

DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

# DGS Newsletter



## A Time of Change

2009 has been a time for change. It has affected all of us in our personal and business lives. Many of these changes have affected DGS. For that reason, the DGS Board of Directors has had to make some very hard decisions. These decisions were not made quickly or lightly. They came after many hours of research by many of the Board members. They came with debate, discussion, and exploration of many possibilities. Changes in membership dues are listed below. On page 77 you will find the Bylaws with the changes marked. Please read the president's column on page 74 for more details of why these changes are important to all DGS members.

	Current	New
<b>Junior Membership under 25 years</b>	\$15	\$15
<b>Membership, per individual or couple</b>	\$25	\$35
<b>Membership per Household (living at the same address)</b>		\$40
<b>Foreign Membership</b>	\$30	
<b>Sustaining Membership</b>	\$50	
<b>Annual Patron Membership</b>	\$100	
<b>Life Membership, per individual, 65 years or under *</b>	\$500	\$700
<b>Life Membership, per individual, over 65 years*</b>	\$300	\$500

\*Does NOT include Household

These changes will be voted on at the meeting that is currently scheduled for Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. There is a good possibility this meeting will also be changed, as we have been informed that the City of Dallas is looking at changing the library hours of operation.



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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

*Liz Katz*

We are in the midst of another summer heat wave as I write this. One thing that is consistent about Texas is its summer heat waves. I wish that other things in life were so consistent.

This is a very solemn newsletter. We need to make a few changes at the Genealogical Society. First is the need for a membership cost increase. Second is a set of changes to the Bylaws. Hopefully I will be able to explain to you, the membership, why we need to make these changes. We will be voting on the changes at the October General Meeting.

First, let's look at our goal:

"The goal of the Dallas Genealogical Society shall be to educate, by creating, fostering, and maintaining interest in genealogy; to assist and support the genealogy section of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library in Dallas, Texas, or its legal successor; and to collect, preserve, copy, and index information relating to Dallas County and its early history."

Basically we have a three-part mission: to educate, to support the collection at the Dallas Public Library, Genealogical Section, and to preserve Dallas County history.

We already approach education several ways. We have our general meetings that always have a genealogical speaker, SIG groups addressing various subjects, and we have national-level speakers in for fundraising seminars on given topics. We use those fundraising monies to support and increase the genealogy collection at the Dallas Public Library and provide extras for the Society. We

have recently started a digitization program to help preserve Dallas County history.

Beginning approximately two to three years ago, the membership dues were not covering the cost of providing existing benefits to our membership. Every year there have been postal increases, as well as changes in the rules on how we can mail items. Along with increases in the cost of printing, this has eaten up all of the dues that everyone is paying. There is nothing left, and sometimes our expenses have exceeded what has been budgeted. Instead of increasing dues, we were starting to use monies from fundraising to provide the newsletter and Journal along with other perks. Suddenly, as airfares and hotel bills went up, there was a huge increase in bringing in outside speakers, reducing our net fundraising monies.

We need to get back on budget. The cost of the internet has been a part of our problem but in a way is the way out of the problem, too. Acquisition of the equipment for a digitization program to help preserve Dallas history will have to be supported as time goes on.

The reason why a change in dues structure was not proposed earlier is because the Board has been sensitive to the trouble economy and fixed incomes of senior members. However we have come to a point that we cannot continue to go forward without a dues increase. Even if we place all of the newsletters and the Journal on the internet, we still have members without email and internet access, and we do need to provide for them.

I, as President, delegated the job of canvassing other genealogical societies to David Temple, our treasurer, to see what their dues structures were. He came back to the Board with insightful information. It appears that our dues should have been increased about four or five years ago. We have not had a dues increase for eight to nine years. If we had had a dues increase earlier, we would not



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need as large an increase that is currently needed.

The next item that we as a Society need to address is a change to the Bylaws in order to allow for the option of Board members serving for longer periods of time. For the last few years, it has gotten much harder to get people to serve on the Board. Everyone is busy, without exception. I have been connected with the Board about four years now, and during that time we have several people elected to different offices that had to leave and then had to be replaced by an appointee, if available.

The Bylaws Committee (Jeri Steele, Shirley Sloat, Jimmy and Pat Stone, and Liz Kutz) has worked to clarify past decisions, but has also recommended changes to the amount of time someone can serve on the board of directors. We considered several scenarios, including making the board smaller, but in the end, decided only to move the SIG director duties to the VP of Education.

We took these proposed changes back to the board which accepted them. It is now in your hands for a final vote in October. Actually the future is bright with these changes. It will put the Society back in the black and with the Lectures and Institute we have planned for next year, we will recover. It is up to our members to decide.

There is one item of immediate need. I need three volunteers for the nominations committee. I have already have the two that volunteered from the Board. This is a very short term job, as the nominations committee work is done by the meeting in November. Your input is needed to get this job done for the future of the Society.

One last issue: In October, the City of Dallas and the Dallas Public Library are going to experience a severely reduced budget for 2010. This will in all probability mean a reduction in the hours that the Library will be

open, which would affect when DGS would be able to hold various meetings. The Society cannot do anything about this, but we will make the best of the situation. We have made contingency plans, as the actual situation may or may not be as bad as anticipated.



## City to Cut Library Operating Hours

The city of Dallas announced last month that it would be cutting the operating hours for the Dallas area libraries. They are expecting to cut the Central library hours from 68 to 44 hours. There is also speculation that they could be closed on Monday. The final decision will be announced in September, and will be effective on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Should the City Dallas determine that it will be closing the Central Library on Mondays; the DGS General Meetings will have to change to another day and time. We did not want this to be a last minute, hastily made decision. For that reason, we have set up a poll on our website, so that members can have a voice in determining the best time to conduct the general meeting. Please go to [www.dallasgenealogy.org](http://www.dallasgenealogy.org) and cast your vote!

## Websites to Explore

**Genealogylinks.net:** Free Genealogy Links for the US, UK, England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Europe, Canada, Australia & New Zealand.

**Cyndislist.com** Websites from Adoption to Writer's Interest

**Mycinnamontoast.com** Browse by surname or by region



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JANE CORLEY

WILLIAM COLLINS



The Alford Family Reunion

The "Alfords," which includes Alvords, Alfreds, Olfords, Halfords, etc., their kin and their friends, are meeting in Dallas, TX, October 9-11, 2009, at the MCM Elegante' hotel. This will be the 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting sponsored by the Alford American Family Association (AAFA). It will be the 3rd. meeting in Texas with the two previous in Houston in 1989 and in San Antonio in 1999.

Contact Information:

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Hope to see you in Dallas! Come meet your cousins!

## DPL'S 8<sup>th</sup> FLOOR VOLUNTEER DESK

We encourage those of you who may be just starting out in your family research to volunteer a few hours a week or a few hours a month. This is a wonderful opportunity to become familiar with the genealogy section of the library and spend some time greeting visitors and meeting fellow researchers. And a fantastic perk is free parking!

Volunteers are needed to sit at the desk in either a regular weekly slot or to fill in on the substitute list. We are looking for individuals to fill in when a regular volunteer is out. If you're interested, email the Volunteer Coordinator at: [Volunteer@dallasgenealogy.com](mailto:Volunteer@dallasgenealogy.com) or call Patrick McKinney at 214-522-9356.

## DGS NEWSLETTER

The *DGS Newsletter* is published periodically throughout the year. We use articles that include things of a genealogical nature. They do not have to apply to Dallas County, Texas. All articles and correspondence for this publication should be e-mailed to the newsletter editor, Marie Navarro, at [Newsletter@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:Newsletter@dallasgenealogy.org), or mailed to: DGS Newsletter, P. O. Box 12446, Dallas TX 75225-0446. Please put your phone number on ALL correspondence in case we have questions. You will receive confirmation of your submittal.

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## AMENDED BYLAWS - Page 1

Approved by Board members on July 13, 2009

To be distributed at the DGS General Meeting, September 28, 2009.

To be discussed and voted on at the DGS General Meeting, October 26, 2009.

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Text to be added is boxed: example

## DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

### Article I - Name

The name of this society is the Dallas Genealogical Society, hereinafter referred to as the Society.

### Article II - Object

The object of this Society shall be to educate, by creating, fostering, and maintaining interest in genealogy; to assist and support the Genealogy Section of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library in Dallas, Texas, or to its legal successor; and to collect, preserve, copy, and index information relating to Dallas County and its early history.

### Article III – Membership

#### Section 1. Membership

Any person or organization who pays membership dues and supports the object, Bylaws, and standing rules of the Society is a member in good standing.

#### Section 2. Other Categories

Other categories for membership may be established by the Board of Directors for approval by the general membership. Any changes in the categories for membership shall be published in the Society Newsletter before the general business meeting in which the proposed change is presented to the general membership for a vote.

#### Section 3. Dues

Dues shall be established by the Board of Directors for approval by the general membership. Any changes in the dues shall be published in the Society Newsletter before the general business meeting in which the proposed change is presented to the general membership for a vote. The dues are payable initially upon application for membership, and annually thereafter by the last day of the membership anniversary month, in order to remain a member in good standing.

## Article IV - Officers, Directors and Their Election

### Section 1. Officers and Directors

The Officers of this Society shall be a President, Executive Vice President, Vice President for Education, Vice President for Membership, Vice President for The Dallas Journal, Vice President for the DGS Newsletter, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary. The Directors of this Society shall consist of the Director of Sales, Director of Mailings, Director of Publications, Director of Publicity and Public Relations, and the Director of Volunteer Coordination.



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## Amended Bylaws – Page 2

### Section 2. Nominating Committee

A five-person Nominating Committee composed of two members of the Board of Directors and three members-at-large who are not Board members shall be formed at the next General Meeting following the appointment of the two Board members at the July Board meeting. At this next General Meeting, three or more members-at-large shall be nominated and three elected to the Nominating Committee. At this same meeting, the President shall appoint one of the two Board representatives as the Chair of the Committee. The Chair shall call the first meeting of the Nominating Committee. The Committee shall nominate a member in good standing for each elected position on the Board of Directors and report its nominations at the General Meeting in November.

### Section 3. Qualifications for Serving on the Board of Directors

Each Officer and Director must be a member in good standing of the Society. An Officer or Director shall hold one elected position at a time; and may serve in the same position for only two three consecutive terms; and a Director shall hold one elective position at a time and may serve on the Board of Directors for only three five consecutive terms. A member nominated for the position of President or Executive Vice President may have served three previous consecutive terms, allowing for a fourth and final consecutive term to be served in either position. The President shall have served as an elected Officer or Director of the Society for at least one year.

### Section 4. Election of Officers and Directors

The Officers and Directors shall be elected at the general business meeting in November by a majority vote of those present and voting. The presiding officer shall accept additional nominations from the floor, provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained previously. The Officers and Directors shall be installed at the annual meeting in December, shall assume their official duties following the close of the meeting, and shall serve for a term of one year or until their successors are elected.

### Section 5. Transition from Board Year to Fiscal Year

Upon approval of these revised Bylaws by the general membership prior to April 2004, the terms of the Officers and Directors then in office will be extended to December 31, 2004. If these revised Bylaws are adopted after April 2004, the terms of the Officers and Directors elected in April 2004 will be for the period June 1, 2004 to December 31, 2005. Subsequently, Officers and Directors terms shall be for one-year periods and this Section will no longer have any effect.

## Article V - Duties of Officers

The duties of the Officers shall include, but are not restricted to, those set forth below. Each Officer shall appoint, as needed and with the approval of the Board of Directors, aides to assist in the accomplishment of these duties.

### Section 1. President

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer and the official spokesperson for the Society; shall affix the official signature for the Society on all legal documents; shall provide general supervision of the Society activities; shall preside at all general business meetings and Board of Directors meetings of the Society; and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the

Nominating Committee. The President shall appoint the Parliamentarian, the Library Liaison, the Database Administrator, the Webmaster, and the Mail Administrator, and all committees and their chairs as are necessary to carry on the work of the Society. The President shall write an annual report to the membership



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for publication in the DGS Newsletter. The President shall be responsible for annually archiving the official records of the Society.

### **Section 2. Executive Vice President**

The Executive Vice President is responsible for all fund-raising activities of the Society other than the sales of Society materials, including workshops. In the absence or incapacity of the President, the Executive Vice President shall assume the duties of the President.

### **Section 3. Vice President for Education**

The Vice President for Education shall be responsible for all non-revenue educational events, and shall be responsible for the programs at the general business meetings of the Society. The Vice President for Education shall be responsible for scheduling the use of Library facilities by the Society.

### **Section 4. Vice President for Membership**

The Vice President for Membership shall be responsible for the official membership list; shall provide printed copies of additions and changes in the membership list at each Board of Directors meeting; and shall place two printed copies of the official membership list (as of December 31) with the Society minutes.

### **Section 5. Vice President for The Dallas Journal**

The Vice President for The Dallas Journal shall be responsible for the editing and publishing of an annual periodical, and shall ensure that a copy of the Journal is placed in the Dallas Public Library genealogical collection.

### **Section 6. Vice President for the DGS Newsletter**

The Vice President for the DGS Newsletter shall be responsible for editing and publishing the Society Newsletter, which shall include notice of general business meetings as directed by the Board of Directors.

### **Section 7. Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall chair the Budget Committee; shall have custody of all the funds of the Society; shall make all authorized disbursements; shall sign on bank accounts; shall present a financial statement at general business meetings and Board of Directors meetings; and shall be responsible for the filing of all government tax forms. The Treasurer shall supervise the accounting activity of the Society and shall propose a person, to be approved by the Board of Directors, to perform these functions.

### **Section 8. Recording Secretary**

The Recording Secretary shall record all business transacted at the general business meetings and Board of Directors meetings of the Society, and present the minutes for approval at the next meeting; shall keep current and have on hand for reference at all meetings: the Society Bylaws, standing rules, and the Recording Secretary's notebook with the current and previous year's minutes of all Society meetings. The Secretary shall provide the President with a copy of all the Society's minutes, the official membership list, attachments, reports, required electronic backups, and newsletters to be placed annually in the Society archives.



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### Article VI- Duties of Directors

The duties of the Directors shall include, but are not restricted to, those set forth below. Each Director shall appoint, as needed and with the approval of the Board of Directors, aides to assist in the accomplishment of these duties.

#### Section 1. Director of Sales

The Director of Sales shall be responsible for the merchandising of all Society materials for sale, and shall maintain an inventory and locate appropriate storage facilities for such materials.

#### Section 2. Director of Mailing

The Director of Mailings shall be responsible for processing Society mailings and maintaining the Society's mailing lists other than the official membership list.

#### Section 3. Director of Publications

The Director of Publications shall be responsible for obtaining resources and assisting in publishing the Society's publications.

#### Section 4. Director of Publicity and Public Relations

The Director of Publicity and Public Relations shall be responsible for promoting the Society and its activities, and shall establish and maintain harmonious relationships with other organizations in the community having interests parallel to those of the Society.

#### Section 5. Director of Volunteer Coordination

The Director of Volunteer Coordination shall be responsible for developing a volunteer corps and managing its utilization.

#### ~~Section 6. Director of Special Interest Groups~~

~~The Director of Special Interest Groups shall be responsible for the operations and compliance to Society rules for Special Interest Groups operating under the auspices of the Society. (Removed 2009)~~

### Article VII — Board of Directors

#### Section 1. The Board of Directors

The Board of Directors consists of the Officers and Directors of the Society. No action may be taken by the Board of Directors or its members that is in conflict with the Bylaws, standing rules, or directives of the membership.

#### Section 2. The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee, consisting of the President, Executive Vice President, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary, shall have the authority to approve line item expenditures before the Society budget is approved by the membership. The Executive Committee may perform the duties of the Board of Directors concerning emergency matters between Board meetings.



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## Amended Bylaws – Page 5

### Section 3. Duties

The duties of the Board of Directors shall be to supervise the affairs of the Society; to establish additional duties of the Officers and Directors as deemed necessary; to schedule the time and place of the Society's general business meetings; to present reports and make recommendations at the general business meetings and Board of Directors meetings of the Society; and shall perform such other duties as are specified in these Bylaws. Each Officer and Director shall maintain an inventory of any equipment or records in his or her possession and shall provide a list of the inventory to the Recording Secretary at the Board of Directors meeting ~~in January at Board turnover.~~ Following the annual meeting in December all official materials shall be delivered ~~in a timely manner to the newly installed Board of Directors, at Board turnover.~~

### Section 4. Expenditures

All proposed expenditures in addition to the Society's approved budget must have Board of Directors approval. No Board member may vote on any matter in which he or she has a pecuniary interest. A two-thirds vote is required by the Board of Directors for any increase to a previously approved budget.

### Section 5. Board of Directors Meetings

A Board of Directors meeting shall be held prior to each Society general business meeting and at other times deemed necessary by the President. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors. Business transacted at any special meeting is limited to that specified in the call. Only members of the Board of Directors or Board appointees may routinely speak at Board of Directors meetings; others may speak if special permission has been given by a majority vote. A majority of the Board of Directors members shall constitute a quorum. Unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws, a majority vote of those in attendance shall constitute action by the Board of Directors. ~~In extraordinary circumstances When necessary the Board may conduct a meeting by current electronic means. All Board votes that are done by electronic means will be reviewed at the next Board meeting.~~

### Section 6. Vacancies

In the event of a vacancy in the office of the President, the Executive Vice President shall become President. If the Executive Vice President elects to decline the position of President, the President's position shall be filled by the Board of Directors, retaining the requirement that no member may serve as President unless he or she has served as an elected member of the Board of Directors for at least one year. A vacancy in any other position on the Board of Directors shall be filled by the Board of Directors by a majority vote, abiding by the requirements in Article IV Section 3.

Resignation of Officers and Directors shall be by letter or by electronic means to the Board of Directors, except in cases of death or serious illness, when the Board of Directors on its own motion may accept the resignation of an Officer or Director.

### Section 7. Removal of Officers or Directors

An Officer or Director may be removed for failure to perform the duties of the office, or for missing three consecutive Board of Directors meetings. Removal shall require three fourths vote of the entire Board of Directors.



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## Amended Bylaws – Page 6

### Article VIII - Appointed Advisors to the Board of Directors

#### Section 1. Parliamentarian

The Parliamentarian shall have a current copy of the Bylaws, standing rules, and Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised at all meetings. At the Board of Directors meetings the Parliamentarian shall not vote or participate in discussion, except to advise on matters of parliamentary procedure when requested.

#### Section 2. Library Liaison

The Library Liaison shall keep the Board of Directors informed of the needs of the genealogy section of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library. The Library Liaison may serve an unlimited number of terms.

#### Section 3. Database Administrator *[Information Technology [IT] Manager]*

The Database Administrator is responsible for the operation of the Society computer hardware and software as directed by the Board of Directors.

#### Section 4. Webmaster

The Webmaster is responsible for the maintenance of the Society web presence under the direction of the Board of Directors.

#### Section 5. Mail Administrator

The Mail Administrator is responsible for picking up and logging all correspondence of the Society.

### Article IX - Society Meetings

#### Section 1. General Business Meetings

The general business meetings of this Society shall be held at such time and place as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

#### Section 2. Annual Meeting

The general business meeting in December shall be known as the annual meeting; the business conducted at that meeting shall include the installation of the Officers and Directors, receipt of reports, and any other business that may arise.

#### Section 3. Quorum

Thirty members shall constitute a quorum at Society general business meetings.

#### Section 4. Called Meetings of the Membership

Special meetings of the membership may be called by the President, by a majority of the Board of Directors, or upon the written request of thirty members of the Society. Fifteen days notice shall be given to the general membership by those calling a special meeting. Business transacted at any called meeting is limited to the business specified in the call.



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## Amended Bylaws – Page 7

### Article X -Committees

#### **Section 1. Special Committees**

The President may create and shall appoint such committees and their chairs, standing or special, as deemed necessary to carry on the work of the Society, unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws. Committees may consist of members and nonmembers of the Society, but must contain a majority of Society members and the Chair must be a member in good standing. No committee shall act in the name of the Society without the prior approval of the Board of Directors. The President or the Board of Directors shall require the committee chair to submit annually a summary report, and one or more of the following: a plan of work, a request for budget or expenses, or recommendations. Any committee may be terminated by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 2. Standing Committees**

##### **The Budget Committee:**

The Budget Committee shall consist of five members: the Treasurer, who shall be chair; the President; the Executive Vice President; and two other members who previously shall have served as President or Treasurer. This Committee shall prepare a Society budget prior to the annual meeting in December, for a vote of approval by the Board of Directors at its January meeting. The budget shall be presented to the general membership for a vote of approval at the January general business meeting.

##### **The Financial Review Committee:**

A committee of at least three members, at least one of whom shall have had accounting training or experience, shall be appointed by the President in December to review the Society's current financial statement, in accordance with current official procedures established by the Board of Directors. It shall report to the Board of Directors in February and to the membership at its next general business meeting.

### Article XI — Special Gifts of the Society

#### **Section 1. Gifts Made by the Society**

Gifts from the Society to the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library shall be used as directed by the Board of Directors for the purchase of books and equipment, the preservation of materials, or other items that pertain to genealogy and related research. The amount of any such gift shall be determined after: (1) all current operating expenses are paid or accrued; (2) the accrued liabilities for ongoing events have been determined (3) a reserve equivalent to the budgeted operating expense for the subsequent six months is established and (4) after due consideration of the long term ability of the Society to make future gifts, or to obtain grants.

#### **Section 2. Gifts Made to the Society**

Gifts made to the Society, either from members or other persons, including any grants received, shall be used in accordance with the donor's designation. If necessary, the Treasurer will establish and maintain separate ledger accounts to identify designated gifts. Undesignated gifts shall become part of the general operating account.



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## Amended Bylaws – Page 8

### Article XII - Records of the Society

#### Section 1. Society Records

All records of the Society, printed or electronically generated, prepared by a member or nonmember in pursuance of activities, projects, or as a part of their job in the Society shall be the property of the Society. These records shall include, but are not limited to, Society minutes, correspondence, newsletters, publications, syllabi, membership and other lists, documents, research records, and other Society materials. These records shall be archived annually.

#### Section 2. Society Archives

The Texas/Dallas History and Archives Division of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library in Dallas, Texas, or its legal successor shall be the repository for the archival collection of the Society.

### Article XIII - Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of this Society shall begin January 1 and end December 31.

### Article XIV - Standing Rules

Proposed changes, additions, or deletions to the standing rules must be presented in writing to the Board of Directors for approval by a majority vote of the entire Board. Such rules are for the guidance of the Society Officers, Directors, and members and cannot conflict with these Bylaws.

### Article XV - Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the conduct of the business of the Society in all cases in which they are not in conflict with the charter and Bylaws of the Society.

### Article XVI - Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended or revised at any general business meeting of the Society by a two thirds vote of members present and voting provided that the proposed amendment or revision has been either read or copies thereof distributed at the previous general business meeting, and that notice of said amendment or revision has been published in the previous Newsletter.

### Article XVII - Dissolution of the Society

#### Section 1. Procedure

In the event dissolution of the Society appears desirable or necessary, the Board of Directors shall adopt a resolution recommending dissolution of the Society, together with a plan for distribution of assets. The President shall transmit the proposals to the voting members. The procedure for voting and the requirements for approval shall be the same as provided for amending the Bylaws, Article XVI - Amendments.



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### Section 2. Limitations on Distribution of Assets

Upon the dissolution of the Society, any assets shall in first priority be applied to final payment and discharge of all liabilities and obligations of the Society. Any assets which are held under stipulations requiring their return, transfer, or conveyance upon dissolution of the Society shall be distributed in accordance with the requirements. Any remaining assets shall be conveyed to the Dallas Public Library Genealogy Section or its successor. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be offered to one or more similar organizations or institutions then existing within the United States of America which are dedicated to perpetuation of objectives similar to those of the Society and which are specified in the plan of distribution adopted by the Board of Directors, provided that such entities are tax exempt under Section 501 (c ) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code as amended or under such succeeding provisions of the Code as may be in effect at the time of dissolution. No portion of the Society's assets remaining after satisfying final operating obligations may be conveyed to any individual or to any profit-seeking organization or firm.

**This document will be available at the September 28<sup>th</sup> General Meeting for any one who would like a copy that is separate from the newsletter.**

**A vote on the changes will be held at the October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.**



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## DGS GENERAL MEETING USUALLY MEETS ON THE FOURTH MONDAY

Our monthly meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. with our speaker presentation to follow about 7:30 p.m.

- ❖ *Come early. We begin at 6:00 p.m. with refreshments and fellowship, and at 6:30 p.m. everyone is invited to the informal Q & A session.*

At 6:30, Lloyd Bockstruck (or substitute) hosts a pre-meeting discussion where members and visitors can ask any genealogically-related question. We expect that in any group of Dallas genealogists, most questions can be answered by someone in that group. After stopping off in the East Room for refreshments, see what you can learn and share. Please, no food or drinks in the auditorium.

The topics for this year's monthly meetings will emphasize resources found within our own Dallas Public Library. Be sure to check the website for future speakers and topics.

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON  
SEPTEMBER 28TH**

Speaker Presentation:

UTA Special Collections

Presented by Brenda McClurkin

Copies of the proposed amendments to the DGS Bylaws will be available at this meeting.



## DGS Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Under the support and guidance of DGS, a number of Special Interest Groups (SIGs) have been formed to concentrate on specific areas of genealogy. Meetings are free and open to the public.

### Thursday, September 10th

6:30pm – 8:30pm	<b>Writers' Interest Group</b> McDermott Room on 8
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### Tuesday, September 15th

7:00pm – 7:30pm	<b>AAGIG Meeting</b> Auditorium
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### Monday, September 28th

6:30pm – 7:30pm	<b>DGS General meeting</b>
7:30pm – 8:30pm	UTA Special Collections Brenda McClurkin

### Returning in October

Digital Imaging  
Brown Bag Group  
Computer Interest  
Master Genealogist

The MGRG – MacGen Reunion Group meets every other month. The next meeting will be on October 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30pm, in the McDermott Room on the 8<sup>th</sup> Floor.



# Dallas Genealogical Society Newsletter

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Founded in 1955, the Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS) is the oldest, continuously functioning organization of its kind in Texas. It is a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation and a member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS). We have approximately 900 members.

The object of this society shall be: to educate, creating, fostering, and maintaining interest in genealogy; to assist and support the genealogy section of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library in Dallas, Texas, or its legal successor; and to collect, preserve, copy, and index information relating to Dallas County and its early history.

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## **DGS Calendar of Events 2009**

See You in  
September

*The AAGIG  
Writers' Interest Group,*

Returning in  
October

*Digital Imaging,  
Master Genealogist  
Computer Interest  
Brown Bag Group*

There will NOT be a DGS General Meeting in  
August

The DGS General Meeting will resume on  
September 28, 2009

The DGS General and some special interest group (SIG) meetings are usually held on the Plaza level, in the Auditorium and East/West Rooms of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young Street, in downtown Dallas. The remaining SIGs Meet in the Studio on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, the Hamon Room on the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, or the McDermott Room on the 8<sup>th</sup> Floor. Underground parking is entered from Wood Street.

Bad Weather: To find out whether a DGS meeting has been cancelled in the event of a major weather situation on a meeting night, log on to: [www.DallasGenealogy.org](http://www.DallasGenealogy.org) or call the genealogy section of the library at 214-670-1433.