Market) stand at \$12,597.39 and Investment Accounts (CD’s) are at \$25,604.45. The report will be filed for review.

Corresponding Secretary – Julie Vogel reported we sometimes get research requests by mail or email. We now have the option with requests submitted on our website for payment to be made online as well. Volunteers then do the requested research and it is sent to the requester or, if no information is found the payment can be refunded online.

President – Shay Elliott handed out satisfaction surveys for tonight’s program. Members were asked to complete and return them before leaving. He also reported Librarian Deb Van Sant sent information about resources in our library collection that pertain to last month’s program on Immigration & Naturalization. This information is available on the sign-in table.

**Committee Reports:**

Cemeteries – Judi McDowell reported 9 volunteers have completed their Find-a-Grave update assignments of local cemeteries. The committee will probably work on other cemeteries later this year.

Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported she has been checking on the Google stats concerning use of the Society website. In the last year 3287 people visited the site. Several new areas have been added to the website. They include research request payment options, donations, newspaper abstracts, photos and family histories.

Conference – Judi McDowell reported we have 153 registrations so far and hope to have approximately 200.

Education – Linda Polich reported the next Lunch & Learn is April 5<sup>th</sup>. Meet in the Main Dining Room of Butterworth Center. The topic: German Research. Starting in May, you will no longer need to sign up for Lunch & Learn sessions...a reminder message will be sent out about a week prior – just like we do for the General Meetings. The committee would appreciate your feedback with the Lunch & Learn Topic Survey – please take a few minutes to fill it out and return it to Linda Polich or others on the Education Team.

Committee members Lorraine Hathaway and Linda Polich agreed to present a class at the Port Byron Library on March 21<sup>st</sup> entitled “Using Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org Websites”. Unfortunately only one person attended! Thanks to Lorraine and Linda for their time for this program.

Family Tree Magazine has filed for bankruptcy. There is a website for more information if you are a Family Tree Magazine subscriber and want to know more about the situation. It is <https://genealogybargains.com/what-you-need-to-know-about-the-fw-media-bankruptcy-filing/> Education Committee member Betty Hagberg was asked by members Ruth & Ed Evans to present a program on DNA to the Clinton County Genealogical Society earlier this month.

FGS – The Spring 2019 Issue of the *Forum* contains a good article entitled “Labor Union Documents – Genealogically Relevant Sources”. Shay will be giving away digital subscriptions to the *Forum* tonight.

Fundraising – Birdies for Charity Kickoff is Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Pledge cards will be distributed at the April General Meeting to save on postage. Those members not attending will receive their pledge card in the mail. Thank you in advance for participating in this program – it is the only fundraiser we have during the year.

Historian – No Report

Funeral Cards – No Report

Librarian – No Report

Obituaries – No Report

Publications – Betty Hagberg reported all Quarterlies are now available on the website with an index. Also on the website are genealogy abstracts of the Rock Island Dispatch from 1878-1882 and the Rock Island Republic from 1851-1855.

Quarterly – Julie Vogel reported the Spring Quarterly is almost ready to be sent to the printer.

Quarterly Mailing – The Quarterly will be mailed out after it is printed.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported we have a few renewals still to come in. She also asked everyone to be sure they signed in for tonight’s meeting.

Vice President – No Report

**Old Business** – Eight on-line subscriptions to the FGS *Forum* were given to attendees at the meeting. The final subscription will be given at the April meeting.

This year’s Annual Dinner will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at the Riverfront Grill, 4619 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Island.

**New Business** – There was no new business to discuss.

The next Board meeting will be 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at the Butterworth Center Oak Room. The next general membership meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at the Butterworth Education Center. The program will be “What’s New at IRAD” by Bill Cook. IRAD is the Illinois Regional Archives Depository.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society  
Board Meeting Minutes  
April 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Shay Elliott at 6:00 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Betty Hagberg, Jay Matlock, Judi McDowell, Marilyn Mix, Linda Polich, Shay Elliott & Kathy Elliott.

The minutes from the March 14, 2019 meeting were approved as e-mailed to Board Members by Recording Secretary Kathy Elliott.

Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a checkbook balance of \$4,319.43 as of March 31, 2019. Interest earned on all accounts was \$37.32 and total cash assets as of March 31, 2019 were \$38,046.61. She also distributed a comparison of expenses and budget for the year to date. The report was filed for review. Judi reported she took an inventory of the items in the Society safe deposit box at Blackhawk Bank. Old CD's and expired insurance policies were discarded. The document filed with the State of Illinois when Blackhawk Genealogy Society officially changed its name to Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society was in the box. There was also an agreement regarding use of Dwight Mullenbruck's books by the Society. It was suggested the agreement for the use of Janet Pease books should also be placed in the safe deposit box. Judi also reported we have a CD coming up for renewal soon. Judi will monitor rates and give a recommendation for renewal options to the Board in May.

Corresponding Secretary Julie Vogel sent a report that a thank you was mailed to Cheryl Yauch for her Ruth Thompson memorial donation and a note was sent to Ruth Thompson's daughter thanking her for listing RICIGS as a memorial recipient.

President Shay Elliott distributed mail to the appropriate officers and committees.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – Judi McDowell reported she had a request from Find-A-Grave for 20 grave photos in Bowlesburg Cemetery in Silvis. She was unable to locate any of the requests. She will try to get a map from the cemetery association and try again. Judy is also working with Billion Graves to learn more about using this site.

Computer Interest – Julie submitted a report that all old quarterlies that Betty and Darrel Hagberg scanned have been added to the website. She also added Volume 3 of the Newspaper Abstracts. Other new items on the website include the military websites from the March General Meeting; Genealogy Workshops info and registration form; and monthly meeting minutes, lunch & learn handouts and educational opportunities. The following Google stats were reported: 355 users in March 2019. Top Pages – Conference, Quarterly Newsletter, Library, Family Histories, Member Login and the Meetings Calendar.

Conference – Judi McDowell reported that as of April 11, 2019, 181 registrations have been received for the conference. Goody bags will be filled on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Education – Linda Polich reported 14 attended the April Lunch & Learn session. The May 3rd session will discuss Researching in the Midwestern States. Betty Hagberg presented a program on DNA to the Clinton County Genealogical Society in March. Linda made 200 copies of the 2019 class flyer for use in conference ditty bags.

FGS – Seven members were awarded FGS Forum certificates at the March General Meeting. One more will be distributed at the April meeting.

Fundraising – Birdies for Charity kickoff will be held on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. The letter will be updated and pledge forms will be distributed at the April general meeting. Those not present will be mailed a pledge form. Extras will be available from the RICIGS table at Conference.

Funeral Cards – Jan McKenzie submitted a report that she picked up funeral cards at Esterdahl's last week. They told her more people are opting not to have them printed because of the cost. We may need to discuss this further in the future.

Historian – No Report.

Librarian – No Report.

Obituaries – No Report.

Publications – Betty Hagberg reported she finished the Quarterly Index for the website. It is available on the member's only site now but if it was on the Public site we might then sell more Quarterlies. Betty and Darrell are now scanning the Pease books for the website.

Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel's report stated the Spring 2019 Quarterly was completed.

Quarterly Mailing – The Spring Quarterly was printed and has been mailed out.

Queries and Research – Nothing to report.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported 34 post card reminders were sent out to people with unpaid dues for 2019. Seven of them have paid so far.

Vice President – Jay Matlock reported the title of the May program presented by Dr. Whery will be "Lodges, Orders and Societies: Fraternal Organizations of Rock Island County. The April program entitled "What's New At IRAD" will be presented by Bill Cook. The program presented by SCIGS later this year will be held at the Davenport Library Special Collections Department. Jay said responses to the program given by Kevin Braafladt in March were all favorable and asked that the Corresponding Secretary send him a thank you from the Society. The Board discussed having a summary of the monthly programs included in the Quarterly.

#### Old Business:

- 2019 Annual Dinner – Jay Matlock has arranged for the program on Chesapeake Bay Privateers during the Revolutionary War to be presented at the Annual Dinner.
- Detailed Job Descriptions – After review it was recommended item #7, Publication Sales Chairperson, be deleted from the list of jobs. The new job description for Publications Chairperson in the Standing Rules and Job Descriptions is acceptable as is. The Board may want to review the Obituary Indexing description in the future.

It was suggested that the Standing Rules and Job Descriptions section give an overview of how the committee benefits the society.

New Business: - Linda Polich received a message from Caron Johnson regarding a donation of Family Tree Magazines that could be used for sale at Conference.

Quarterly Editor Julie Vogel submitted an item for consideration by the Board regarding the possible discontinuation of the printed quarterlies at the end of 2019. Many societies are doing this due to rising costs and increased use of online opportunities. Also, Julie would like to step down as Quarterly Editor this year. Initial Board comments on this proposal were favorable, but more discussion is needed and it was tabled until the May Board meeting.

#### Announcements:

The next General meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The program will be "What's New At IRAD" presented by Bill Cook. The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Butterworth Center Oak Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society  
General Meeting  
April 23, 2019

President Shay Elliott called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center with 18 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Members shared interesting genealogical discoveries.

Program:

Bill Cook, Director of the Western Illinois University IRAD depository presented the program "What's New at IRAD".

**Business Meeting:**

Minutes –Minutes of the March 26, 2019 meeting were approved with a correction that 163 people had registered for Conference as of March 26, 2019.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Judi McDowell reported an ending checkbook balance of \$4,319.43 as of March 31, 2019. Interest earned for the month was \$37.32. Deposit accounts (Checking, Savings, Money Market) stand at \$12,405.18 and Investment Accounts (CD's) are at \$25,641.43. The report will be filed for review.

Corresponding Secretary – No Report

President – Shay Elliott awarded the final free subscription to the FGS online magazine Forum.

**Committee Reports:**

Cemeteries – Judi McDowell reported she is looking at the website Billion Graves to determine how it might be helpful for the Society to share cemetery knowledge.

Computer Interest – No Report

Conference – Judi McDowell reported we have 195 registrations so far and hope to have 200 by Conference

Education – Linda Polich reported the April Lunch & Learn topic was German Research. Fourteen members were in attendance. The May 3<sup>rd</sup> topic will be Researching in the Midwestern States.

FGS – The 2019 conference will be held August 21-24 in Washington, DC.

Fundraising – Linda reported Birdies for Charity pledge cards are ready to distribute tonight. Those not picked up will be mailed to members. This is the only fund-raiser the Society holds each year.

Funeral Cards – Jan McKenzie told members how she collects these cards from local funeral homes, enters the data into the computer so it can be downloaded onto the Society website and then files the cards for storage in the RICIGS library collection.

Historian – No Report

Librarian – No Report

Obituaries – No Report

Publications – No Report

Quarterly – No Report

Quarterly Mailing – The Spring Quarterly was mailed out to members.

Queries and Research – A query was received from someone looking for information on a Swedish great grandfather who came to this area after 1842/1844. A volunteer is needed for this request.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported we currently have 109 paid members, 11 life members and 1 exchange member.

Vice President – Jay Matlock reported the May program presented by Dr. Maryann Whery will be on early Lodges, Orders and Fraternal Societies in the area.

**Old Business** – Jay Matlock announced the program at the Annual Dinner will be presented by author Leonard Szaltis and is titled “Privateers on the Chesapeake Bay during the Revolutionary War”. The Annual Dinner will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at the Riverfront Grill, 4619 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Island.

**New Business** –Chris Iossi, president of the Scott County Genealogical Society was in attendance and invited all members to an evening of research on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Cost is \$10.00 and includes a meal. She also asked if the September RICIGS general meeting could be moved to a Monday night in order to allow members access to the Davenport Library Special Collections and the holdings of the Scott County Society. The Board will discuss this idea at an upcoming meeting and work out a date and time.

Shay announced there was a mix-up in the schedule with Butterworth Center and the May, June, July and August general meetings will all be held in the Education Center, our regular meeting location. They had us scheduled for two areas at the same time in May.

The next Board meeting will be 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 9, 2019 at the Butterworth Center Oak Room. The next general membership meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at the Butterworth Education Center. The program will be presented by Dr. Maryann Whery on “Lodges, Orders and Fraternal Societies”.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society  
Board Meeting Minutes  
May 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Jay Matlock at 6:00 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Linda Polich, Julie Vogel, Judi McDowell, Kathy Holmgren, Linda Walker, Jan McKenzie, Jay Matlock, Marilyn Mix and Betty Hagberg.

The secretary's minutes from the April 11, 2019 meeting were approved as e-mailed to the Board Members by Recording Secretary Kathy Elliott.

Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a checkbook balance of \$3,047.67 as of April 30, 2019. Interest earned on all accounts was \$41.33 and total cash assets as of April 30, 2019 were \$36,796.92. The report was filed for review. Julie Vogel moved and Linda Polich seconded a motion to purchase a 15 month CD at 2.5% when our current 15 month CD matures on 5/28/19. The motion passed.

Corresponding Secretary reported receiving a request for assistance with Family Tree Maker. Betty Hagberg spoke with the requester.

President's Report: No report

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – No report.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported that the website is up-to-date. Julie presented information from Google Analytics showing 414 web users in April. January-April 2019 there were 1472 users.
- c. Conference – Judi McDowell reported that there were 200 registrations for the conference with 178 in attendance. Positive feedback was received on the Stoney Creek venue. She gave an overview of feedback on future program ideas.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported that 18 members attended the May Lunch and Learn program. The next Lunch and Learn will be on June 21 and the topic will be Swedish Research. Linda announced that the Education Committee is planning a new education offering "Let's Explore.." Learning Series. This web based offering for members only will consist of PDF files on various genealogy topics.
- e. FGS – Linda Polich announced conference dates for FGS: August 21-24, 2019 in Washington DC and September 2-5, 2020 in Kansas City.
- f. Fundraising: Linda Polich picked up the 2019 Birdies pledge cards and has distributed to the membership. To date, 20 pledges have been received.
- g. Funeral Cards – No report
- h. Historian – No report.
- i. Librarian – No report.
- j. Obituaries No report.
- k. Publications – Volume 4 of the Pease Genealogical Abstracts has been digitized and is available in the Members Only section of the website.
- l. Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel reported a deadline of June 1 (later changed to July 15) for input to the Summer Newsletter.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – No report.
- n. Queries & Research – None.
- o. Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported two new members.
- p. Vice President – Jay Matlock has confirmed the May program with Maryan Wherry. The Treasurer will be prepared to offer compensation. Discussion was held on how we might offer thanks or a gift to speakers who do not charge for giving a program. Julie will check into the kinds of gift cards that might be appropriate for last month's speaker from IRAD and will report back.

Old Business:

Discussion was held on discontinuing publication of the Quarterly. Betty Hagberg moved and Linda Polich seconded a motion to start the process of eliminating the publication of a hard copy Quarterly with the intent to discontinue at the end of 2019. The motion passed.

New Business:

Linda Polich discussed the possibility of replacing the RICIGS Banner with something that is lighter and would be easier to display. Later in the summer, Julie will check with the printer that produced our t-shirts and bags since they have already done some work with our logo.

Announcements:

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The program will be “Lodges, Orders and Societies, Fraternal Organizations of Rock Island County” by Maryan Wherry. The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Butterworth Center Oak Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg  
for  
Kathy Elliott  
Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society  
General Meeting  
May 28, 2019

President Shay Elliott called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center with 17 members and 3 guests in attendance.

Program:

Dr. Maryan Wherry presented the program “Lodges, Orders and Societies - Fraternal Organizations of Rock Island County”.

**Business Meeting:**

Minutes –Minutes of the April 23, 2019 meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer’s Report - Treasurer Judi McDowell reported an ending checkbook balance of \$3,047.67 as of April 30, 2019. Interest earned for the month was \$41.33. Deposit accounts (Checking, Savings, Money Market) stand at \$11,114.49 and Investment Accounts (CD’s) are at \$25,682.43. The report will be filed for review.

Corresponding Secretary – No Report

President – Shay Elliott mentioned that he read in the Tazewell County Illinois Quarterly of a Pearl Harbor sailor who was recently buried in the Elmwood, Illinois cemetery after his remains were identified using DNA from living relatives. The Quarterly will be available in our library.

**Committee Reports:**

Cemeteries – Nothing new to report.

Computer Interest – Everything is up to date.

Conference – Judi McDowell reported the Conference was very successful with just under 200 attending. The location and food were very well received and the Stoney Creek Inn has been reserved for the 2020 Conference.

Education – Linda Polich reported 21 people attended the May Lunch & Learn. The topic was Researching in the Midwestern States. The next Lunch & Learn will be held on June 21<sup>st</sup> and the topic will be Swedish Research. The Education Team is putting together a Genealogy for Kids Workshop during October for Family History Month. The Team is also working on a Members Only Learning Series called “Let’s Explore ...” for the website.

FGS – The 2019 conference will be held August 21-24th in Washington, DC. The 2020 conference will be in Kansas City, MO from September 2 – 5, 2020.

Fundraising – Linda reported she has received 29 Birdies for Charity pledges so far and thanked everyone who has turned in a pledge so far.

Funeral Cards – Nothing new to report.

Historian – No Report

Librarian – Deb Van Sant reported she recently attended the NGS Conference in St. Charles MO and said it was very good. While there she purchased several new books on Missouri for our library.

Obituaries – No Report

Publications – Betty Hagberg reported newspaper abstracts of the Moline Workman from 1854 to 1855 and the Moline Review Dispatch from 1873 to 1876 have recently been added to our website.

Quarterly – No Report

Quarterly Mailing – Shay reported none of the Spring Quarterlies were returned due to a bad address.

Queries and Research – There have been no queries received.

Registrar – Nothing new to report.

Vice President – Jay Matlock reported the September program will be presented at the Davenport Public Library Special Collections Department by the Scott County Genealogical Society.

**Old Business** – There was no old business to discuss.

**New Business** – The Board has been considering ending the printed Quarterly after this year and would like comments from the membership. The cost of production and mailing of the quarterly each time is about \$2,000.00 per year. There are also quite a few man-hours involved in preparing and mailing the printed Quarterlies. Important information will continue to be e-mailed to members on a regular basis and much of the quarterly content is/or will be on our searchable website. Shay asked that members go to the comment section of the RICIGS website and give your thoughts on eliminating the printed Quarterly.

The next Board meeting will be 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at the Butterworth Center Oak Room. The next general membership meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at the Butterworth Education Center. The program will be presented by Michael Craft from Seymour – Memreez on “What’s in the Box? The History in Your Closet”.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society  
Board Meeting Minutes  
June 13, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Jay Matlock at 6:00 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Linda Polich, Sally Bartosh, Judi McDowell, Linda Walker, Deb VanSant, Jay Matlock, Marilyn Mix and Betty Hagberg.

The secretary's minutes from the May 9, 2019 meeting were approved as e-mailed to the Board Members..

Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a checkbook balance of \$3,076.15 as of May 31, 2019. Interest earned on all accounts was \$40.86 and total cash assets were \$36,866.26. The report was filed for review. Judi has been informed by our bank that the Society's account needs to be closed and reopened as a Business Account. Judi will work with the bank to make this change. This may require ordering new checks and stamps.

Corresponding Secretary: No report

President's Report: No report

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – Judi McDowell received a request from a member for a digital copy of our Drury Cemetery publication. Judi will let the member know that the Society does not have a copyright release to digitized this publication and that the member could access the publication in the Library. Judi will also investigate obtaining copyright release from Eva Fuhr for the multiple cemetery books she produced.
- b. Computer Interest – No report.
- c. Conference – Judi McDowell reported that the Conference Committee will meet to consider speakers later this month. Several speakers that have been contacted are not available.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported that the June 21<sup>st</sup> Lunch and Learn will be on Swedish research. The Education Committee met on June 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss a “Genealogy for Kids” workshop which has been scheduled for October 27. Two registrations have been received for this year's Education Classes.
- e. FGS – No report.
- f. Fundraising: Linda Polich announced that 31 pledges have been received for this year's Birdies for Charity campaign.
- g. Funeral Cards – No report
- h. Historian – Deb VanSant gave Linda Walker an article from the ISGS Newsletter that covered the Quad-Cities Genealogical Conference.
- i. Librarian – Deb VanSant reported proceeds of \$167.45 from the book sale at Conference. She purchased \$114 of books for the Library at Conference and \$352.70 for books at the FGS Conference she attended. A list of April-May Library additions is attached. Deb also renewed the software she uses to manage the Library catalog.
- j. Obituaries No report.
- k. Publications – Betty Hagberg announced that Volume 5 of the Pease Genealogical Abstracts has been digitized and is available in the Members Only section of the website. To-date, 66% of the Pease volumes have been digitized and are being released one per month on the website.
- l. Quarterly Editor – Discussion was held concerning discontinuing publishing the Quarterly. Deb VanSant brought up the idea of a Blog. A planning meeting for the best way to distribute information previously in the Quarterly will be held later this summer. Julie Vogel, Betty Hagberg, Judi McDowell and Deb VanSant will participate and others are encouraged to give input.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – No report.
- n. Queries & Research – None.
- o. Registrar – No report.

- p. Vice President – Jay Matlock gave a summary of the feedback received on the May program by Maryan Wherry. Jay plans to produce a spreadsheet with information on programs and speakers.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Judi McDowell brought up the idea of having a common start time for both Board and General Meetings. This can be discussed and considered at a future meeting.

Announcements:

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The program will be “What’s in the Box? The History in Your Closet” presented by Michael Craft, Seymour-Memreez Home Movies to DVD. The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Butterworth Center Oak Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg  
for  
Kathy Elliott  
Recording Secretary

## Books added April-May 2019

Title	Sub Title	Author	Format	Publication Year	Dewey
A Guide To Massachusetts Cemeteries		David Allen Lambert	Softcover		974.4 Cem
Abstracts Of Chester County, Pennsylvania Land Records	Volume 3 1745-1753	Carol Bryant	Paperback	1997	974.813 Bry
Bennington Nebraska 1892-1992			Binder	1992	978.2254 Ben
Crossroads: A History Of St Charles County, Missouri		Steve Ehlmann	Softcover	2004	977.839 Ehl
Death Records Of Pioneer Missouri Women 1808-1849		Lois Stanley	Paperback	1981	977.8 Sta
Elements Of Genealogical Analysis	How to Maximize your Research Using the Great Migration Study Project Method	Robert Charles Anderson	Softcover	2014	929.1072 And
Find Your Czech And Slovak Ancestors		Stephen Szabados	Paperback	2018	943.7 Sza
Franklin County Probate Index	Early 1800s - 1955		Binder		977.863 Fra
Gasconade County Cemetery Survey.			Paperback	1985	977.861 Gas
Genealogy And The Law:	a guide to legal sources for the family historian	William B. Freilich Kay Haviland Freilich	Softcover	2014	929.1 Fre
Genetic Genealogy In Practice		Blaine T. Bettinger; Debbie Parker Wayne	Softcover	2016	616.042 Bet
German Residential Records For Genealogists	tracking your ancestor from place to place in Germany	Roger P. Minert	Softcover	2018	943 Min
Grainger County Tennessee Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions	Record Book No. 3 1812-1816	Ella E Lee Sheffield	Paperback	1983	976.8932 Gra
Hermann: The German Settlement Society Of Philadelphia And Its Colony, Hermann, Missouri		William G. Bek	Softcover	1984	977.861 Her
Hometown Heroes: War Memories Through Their Eyes		Sappington-Concord Historical Society	Hardcover	2003	977.865 Sap
Laclede County, Missouri, Marriage Records 1849-1881			Paperback	1979	977.8815 Mar
Laclede County, Missouri, Marriage Records, Volume II	This volume includes Book B June 1881-Aug 1887; Book E Aug 1887-Nov 1892		Paperback	1982	977.8815 Mar
Laclede County, Missouri, Marriage Records, Volume III	This volume includes Books F & G 1892-1902		Paperback	1982	977.8815 Mar
Mastering Genealogical Documentation		Thomas W. Jones	Softcover	2017	929.1 Jon
Missouri Pioneers Of Pike County			Softcover	1992	977.836 Pik
Missouri School Land Sales		Sharon Kliethermes	Paperback	1987	977.8 Kli
Moniteau County, Missouri 2015 Deaths Reports	& Chronological Index to Selected Articles from Misc. Moniteau County Papers California, Missouri 6 Oct 1858 to 28 Dec 1899 Vol I		Paperback	2000	977.852 Wea
Naturalization Papers Of Franklin County			Binder		977.863 Fra
Ngs Research In The States Series Missouri			Softcover	2007	977.8 NGS

		Kay Haviland Freilich; Fleming, Ann Carter			
Obituaries And Death Related Items Abstracted From The Mendon Dispatch Of Mendon, Adams County, Illinois, 1877- 1905		Joseph J. Beals; Sandy Kirchner	Paperback	1997	977.344 Bea
Outstanding Iowa Women Past And Present		Ethel W Hanft; Paula J Manley	Paperback	1980	977.7 Han
Polish Genealogy	Four Steps to Success	Stephen Szabados	Paperback	2013	943.8 Sza
Polish Immigration To America	When, Why, How and Where	Stephen Szabados	Softcover	2016	943.8 Sza
Puritan Pedigrees	the deep roots of the Great Migration to New England	Robert Charles Anderson	Hardcover	2018	974 And
Records Of Lewis County, Mo.		Jacqueline Hogan Williams; Betty Harvey Williams	Hardcover	1969	977.8345 Wil

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society  
General Meeting  
June 25, 2019

Vice President Jay Matlock called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center with 16 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Members shared interesting genealogical discoveries.

**Program:**

Michael Craft of Seymour-Memreez presented the program “What’s in the Box? The History in Your Closet.”

**Business Meeting:**

Minutes –Minutes of the May 28, 2019 meeting were accepted as emailed to members.

Treasurer’s Report – No Report.

Corresponding Secretary – No Report.

President – No Report.

**Committee Reports:**

Cemeteries – No Report.

Computer Interest – No Report

Conference – No Report.

Education – Linda Polich reported that the June Lunch & Learn on Swedish Research had 13 in attendance. The next Lunch and Learn will be on Friday, July 12, 11:30-1:00 in the Butterworth Education Center with the topic of “Research in the Western States.” The Education Committee is planning a “Genealogy for Kids” workshop on Sunday, October 27, 2019 as part of Family History Month. This year’s Genealogy Skill Building Workshops will be held August 10, September 21 and October 19. The registration form can be found [here](#) on the RICIGS website. The Workshops are free for members.

FGS – No Report.

Fundraising – Linda Polich reported that 32 pledges have been received for this year’s Birdies for Charity fundraiser.

Funeral Cards – No Report.

Historian – No Report.

Librarian – No Report.

Obituaries – No Report.

Publications – Newly published on the RICIGS website this month is Volume 5, Genealogical Abstracts from Rock Island County Illinois Newspapers “The Sunday Mail April 1893-1894 and Moline Daily Dispatch July - December 1894”. The name index for this volume is located at:

<https://ricigs.org/newspaper-abstracts-indexes/> Members can log-in to view the complete volume.

Quarterly – No Report

Quarterly Mailing – No Report.

Queries and Research – No Report.

Registrar – No Report.

Vice President – No Report

**Old Business**

No Report.

**New Business**

No Report.

The next Board meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 11, 2019 at the Butterworth Center Oak Room. The next general membership meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at the Butterworth Education Center. The program will be “The Scots Irish: A Displaced People and their Resurgence” Presented by Jim Dougherty.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg for  
Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society  
Board Meeting Minutes  
July 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Shay Elliott at 6:00 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Sally Bartosh, Betty Hagberg, Kathy Holmgren, Judi McDowell, Jan McKenzie, Marilyn Mix, Linda Polich, Deb Van Sant, Shay Elliott & Kathy Elliott.

The minutes from the June 13, 2019 meeting were approved as e-mailed to Board Members.

Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a checkbook balance of \$2,729.31 as of June 30, 2019. Interest earned on all accounts was \$46.16 and total cash assets as of June 30, 2019 were \$36,565.58. She also distributed a comparison of expenses and budget for the year to date. The report was filed for review. Judi reported Black Hawk Bank wants the Societies current checking account converted to a business account. Judi will do that as soon as there are no outstanding checks. She also said that Beth Hoffman, our registered agent, completed the annual report for the State of Illinois and sent it to Treasurer Judi McDowell. Judi signed the report and mailed it with the required fee.

Corresponding Secretary - No Report

President Shay Elliott distributed mail to the appropriate officers and committees. He also donated a more heavy-duty bag for the microphone components and reviewed their use.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – Nothing new to report.

Computer Interest – No Report

Conference – Judi McDowell reported the Conference Committee held a wrap-up meeting for the 2019 Conference on June 24<sup>th</sup>. There were 198 paid attendees at the 2019 Conference but we lost \$379.31 after all expenses were paid. The 2020 Conference will be held at Stoney Creek again and the fee will be increased by \$5.00. Chris Iossi volunteered to serve as Recording Secretary of the committee. Of the four top speakers selected by the committee for 2020, only one was available. Another name, Michael Lacopo, was also suggested. Beth will contact him about availability. Judy Russell has already been confirmed as the 2021 speaker.

Education – Linda Polich reported the Education Team met on July 10<sup>th</sup> and reviewed details for this year's classes. 6 people have signed up so far. They also assigned topics to the 2020 Lunch & Learn dates. The next Lunch & Learn is Friday, July 12, 2019 and the topic will be Research in the Western States.

FGS – Nothing to report.

Fundraising – 32 pledges were turned in to Birdies for Charity for this year. Linda offered 4 free tickets to the golf tournament for anyone who could use them.

Funeral Cards – Jan McKenzie reported she had recently picked up cards from Esterdahl's and is working on getting them processed.

Historian – No Report.

Librarian – Deb Van Sant reported that 27 books have recently been added to the library plus some will be used as door prizes for the annual dinner.

Obituaries – No Report.

Publications – Betty Hagberg reported Volume 6 of the Pease abstracts was recently scanned and sent to Julie Vogel for the website.

Quarterly Editor – No Report.

Quarterly Mailing – Shay reported he plans to update the mailing list soon.

Queries and Research – Deb Van Sant reported she responded to a query for information on the Dashington family. They were from Moline and were in vaudeville from the early 1900's until the 1930's. She also located obituaries requested for the Koch family.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported that, as of today, we have 116 paid members, 1 credit membership and 11 life members for a total of 128.

Vice President – No Report

Old Business:

- Continuing to Publish a Quarterly – the Board discussed ideas for ways to replace the printed Quarterly with information available electronically. Suggestions included blogs, links to specific information and the need to make it easy for all members to access the information.
- Common Meeting Start Times – The Board discussed moving the start time for the Board meeting to 6:30 pm to correspond with the General meeting start time. Motion by Linda Polich to start Board meetings at 6:30 pm effective with the August 8, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Kathy Holmgren. Motion carried.

New Business: - Shay announced that a 3 person Nominating Committee needs to be set up. The committee must be made up of 2 current Board members and 1 person from the General membership. Judi McDowell and Shay Elliott volunteered as current Board members and a volunteer from the General membership will be recruited at the meeting on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Offices to be filled include President, Secretary and Member at Large – 2022.

Announcements:

The next General meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The program will be “The Scots Irish: A Displaced People and their Resurgence” by Jim Dougherty.

The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Butterworth Center Oak Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society  
General Meeting  
July 23, 2019

President Shay Elliott called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center with 27 members and 2 guests in attendance.

Members shared interesting genealogical discoveries.

**Program:**

Jim Dougherty, Vice President of the Scottish American Society presented the program "The Scots Irish: A Displaced People and their Resurgence".

**Business Meeting:**

Minutes – Minutes of the June 25, 2019 meeting were accepted as emailed to members.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Judi McDowell reported an ending checkbook balance of \$2,729.31 as of June 30, 2019. Interest earned for the month was \$46.16. Deposit accounts (Checking, Savings, Money Market) stand at \$10,796.80 and Investment Accounts (CD's) are at \$25,768.78. The report will be filed for review.

Corresponding Secretary – Nothing new to report.

President – No additional comments.

**Committee Reports:**

Cemeteries - Nothing new to report.

Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported everything is up to date on the website. Volume 6 of the Janet Pease abstracts has now been added to the website.

Conference – Judi McDowell reported the 46<sup>th</sup> annual Quad City Genealogical Conference will be held on April 25, 2020 at the Stoney Creek Inn in Moline. Michael Locopo will be the presenter.

Education – Committee member Lorraine Hathaway reported the Education Team met on July 10<sup>th</sup> and reviewed details for this year's classes. They also assigned topics to the 2020 Lunch & Learn dates. The next Lunch & Learn will be Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30 am at the Butterworth Education Center. The discussion topic will be Migration Patterns of our Ancestors.

FGS – No report.

Fundraising – Shay reported that checks would be distributed on October 31, 2019.

Funeral Cards – Nothing new to report.

Historian – Nothing new to report.

Librarian – Librarian Deb Van Sant announced she compiled a list of Scots-Irish books in the RICIGS collection that would be helpful for anyone looking for more information on tonight’s program topic. The list is available on the table by the sign-in sheet. She also reported 112 books were added to the RICIGS library in the first 6 months of 2019.

Obituaries – Nothing new to report.

Publications – Betty Hagberg reported scanning of the local newspaper abstract books prepared by Janet Pease continues. This information is now searchable on the website.

Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel announced that she will be working on the electronic newsletter next week. It will be emailed out to all members soon.

Quarterly Mailing – Nothing new to report.

Queries & Research - Nothing new to report.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported we have 128 members as of tonight. She also reminded everyone to sign in if they have not already done so.

Vice President – No report.

**Old Business:**

Shay reminded everyone the Board continues to discuss whether the printed quarterly will be eliminated and how to best serve the needs of the members with information and access to Society records. Please share your thoughts with any Board member or by sending comments to the website or to President Shay Elliott.

**New Business:**

It is time to select a nominating committee to prepare a slate of officers for 2020. The Bylaws require the committee be composed of 2 Board members and 1 general member. Board members Judi McDowell and Shay Elliott will serve on the committee and Lorraine Hathaway volunteered as the third member. We will need a new President, Recording Secretary and Member at Large. Please consider volunteering to served as an officer for next year.

**Announcements:**

The next Board meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 8, 2019 at the Butterworth Center Oak Room. The next general membership meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at the Butterworth Education Center. The program will be “Orphan Train” presented by Angie Snook.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society  
Board Meeting Minutes  
August 8, 2019

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Committee Reports:

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Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society  
General Meeting  
August 27, 2019

President Shay Elliott called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center with 18 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Members shared interesting genealogical discoveries.

**Program:**

Angie Snook presented the program "Orphan Train".

**Business Meeting:**

Minutes – Minutes of the July 23, 2019 meeting were accepted as emailed to members.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Judi McDowell reported an ending checkbook balance of \$2,794.83 as of July 31, 2019. Interest earned for the month was \$52.26. Deposit accounts (Checking, Savings, Money Market) stand at \$10,881.90 and Investment Accounts (CD's) are at \$25,820.72. The report will be filed for review.

Corresponding Secretary – Julie Vogel reported Martha Hunt has donated a photo collection for the website.

President – President Shay Elliott reminded everyone the Nominating Committee is working to find a slate of officers for 2020 and asked that everyone please consider serving on the Board. The positions of President, Secretary and Member-at-Large need to be filled. If we want our society to continue, we all need to do our part. Please contact Lorraine Hathaway, Judi McDowell or Shay Elliott if you are able to serve on the Board.

**Committee Reports:**

Cemeteries - Nothing new to report.

Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported everything is up to date on the website. In the period from January 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019 there have been 2106 visitors to our website. 2,051 of these visitors were first time users.

Conference 2020 – Judi McDowell reported the presenter, Michael Locopo, has submitted a list of his topics and the committee is in the process of making selections for the Conference.

Education – Linda Polich said the first genealogy class of 2019 was held on August 10<sup>th</sup> and was well attended. Class #2 will be held on September 21<sup>st</sup>. There was some confusion over the September date, but it has now been confirmed. The last two Lunch and Learn sessions are scheduled for September 6<sup>th</sup> and October 4<sup>th</sup>. Both sessions will be on DNA with the September discussion focusing on ethnicities. The 2020 Lunch and Learn schedule is set and great topics are planned. The committee has scheduled a Genealogy Workshop for Kids on Sunday, October 27, 2019 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. Limited to 18 students who must be accompanied by an adult, this event is free and offered only to RICIGS members at this time.

FGS – The National Genealogical Society and the Federation of Genealogical Society will be merging next year. Many more details will follow on this big news item.

Fundraising – This year’s Birdies for Charity check will be presented at the annual dinner.

Funeral Cards – Nothing new to report.

Historian – No Report.

Librarian – Librarian Deb Van Sant reported a subscription to the scholarly journal “American Genealogist” has been purchased for the library. This is an excellent publication and Deb said if old issues are located for sale the library would be happy to get them.

Obituaries – No Report.

Publications – Betty Hagberg reported Volume 7 of the Pease abstracts has now been posted on the Society website.

Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel announced the deadline for the RICIGS Fall Quarterly is October 7, 2019. This will be the final printed quarterly of the Society.

Quarterly Mailing – Labels are being prepared for sending out the Annual Dinner notices. The Dinner is scheduled for November 5, 2019.

Queries & Research - Deb Van Sant said she recently worked on a query about a Margaret Moore Jones who supposedly died in 1894. However, she was unable to confirm the date of death.

Registrar – No Report

Vice President – Jay Matlock distributed program survey forms for tonight’s program as well as last months. He reminded everyone that the September meeting will be a joint meeting with the Scott County Genealogical Society at the Davenport Public Library. He also reported the program for the October meeting will be on the Find-A-Grave website presented by Judi McDowell.

**Old Business:**

Don’t forget to volunteer to serve on the RICIGS Board next year.

**New Business:**

There was no new business to discuss.

**Announcements:**

The next Board meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at the Butterworth Center Oak Room. The next general membership meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at the Richardson-Sloane Special Collections Center of the Davenport Public Library, 321 N. Main Street, Davenport, IA.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society  
Board Meeting Minutes  
September 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Shay Elliott at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Sally Bartosh, Betty Hagberg, Jay Matlock, Jan McKenzie, Judi McDowell, Linda Polich, Julie Vogel, Linda Walker, Shay Elliott & Kathy Elliott.

The secretary's minutes from the August 8, 2019 meeting were approved as emailed.

Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a checkbook balance of \$2,816.21 as of August 31, 2019. Interest earned on all accounts was \$42.17 and total cash assets as of August 31, 2019 were \$36,746.91. An 18 Month CD is due for renewal on September 13, 2019. Judi presented a list of terms and rates and asked the Board for a recommendation. After discussion a motion was made by Kathy Elliott to purchase a 48 Month CD with the money from the maturing 18 Month CD. Seconded by Jan McKenzie. Motion carried. The Board also discussed the amount budgeted for programs in 2019. It was recommended that next year the budget for programs be increased. The report was filed for review.

Corresponding Secretary Julie Vogel reported she confirmed that RICIGS will have representatives at the Archives Fair held at the German American Heritage Center on October 26, 2019 from Noon to 4:00 pm. The purpose of the Fair is to inform the public about our society and how we might help them in researching their family history. Shay Elliott and Julie Vogel will each take a shift, but more volunteers are needed.

President Shay Elliott said he recently noticed the website states that sign-up is required for Lunch & Learn attendance but that is no longer necessary. Julie Vogel will correct this error. Shay asked the Board for input on listing SCIGS meetings on our website. Julie will investigate this further and report back to the Board. The membership application form formerly included with each quarterly will no longer be sent out after this year. The Board discussed other ways to make it available. It also needs a few changes and Julie will take care of them.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – Judi McDowell reported she recently completed a few photo requests she had for Hampton Cemetery. She is also looking for cemetery maps that could be posted on the RICIGS website.

Computer Interest - Julie Vogel reported she has been working on the website for ideas to replace the quarterly. A committee composed of Julie, Betty Hagberg, Judi McDowell and Deb Van Sant has been meeting and have come up with several possibilities. Julie purchased software to upgrade the website with a newer look and add additional features including a blog. It is now available on a trial basis. The Board discussed the blog and Julie indicated a committee would need to be formed to handle the blog to keep it updated regularly.

Conference – Judi McDowell reported four topics have now been selected by the committee for presentation by Michael Lacopo at the 2020 conference.

Education – Linda Polich reported Class 1 was held on August 10<sup>th</sup> and was well-attended. Class 2 is scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup> and Class 3 is scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup>. A Genealogy for Kids Workshop is scheduled for October 27<sup>th</sup>. Online registration is now available.

FGS – The National Genealogical Society and the Federation of Genealogical Societies will be merging next year. Many more details will follow.

Fundraising – The Birdies for Charity checks will be picked up on October 31<sup>st</sup> and presented to the President at our annual dinner.

Funeral Cards – Jan McKenzie reported she needs to pick up more cards from the local funeral homes for processing.

Historian – Nothing to report.

Librarian - No Report.

Obituaries – Nothing new to report.

Publication Sales – Betty Hagberg reported she recently received a request for several publications, including some that are no longer being sold. She made copies and filled the order but in the future orders submitted on an out-of-date form will no longer be filled due to increased printing costs.

Quarterly- Julie announced the deadline for the Fall Quarterly is October 7<sup>th</sup>. This will be the final issue of the RICIGS Quarterly. As editor she has a large storage tote of old quarterlies and asked what we would do with them. Julie, Betty and Deb Van Sant will look at the old Quarterlies in storage at RICHS and decide how to proceed.

Quarterly Mailing – Shay announced the list is ready to process the mailing labels for the last Quarterly mailing. He also said labels for the Annual Dinner mailing have been printed.

Queries and Research – There were no queries received this month.

Registrar – No Report.

Vice President – Jay Matlock said he will update the spreadsheet with member comments on the 2019 programs. He is ready to begin working on the 2020 program list.

Old Business: The Annual Dinner is scheduled for November 5, 2019 at the Riverfront Grill. Judi McDowell contacted the Riverfront Grill and reported iced tea and water are included with the meal at no additional cost. Coffee will also be provided at \$6.00 per pot which the Society will pay for. Judi will also find out if we can bring in a dessert.

The Nominating Committee has had a difficult time finding members willing to serve on the Board. Scarlett Imhoff has agreed to serve as Member-at-Large. Shay Elliott will serve as President for a second year and Kathy Elliott will serve as Secretary for a second year as provided in the By-Laws. The Vice President and other volunteers will step in when the President and Secretary are not at a meeting. The Standing Rules require the Nominating Committee to announce the slate of officers to the membership at the September meeting. This year the September meeting is a joint meeting with the Scott County Society. After discussion it was agreed that the slate of officers would be emailed to the membership. Election of officers will be conducted at the October General Membership Meeting.

New Business: - There was no new business to discuss.

Announcements:

The next General meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Richardson-Sloan Special Collections Center, Davenport Public Library. The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Butterworth Center Oak Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society  
Board Meeting Minutes  
October 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Shay Elliott at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Linda Polich, Judi McDowell, Deb VanSant, Marilyn Mix, Julie Vogel, Kathy Holmgren, Jan McKenzie, Shay Elliott and Betty Hagberg.

The secretary's minutes from the September 12, 2019 meeting were approved as e-mailed to the Board Members.

Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a checkbook balance of \$2,553.09 as of September 30, 2019. Interest earned on all accounts was \$42.63 and total cash assets were \$36,526.42. The report will be filed for review.

Corresponding Secretary: A thank-you was received from Angie Schnook for the gift card we sent her as a thank-you for her program presentation.

President's Report: Members were notified by email of the slate of officers for 2020. Information was received about programs at the Swenson Center during October. RICIGS will have an information table at the Archives Fair at the German Heritage Center on Saturday, October 25. Shay Elliott, Julie Vogel, Deb VanSant and Judi McDowell will man the table.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – Judi McDowell received a request to confirm information on burials at Oak Grove Cemetery
- b. Computer Interest – Google web statistics show 383 total users for September 2019. Julie has purchased digital file storage on DropBox for the Society. This will provide space to archive RICIGS publications and Society papers. Deb VanSant moved and Linda Polich seconded a motion to reimburse Julie for the expense. The motion passed. Copies of an updated RICIGS brochure are needed Julie has created the brochure and will send the file to Shay Elliott for printing.
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Old Business:

Judi McDowell will be tracking reservations and communicating with River Front Grill. Betty Hagberg will purchase and bring cookies and napkins for dessert. Shay will provide name tags. Door prizes were given to Judi.

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for  
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Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg  
for  
Kathy Elliott  
Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society  
General Meeting  
October 22, 2019

President Shay Elliott called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The program was given by Judy McDowell on Find A Grave.

**Business Meeting:**

Minutes: Minutes of the August 27, 2019 minutes were accepted as emailed to members.

Treasurer: Treasurer Judi McDowell reported an ending checking account balance as of September 30, 2019. The Checking account balance is \$2553.09; Savings account interest \$5.01; CD's (4) are \$25,904.18, and Money Market \$8064.14. Total assets are \$36,526.42. The report will be filed for review.

Corresponding Secretary: No report.

President: We have 40 reservations for the annual dinner which will be held on November 5, 2019 at the Riverfront Grill in Rock Island. Reservations will be accepted until October 29, 2019. On October 26, 2019 there will be an Archives Fair on October 26, 2019 from 12-4 p.m. at the German American Heritage Center in Davenport, Iowa. Over 20 organizations will be represented.

**Committee Reports:**

Cemeteries: No report.

Computer Interest: Julie Vogel has revamped our website with a new look. She has also added a Blog which will replace our quarterly.

Conference: Judi McDowell reported that the speaker, and topics have been chosen. They are on our website.

Education: Linda Polich reported that Class 3 on October 19 was well attended. The Genealogy for Kids Workshop was postponed until Spring since we had no registrations. The final Lunch and Learn on October 11<sup>th</sup> had 23 in attendance. The 2020 Lunch and Learn schedule is available.

FGS: The 2020 FGS Conference is scheduled for September 2-5, 2020 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Fundraising: Linda Polich will pick up the Birdies for Charity check on October 31<sup>st</sup>. She will present it to the President at the Annual Dinner.

Historian: No Report.

Funeral Cards: No report.

Librarian: No report.

Obituaries: No report.

Publications: No report.

Quarterly: The quarterly was mailed today which will be our last quarterly to be mailed. All of the future quarterlies will be scanned, and put on our website. All of our past quarterlies have been already been scanned.

Quarterly Mailing: See above report.

Queries: No report.

Registrar: Marilyn Mix reported that we have 116 single memberships, and 19 family for a total of 154 memberships. She has received 23 renewals so far.

Vice President: No report.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

1. The following members were nominated for 2020 Chapter officers:

President: Shay Elliott

Vice President: Jay Matlock

Treasurer: Judi McDowell

Recording Secretary: Kathy Elliott

Corresponding Secretary: Julie Vogel

Member-at-Large 2020: Kathy Holmgren

Member-at-Large 2021: Sally Bartosh

Member-at-Large-2022: Scarlett Imhoff

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made to accept the nominated officers. The motion was seconded, and approved. Officers will be installed at the Annual Dinner.

2. The Annual Dinner will be held Tuesday November 5, 2019 at Riverside Grill in Rock Island.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lorraine Hathaway

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society  
Board Meeting Minutes  
November 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Shay Elliott at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were Linda Polich, Judi McDowell, Deb VanSant, Sally Bartosh, Julie Vogel, Jay Matlock, Jan McKenzie, Shay Elliott and Betty Hagberg.

The secretary's minutes from the October 10, 2019 meeting were approved as e-mailed to the Board Members with corrections, including the correct name of the German American Heritage Center, the date of the Archives fair (October 26) and the spelling of RICIGS under Publications.

Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a checkbook balance of \$4,002.80 as of October 31, 2019. Interest earned on all accounts was \$52.17 and total cash assets were \$38,028.30. The report will be filed for review.

Corresponding Secretary: Julie Vogel sent thank you notes for 2 donations to the Society. Member Deb Bomberry will not be renewing membership because she is moving.

President's Report: A check from Wisconsin Historical Society for a subscription to the Quarterly will be returned since we have discontinued the Quarterly.

**Committee Reports:**

- a. Cemeteries – Judi McDowell is photographing entrances to cemeteries for our Cemetery Web page.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel has purchased the Adobe Pro software for \$55.00 for 4 years. A Blog has been added to the website. Members with news can contact Julie, Deb VanSant, Judi McDowell or Betty Hagberg to post items to the Blog. Discussion was held on whether to add all members to the Blog or to have them sign-up individually.
- c. Conference – Judi McDowell reported that registration brochures will be produced early in 2020.
- d. Education – Linda Polich announced that the third Education Class for the year was successful. Positive feedback was received for the series. Revenue for the classes was \$125.00 and after expenses of \$33.83 the profit was \$91.17. The final Lunch and Learn session for the year held in October was on DNA and was well attended. A new series of Education oriented documents are being added under the members only section of the website. Titled *Let's Explore... Learning Series* each topic contains an overview and suggested resources. Topics include such areas as: Federal Census, City Directories, Immigration, and Land Records among many others.
- e. FGS – No report
- f. Fundraising: Linda Polich presented proceeds from the Birdies for Charity fund raiser to President Shay Elliott at the Annual Dinner. We received 34 pledges amounting to \$973.19. With the bonus, the total received was \$1043.75.
- g. Funeral Cards – Jan McKenzie picked up cards from Esterdahl's Funeral Home and is working on updating our list of cards.
- h. Historian – No report.
- i. Librarian – Deb VanSant purchased indexes to the New England Historical Genealogical Society Register. She mentioned that the Putnam Museum will present programs to organizations.
- j. Obituaries No report.
- k. Publications – Betty Hagberg is compiling a list of RICIGS publications that will indicate which have been scanned and where they are being held.
- l. Quarterly Editor –No report
- m. Quarterly Mailing – No report.
- n. Queries & Research – Deb VanSant is responding to a query from Buzz Bailey.
- o. Registrar – No report.

- p. Vice President – Jay Matlock presented the satisfaction rating and comments received for 2019 programs. Jay asked for input on the proposed Program Schedule for 2020.

**Old Business:**

Judi McDowell presented a follow-up report on the Annual Dinner. There were 43 reservations and 42 attended. Income was \$860 and expenses were \$915.49 for a loss of \$55.49. Discussion was held on the venue for the Dinner. Consensus was that food and speaker were good and that layout and spacing of tables could be better.

**New Business:**

President Shay Elloitt is looking at purchasing an RICIGS table skirt and table sign.  
Linda Polich requested that Board Members receive a list of members.

**Announcements:**

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The program will be presented by Shar Blevins titled “Road Trip: how to prepare and what to do when you get there” The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center Oak Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg  
for  
Kathy Elliott  
Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society  
Board Meeting Minutes  
December 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Shay Elliott at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were Linda Polich, Judi McDowell, Deb VanSant, Sally Bartosh, Julie Vogel, Jay Matlock, Jan McKenzie, Marilyn Mix, Shay Elliott and Betty Hagberg.

The secretary's minutes from the November 14, 2019 meeting were approved as e-mailed to the Board Members.

Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a checkbook balance of \$3,434.03 as of November 30, 2019. Interest earned on all accounts was \$53.98 and total cash assets were \$37,503.51. The report will be filed for review.

Corresponding Secretary: Julie Vogel received a suggestion for our website from the Hampton Public Library. She returned the membership check from the Wisconsin Historical Society since we no longer publish our Quarterly.

President's Report: President Shay Elliott gave a check from Allen County Public Library to the Corresponding Secretary to determine if their interest is only in our Quarterly. In response to a funding request from Butterworth Center, Linda Polich moved and Julie Vogel seconded we send a donation of \$100. The motion passed. In response to a funding request from the Colonel Davenport House, Jan McKenzie moved and Deb VanSant seconded a motion to contribute \$50.00. The motion passed. A request from SCIGS for items to include in their newsletter was given to Vice President Jay Matlock to coordinate the mutual sharing of programs and events. Deb VanSant and Shay Elliott participated in a program at a Scott County Genealogical Society meeting focused on Lineage Societies.

**Committee Reports:**

- a. Cemeteries – No report.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel renewed a 3 year license for our web hosting service for \$95.40. The website has been updated to include a new Pease volume, updated library list and our new brochure. Web analysis showed 390 users for November. Members were contacted and encourage to sign-up for our Blog. There are now 64 subscribers.
- c. Conference – Judi McDowell reported that topics for the Conference are still being finalized.
- d. Education – Linda Polich announced that the Education Committee met to evaluate the current curriculum. The Lunch & Learn sessions have been very successful and will be continued with the next session being held on January 3, 2020 with a topic of *Organizing Your Genealogy*. Classes will be reformatted for 2020 with details to follow.
- e. FGS – FGS is has request that genealogy societies send support in the effort to object to the increased fees proposed by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service. Linda Polich will respond for the Society.
- f. Fundraising: Linda Polich announced that the kickoff meeting for 2020 Birdies for Charity will be held on April 13. Discussion was held about including Birdies pledge cards in the goody bags for QC Conference. Consensus was to ask SCIGS if they have any objections and if not we should do it.
- g. Funeral Cards – No report.
- h. Goals – Linda Polich distributed a summary of 2019 Society Goals and asked that Goals be included as a regular agenda item.
- i. Historian – No report.
- j. Librarian – Deb VanSant reported that she and President Elliott attended the RICHS's Open House on December 2 and were available to give attendees tours of RICIGS Library collection and answer questions about the Society. Deb recommended that the Society dispose of the computer in the Library. Julie Vogel will look at computer to remove any relevant information and coordinate disposal.

- k. Obituaries No report.
- l. Publications – Discussion was held on whether to expand the *genealogy websites* section of the website. Betty Hagberg will work with the Education Committee to see if it would be feasible to add web links from education materials to the website.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – No report.
- n. Queries & Research – Deb VanSant responded to requests.
- o. Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported there have been 65 renewals to date.
- p. Vice President – Jay Matlock reviewed the upcoming program schedule for 2020. Bruce Buzbee of Roots Magic will be available for the April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. A location will need to be found. Jay suggested the possibility of recording Society programs so they would be available for later viewing by the membership. Details of how this would be managed need further investigation.

**Old Business:**

President Shay Elliott presented information on table skirts with the RICIGS logo. First step would be to upgrade our logo so that it could be used in large format applications. Consensus was that the Society is willing hire a professional designer to upgrade the logo. Shay will investigate.

**New Business:**

None

**Announcements:**

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The program will be presented by Shar Blevins titled “Road Trip: how to prepare and what to do when you get there” The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center Oak Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg  
for  
Kathy Elliott  
Recording Secretary

## Board Meetings 2019

January – meeting held at Butterworth Center

February – meeting held at Butterworth Center

March – meeting held at Butterworth Center

April – meeting held at Butterworth Center

May – meeting held at Butterworth Center

June - meeting held at Butterworth Center

July - meeting held at Butterworth Center

August – meeting held at Butterworth Center

September - meeting held at Butterworth Center

October – meeting held at Butterworth Center

November – meeting held at Butterworth Center

December – meeting held at Butterworth Center

## General Meetings 2019

January – no meeting held due to bad weather

February – meeting held at Butterworth Education Center

March – meeting held at Butterworth Education Center

April - meeting held at Butterworth Education Center

May - meeting held at Butterworth Education Center

June - meeting held at Butterworth Education Center

July - meeting held at Butterworth Education Center

August – meeting held at Butterworth Education Center

September - field trip to Richardson-Sloane Special Collections at Dav. Public Library

October – meeting held at Butterworth Education Center

November – annual dinner, no business meeting

December – no meeting