

Association of Professional Genealogists Names Michelle Dwyer Cohen as New Executive Director

WHEAT RIDGE, Colo., 18 October 2022 —The Association of Professional Genealogists (APG), the world's largest association for the genealogical profession, is pleased to name Michelle Dwyer Cohen of Poulsbo, Washington, as its next Executive Director. Cohen succeeds Kathleen W. Hinckley, CG, who will retire on 31 January 2023 after 27 years as Executive Director.

Cohen brings more than thirty years of project management experience to her new role, as well as a familiarity with the world of genealogy. A former Executive Director with JP Morgan Chase, she managed a global team of project managers responsible for implementing multi-million-dollar projects for various divisions within the Global Investment Bank.

"We are delighted to announce the hiring of Michelle Dwyer Cohen as our next Executive Director," said APG President Annette Burke Lyttle. "Michelle is an accomplished executive with extensive experience in organizational management and membership engagement on an international level. We are excited to have her on board." Cohen is a graduate of Cornell University (BA, Cum Laude) and New York University (MBA, Marketing and International Business).

In 2019, Cohen founded Dwyer Research, LLC, a genealogical research business, after earning a Certificate in Genealogical Research from the Boston University Center for Professional Education. She is the current editor of the Dallas Genealogical Society's newsletter and served as liaison for APG's Virtual Chapter.

"I am thrilled to be joining the executive team of APG. I look forward to supporting our members as we work through the challenges facing our industry today," said Cohen. "I also look forward to working with the team to grow APG, help the organization run as efficiently as possible, and expand its visibility."

About the Association of Professional Genealogists

The Association of Professional Genealogists (apgen.org), established in 1979, represents more than 2,000 genealogists in various genealogy-related businesses. APG encourages genealogical excellence, ethical practice, mentoring, and education. The organization also supports the preservation and accessibility of records useful to the fields of genealogy and history. Its members represent all fifty U.S. states, Canada, and forty other countries. APG is active on LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

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