

**1 Nov 2014 Minutes for the General Meeting**  
**Respectfully submitted by Marie Navarro, Secretary**

President Sandra Crowley called the meeting to order at 11:00am.

Minutes from the October meeting were approved.

Treasurer, Linda Lane is out of town. We are working with the city on the Book Scanner, and it will be after the first of the year before it will be ready to proceed. The cost will be about \$25,000.

Jean Larson, Vice President, reported that we have a speaker for the Spring Lecture. Her name is Debbie Parker Wayne, and she will be speaking on DNA research. It will be a summary of the basics, and how to get the most from the information you receive. The lecture will be on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Additional details will be available soon.

There will not be a General Meeting in December due to our Annual Awards Luncheon, which will be held on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 – 2:00. You can register online and there will also be a form to download and mail. It's being catered by Baker's Ribs, and will be traditional Christmas dinner cuisine. The event is free for members, and \$15.00 for guest. The deadline to register is December 4<sup>th</sup>. The awards to be presented are:

**Award of Merit** presented annually to a DGS member who has consistently contributed time, talent, expertise, and abilities to the Society over a period of years.

**Heritage Preservation Award** presented annually to an individual, group, or organization in recognition of contributions to preserve, conserve, house, or collect family history.

**Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award** presented to an individual for outstanding contributions to the genealogical community on a national level.

**Volunteer of the Year:**

The DGS Volunteer of the Year award is presented annually to a member who has generously volunteered time, expertise, talents, and abilities to the Society during the previous year to the extent to make that member stand out and draw attention.

Nominates are due by November 15<sup>th</sup> and can be emailed to [awards@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:awards@dallasgenealogy.org).

Fred Moss from the Federation of Genealogical Societies announced that members are able to follow the progress of the preservation of the Pensions of the War of 1812 by going to [FGS.org](http://FGS.org) and clicking on the Preserve the pensions link located on the left hand side of the screen. He was happy to announce that it had been decided these records would be free forever! There is an opportunity to be a part of the preservation by volunteering to do indexing.

Sandra Crowley announced that submissions for the Writing Contest for 2015 will be accepted from January 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>. The prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place will be \$500, \$300, and \$150. Winning entries will be published in Pegasus.

Tony Hanson announced that the speaker at the January 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting will be Ana Krahmer who is on [the support staff of the University of North Texas Portal to Texas History](#). He introduced

today's speaker: Lynell Moss with FamilySearch.org, who will be speaking on Tips for searching on their website.

Sandra Crowley asked if there was any additional new or old business to discuss. There being none, the meeting adjourned at 12:15.