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Your APG Needs You!

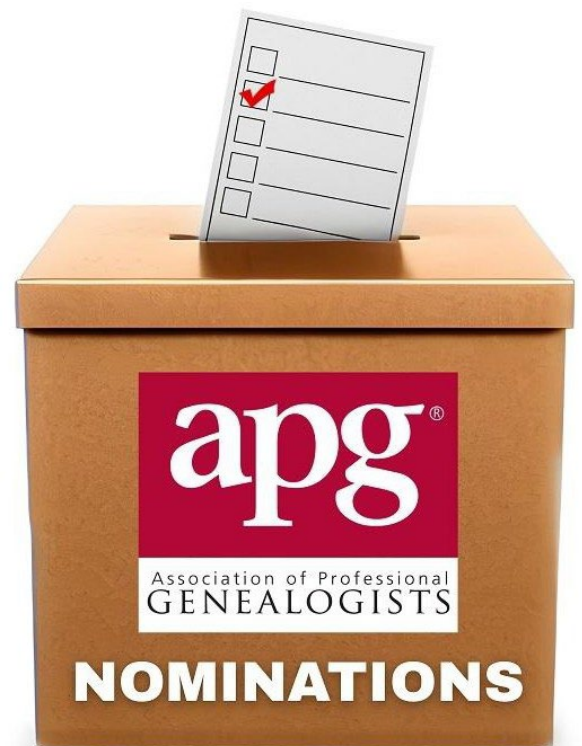
APG is only as strong as your interest in our association! As such, the APG Nominations Committee urges all members to recommend candidates (or nominate themselves) for the leadership of the organization, including the four officers, six members of the Board of Directors, and two members of the Nominations Committee. **The deadline for applications to any of these positions is 25 August 2025.**

The officers are president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Each serves a two-year term beginning 1 January 2026. Under our bylaws, six persons will be elected to serve a two-year term at-large on the Board of Directors beginning 1 January 2026. Two persons will be elected to serve a one-year term on the Nominations Committee beginning 1 January 2026.

Nomination applications are available **here**.

Nominees must be members in good standing and have joined APG before 1 August 2024 to be considered as candidates for this year's election.

Board members should have some knowledge of the association's goals and procedures and a strong interest in the welfare of APG and professional genealogists worldwide. Board members cannot be contractors to APG during the time that they serve on the Board.



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Board member responsibilities include:

- Familiarization with our bylaws, APG Policies and Procedures, available at https://www.apgen.org/policies_and_procedures.php (must be logged in to access these pages);
- Attending the virtual quarterly board meetings;
- Participating during board meetings, having read all minutes and communications;
- Responding in a timely fashion to email votes;
- Serving on or leading an APG committee;
- Volunteering at the APG booth when in attendance at a conference;
- Volunteering at the Professional Management Conference; and
- Maintaining contact and communicating with the membership in some of the following ways: talking to other members to seek opinions, concerns, and ideas; contributing to the *APGQ* or the *APG eNews*; joining a chapter or Special Interest Group.

Concern over Proposals to Squeeze the U.S. National Archives Budget

Rich Venezia of the Advocacy Committee highlights the latest worrying developments at NARA



More concerning news on the plight of the U.S. National Archives (NARA) this month: please review the updates to <https://fundnara.com>, especially on the new "NARA's Budget" tab. The Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Proposal seeks to shrink funding for Operating Expenses by more than 10 percent, which will severely limit NARA operations across the board, and impact electronic records especially hard. The Electronic Records Initiative cuts will diminish proper collection of electronic records, imperil storage and processing, and lead to record loss. NARA needs more funding, not less, so that the agency can address critical challenges, enhance agency record-keeping oversight, improve technological capabilities, and accelerate mass digitization efforts. More funding will ensure that NARA continues to fulfill its legal obligations to preserve and care for U.S. government records into the future.

If you have not already, please contact your Members of Congress and demand that the National Archives funding remain at least at \$427.3 million. Find your member of Congress here: <https://www.congress.gov/members/find-your-member>.

Remember that the Advocacy Issues message board exists so members can alert other members about important and time-sensitive issues related to records preservation and records access advocacy. You can find that board and post on it here: https://members.apgen.org/members/forum/topic_list.php?bid=3752441.

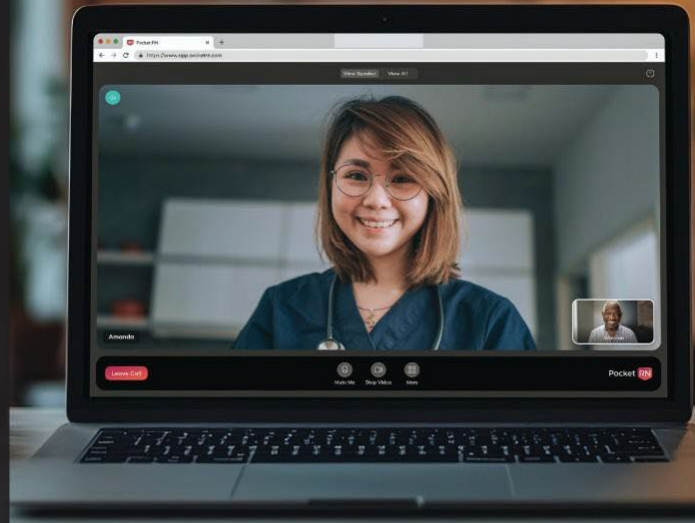
If you are interested in joining the Advocacy SIG, please fill out the application here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1HFmtJwEsv8b6YYH8oT0O7r4ubZvNRJ1Yrez_q0A-xJA/.

Please stay tuned for more ways to advocate, and be sure to let us know if you come across issues you would like us to be aware of and/or for which we can help advocate. You can reach us at advocacy@apgen.org or post to the Message Board, linked above.

Do you have a loved one with dementia?

Through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Guiding an Improved Dementia Experience (GUIDE) Model, which is no-cost for qualifying Medicare beneficiaries, Vivid-Pix is partnering with PocketRN, and The National Institute for Dementia Education (NIDE), to bring Photo Reminiscence Therapy (pRT) a non-pharmacological approach that helps fight loneliness, depression, and agitation in those with dementia.

If you're interested, head to
PocketRN.com and Vivid-Pix.com/PocketRN



BYU Posts Faculty Position in Family History/Genealogy

Brigham Young University (BYU) is seeking a Continuing Faculty Status (tenure-track) professional in Family History/Genealogy to join their department beginning June 1, 2026. This role offers the opportunity to teach and mentor students in their Family History program as well as fill administrative responsibilities to support the program's curricular offerings.

Key details:

- **Position:** History – CFS (Family History/Genealogy)
- **Location:** Provo, Utah
- **Application Deadline:** August 31, 2025
- **Required Qualifications:** PhD in History or a closely related field (by start date) and an **Accredited Genealogist (AG)** or **Certified Genealogist (CG)** credential prior to CFS consideration.
- **Full posting and application:** <https://byu.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/faculty-careers/job/Provo-UT/History--CFS--Family-History-Genealogy-JR-3733>

Members, did you know you can find out about more jobs by subscribing to our message boards? Check out our [full list of boards](#)!

Professional Management Conference Early Bird Pricing Ends 17 August

The 2025 APG Professional Management Conference (PMC), to be held virtually 18–20 September 2025, is designed to provide in-depth perspectives and valuable information on the trends affecting your career now. Take advantage of the \$25 early bird discount and register by 17 August 2025! For full session information and registration, visit <https://www.apgen.org/pmc2025.php>.



The sessions highlighted below are a few examples of the practical content available as part of the 2025 Virtual PMC program this year.



Genealogy is more than names and dates—it's about real people and their stories. Join J. Mark Lowe, FUGA, for **Bringing the Past to Life: Storytelling Skills for Genealogy and History** on Thursday, 18 September. This session will help you turn research into compelling, emotionally resonant narratives that connect with your audience, whether you're writing a family history, giving a presentation, or sharing discoveries with relatives.

Feeling overwhelmed by business paperwork and looking to build a strong financial foundation? Join Doug Klein, CPA, on Friday, 19 September for **Recordkeeping for Genealogists: Getting Started and Introduction to Financial Statements**. This essential session will help you understand what records to keep (and for how long), what tools to use—whether paper, spreadsheets, or software—and how to manage banking, taxes, and financial statements.



Thinking about starting a genealogy podcast but don't know where to begin? Join George G. Morgan and Drew Smith—hosts of The Genealogy Guys podcast—for the Tip Talk panel, **Getting Started in Podcasting**. With two decades of experience behind the mic, they'll share how to get started, what kind of preparation is needed, and the lessons they've learned from building a successful podcasting platform.

Want to save time on research, writing, and client work? Join Lori Samuelson on Friday, 19 September for **'Ask Geni': Using AI Tools to Expand Your Genealogy Practice**. Discover how AI tools can support and enhance your professional workflow, from organizing projects to generating content—freeing up more time for what matters most. This practical session is perfect for genealogists looking to scale their services and work more efficiently.



In addition to our regular conference sessions, APG is offering four optional workshops on Saturday, 20 September. There is an additional fee per workshop (USD \$45 for members) in addition to the PMC registration fee. Spaces are limited; maximum of two workshops per attendee/registrant (one morning, one afternoon).

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Morning Workshops (10:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. ET)

- **Practical Tools for Your Forensic Genealogy Practice - Part 1** with Michael Ramage, JD, CG, and Catherine B.W. Desmarais, CG. *This hands-on workshop is designed for genealogists who conduct research for attorneys, particularly in probate, real estate, and other legal matters.*
- **Organizing Big Projects** with Rhonda Lauritzen, MBA. *This workshop will cover landing the client, onboarding the client, and the research and writing phase. **Just sold out!** Contact assistance@apgen.org to join the waitlist.*

Afternoon Workshops (2:00–4:30 p.m. ET)

- **Practical Tools for Your Forensic Genealogy Practice - Part 2** with Linda M. Hunter, M.S., and Kelvin Meyers, FTxSGS. *This workshop will shift focus to affidavit writing, providing case examples, drafting partial affidavits, and small group exercises.*
- **Design Smarter: Reimagining Reports, Courses and Presentations** with Cathie Sherwood. *This practical, hands-on workshop will help you transform reports, course materials, and presentations from functional to fantastic. No design skills required.*



Some of our workshop speakers: Michael Ramage, JD, CG, Catherine B. W. Desmarais, CG, Rhonda Lauritzen, and Cathie Sherwood.

Register for the 2025 PMC at <http://bit.ly/46mEi29>. For the full program visit <http://bit.ly/4o4IPgX>.

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Forthcoming Events Featuring APG Members as Speakers

APG is proud to highlight members who have presented, or who will be presenting, at recent or upcoming conferences, institutes, and more.

Are you speaking at an upcoming event? If so, please send an email with the details to communications@apgen.org. (And if you have recently presented, pictures are always welcome!)



Christchurch Family History Expo, Tūranga, 60 Cathedral Square, Christchurch, New Zealand, 2-3 August 2025

- Fiona Brooker
- Dr. Sophie Kay
- Chris Paton

Auckland Family History Expo, Fickling Convention Centre, 546 Mt Albert Road, Three Kings, Auckland, New Zealand, 8-10 August 2025

- Fiona Brooker
- Dr. Sophie Kay
- Chris Paton
- Maggie Gaffney
- Dr. Leah Larkin
- Helen Smith
- Shauna Hicks OAM

International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) Conference, Fort Wayne, Indiana, USA, 10-14 August 2025

- Gil Bardige
- Kate Penney Howard
- Adina Newman, Ed.D.
- Alex Calzareth
- Mike Karsen
- Jane Neff Rollins
- Alec Ferretti
- Joy M. Kestenbaum
- Janice M. Sellers
- Martin Fischer
- W. Todd Knowles
- Joanne M. Sher
- Emily H. Garber, MA
- Nancy C. Levin, CG
- Dr. Janette Silverman
- Chaya Sara A. Herman
- Allyson Maughan, AG
- Drew Smith
- Risa Daitzman Heywood
- Jennifer Mendelsohn
- Renee Stern Steinig
- Suzanne L. Hoffman
- Rhoda Salowe Miller, ED.D., CG
- Anna Wiernicka, Ph.D.

Tracing African American Ancestry: Building, Witnessing, and Shaping the Americas, Charleston, South Carolina, 9-11 October 2025 (See p. 10)

- Mica L. Anders
- Taneya Y. Koonce
- Diane L. Richard, MEng, MBA
- Julia A. Anderson, MA, AG, AGLTM
- Dr. Shelley Viola Murphy
- Tricia Seguire
- Jari Honora, CG
- Cheri Hudson Passey
- Janice M. Sellers

**APG
NEW VOICES
WEBINAR SERIES**



If you missed it, you can watch **Reparative Genealogy**, the latest recording in our **New Voices** series, [here](#).



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Michelle Dwyer Cohen



I know many members have been participating in genealogical institutes at this time of year, or been away on well-deserved breaks with family or friends. I have also just returned from a vacation in Japan, as a celebration of my daughter's college graduation, which was an amazing adventure.

On the long plane ride back, it was time to take stock of 2025 so far, and look ahead at what's happening between now and year-end.

The APG Board did just that during our July Board meeting. All committees reported on their progress to date, which included a wide range of activity. Some items, such as the work of the Professional Development Committee, will be more evident to members, since that committee manages the wonderful monthly webinars and/or networking events available to all of us.

Others are creating new ideas that will be reviewed by the Board and shape what 2026 looks like for APG, such as planning for our 2026 APG Professional Management Conference events – we expect to have two events next year (dates announced very soon!), and our Membership and On-ramp committees, updating the terms and conditions of membership, and creating a self-assessment tool for members to review on their professional genealogical journey.

Stay tuned for more on these items over the next few months! In the meantime:

- APG will be at IAJGS in August, and still needs a few volunteers. If you are attending, please reach out to Suzanne Hoffman, president@apgen.org, to let her know if you can lend a hand.
- Put your nominations thinking cap on, or throw your hat in the ring – APG needs your expertise! (See p. 1)

Board Actions from July 2025

- The Board has approved updates to the nominations forms for Board nominations. The submission process will be through the website (see p.1).
 - Changes to the retired membership level have been approved, including eliminating the age requirement and reducing the number of years that you have to be a member before becoming eligible. Members retiring from their genealogy business can change to a discounted membership, and their profiles will be members-only from that time.

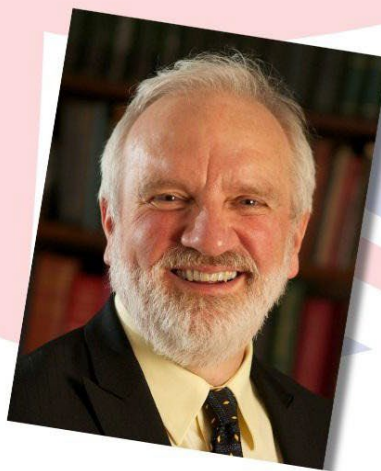


VIRTUAL British Institute October 6-10, 2025

English Research: The Fundamentals and Beyond

with Paul Milner, M.Div., FUGA

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A VALUABLE MEMBER BENEFIT

APG's recent membership survey showed that the **APG Quarterly** (APGQ) is one of our most valued member benefits; have you checked it out lately?

The APGQ features articles relevant to professionals within the genealogy community, as well as those interested in going pro. If you're looking for ways to build and maintain your genealogy career, we've got you covered.

Explore the APGQ web pages at apgen.org, where you will find:

- **Full issues** of APGQ in PDF format (from 1979-2025)
- **APGQ Index** – Updated searchable index of articles in the APGQ from 1979 to 2023
- **NEW! APGQ Table of Contents Pages 2020-present** – A visual, searchable PDF with covers and tables of contents



Check out APGQ today at apgen.org! **Members > Publications > APG Quarterly**

The Listening Committee

In 2022, the Listening Committee was established to “foster two-way communication between the members and leadership of APG.” At the time, members could bring issues to the Listening Committee as questions, suggestions, and/or complaints. And that opportunity is still available!

You can review the APG 2025 Workplan posted in the APG Member’s Area: **Members > Association Governance > Board Meetings**, and then scroll down to **APG Workplans**. Please let the Listening Committee know if you have any feedback about our workplan via listening@apgen.org.



What the Committee will do:

The committee’s purpose is to listen to and collect our members’ feedback, and transmit those comments, without filter or censorship, to the leadership and/or staff that is dealing with the relevant area. Most comments will then be addressed directly by the leadership or staff, directly to the party, if known. The comments can be anything related to our operation, events, activities, or strategic direction. We want open and honest communication, and can bear the bad with the good. This is your organization, and it is imperative that we continue to serve the needs of our members.

What the Committee won't do:

The Listening Committee will not share confidential information about any member. They are not involved in Professional Review cases. They also do not share specifics of work in Board committees, since the results of that committee work form the backbone of our Board meeting agendas.

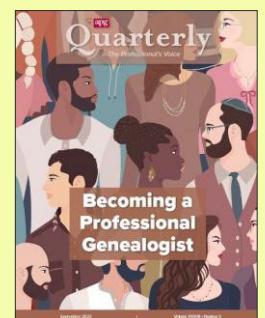
We look forward to hearing from you, and working with you to make APG the best that it can be!

APG Mission Statement

To support those engaged in the business of genealogy through advocacy, collaboration, education, and the promotion of high ethical standards.

Past editions of APGQ

Looking for *APG Quarterly* articles on specific topics or by title? The [APGQ Index](#) is a searchable PDF file organized by general topic, and then by article title, for all editions up to 2023. The Index can be accessed on the *APG Quarterly* archive page.



APG Board Meeting in October

The next APG Board meeting will be held 22 October 2025 at 2:00 p.m. ET via Zoom (for worldwide time equivalents please visit <https://www.timeanddate.com>). All current APG members are welcome to attend. Closed Captioning will be available. Register for the event [here](#).

August's Professional Development Seminar Focuses on Latin America

Navigating the Genealogical Business Landscape in Latin America

20 August 2025, 3:00–4:30 p.m. ET (please see <https://www.timeanddate.com> for worldwide time equivalents)

Presenters: André Abl Monteiro Carneiro (Brazil); Adrienne McQuillan (Panama); Virgilio Garza Zambrano (Mexico)

Moderator: Luis Ariel Rivera

This event is free and open to the public. To register, please visit <http://bit.ly/4I7I9Fe>.



Left to right: André Abl Monteiro Carneiro; Adrienne McQuillan; Virgilio Garza Zambrano, and Luis Ariel Rivera

This panel discussion will feature APG members based in Latin America, who will talk about the day-to-day reality of running a genealogy business in their respective countries of Brazil, Panama, and Mexico. There will also be discussion on the overall genealogy scene in Latin America. The panelists are André Abl (Brazil), Adrienne McQuillan (Panama), and Virgilio Garza Zambrano (Mexico), with the discussion facilitated by Luis Ariel Rivera of New York.

Join APG at the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society Conference in Charleston, South Carolina

APG is pleased to be a Bronze Sponsor of the 2025 Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS) Annual Conference in Charleston, South Carolina, 9–11 October 2025. This will be the first AAHGS in-person conference since 2019, and we can't wait to see everyone in person!

This year's theme is **Tracing African American Ancestry: Building, Witnessing, and Shaping the Americas** and several APG members will be presenting, including Mica L. Anders, Julia A. Anderson, MA, AG, AGLTM, Jari Honora, CG, Taneya Y. Koonce, Dr. Shelley Viola Murphy, Cheri Hudson Passey, Diane L. Richard, MEng, MBA and Janice M. Sellers.

Don't miss APG's sponsored session **Let A Genealogist Be Your Guide: Tips on Hiring a Pro** presented by Taneya Y. Koonce and APG Treasurer Tricia Seguine on Thursday, 9 October from 5:15–6:15 p.m. Be sure to stop by the APG booth in the AAHGS exhibit hall throughout the conference to learn what's new and network.

For further details on the event, and on how to register, please visit <http://bit.ly/4f3rb8c>.



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Genealogy in Reverse: Finding the Living

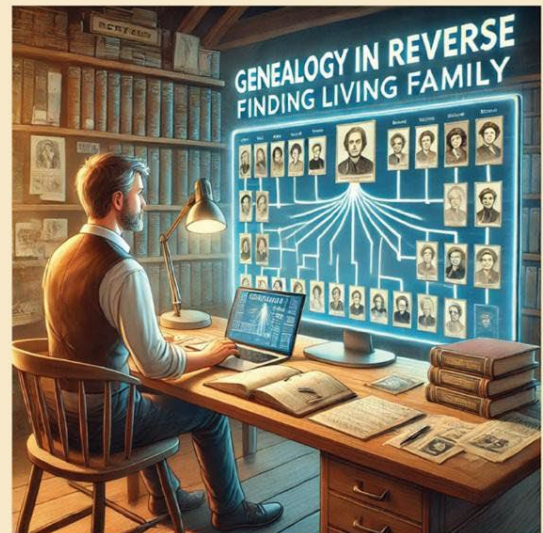
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APG Code of Ethics and Professional Practices



One of the principal objectives of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) is to encourage high standards of ethical conduct and professional practice in dealings with clients and other members of the public. To further that objective, all members of APG agree to adhere to the *APG Code of Ethics and Professional Practices* (hereinafter, *Code of Ethics*).

The *Code of Ethics* serves to promote

- (1) a truthful approach to genealogy, family history, and local history;
- (2) the trust and security of genealogical consumers;
- (3) careful and respectful treatment of records, repositories and their staffs, other professionals, and genealogical organizations and associations.

For details on the code please visit https://www.apgen.org/code_of_ethics.php

MEMBERS' NEWS

Calling Ireland's International Diaspora!

Dublin-based APG member Fiona Fitzsimons has flagged up an interesting initiative in Ireland which may be of interest to fellow APG members.

Ireland's Department of Foreign Affairs, the equivalent of the United States State Department, wants to survey the nation's diaspora to help shape future government policy in various areas, including the rules to apply for an Irish passport, engaging with people in Ireland when making a visit, and also with people overseas in the countries where members of the diaspora are based.

The survey is open to individuals and to organisations overseas, and can be accessed at <https://www.ireland.ie/en/irish-diaspora/global-irish-survey/>. The closing date is 31 August 2025.

Newly Accredited Genealogists

Congratulations to Carolyn Ladd JD, CG, AG (below left), and Bonnie Wade Mucia, AG (below middle), on receiving their Accredited Genealogist (AG) credentials, and also to Michael L. Strauss, AG (below right), on achieving the Accredited Genealogist Lecturer credential (AGL), from the International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists (<https://icapgen.org>).



Newly Certified Genealogists

Congratulations to Michelle Chiachiere, CG (below left) on being awarded the Certified Genealogist credential from the Board for Certification of Genealogists (<https://bcgcertification.org>), and to Paul K. Graham, CG, CGG (middle) and Mary Kircher Roddy, CG, CGG (right) on being awarded the Certified Genetic Genealogist credential.





UPCOMING WEBINARS

NAVIGATING THE GENEALOGICAL BUSINESS LANDSCAPE IN LATIN AMERICA

20 AUGUST 2025

3:00–4:30 PM EDT

FREE – OPEN TO ALL

PANELISTS

- ANDRÉ ABLA (BRAZIL)
- ADRIANNE MCQUILLAN (PANAMA)
- VIRGILIO GARZA ZAMBRANO (MEXICO)

MODERATOR

- LUIS ARIEL RIVERA

BEYOND RESEARCH REPORTS: DIVERSIFYING AND THRIVING AS A PROFESSIONAL GENEALOGIST

10 SEPTEMBER 2025

4:00–5:30 PM EDT

FREE – OPEN TO ALL

PRESENTER

- JENNIFER DUNN

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Members can access recordings of these webinars and others in the APG Webinar Library on the website.

CHAPTER AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG) NEWS

Northern California



Members of the APG Northern California chapter enjoyed a trip to the San Joaquin Valley Heritage and Genealogy Center at the Fresno County Public Library in June.

Librarian Melissa Scroggins led our tour of the center, which holds the California State DAR collection as well as thousands of books, documents, photos, and ephemera on San Joaquin Valley history, California state history, and so much more. Thanks to Jamie Mayhew for organizing this!

Our quarterly meetings continue in August and November. Our next planned excursion is a trip to the Placer County Archives in October, with more events to be announced soon.

All APG members are welcome to join the NorCal chapter – you do not have to live in the area to join. Visit our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1653940521800149>) to request to join our group.



APG NorCal Chapter members on a field trip to the Fresno County Library Heritage Center. Left to right: Joanna Shear, Kim Cotton, Lisa Gorrell, Librarian Melissa Scroggins, Jamie Mayhew, Linda Okazaki, and Linda Reece Wahl.

Mid-Atlantic Chapter



We have many events this month – please visit <https://www.timeanddate.com> for worldwide time equivalents.

From Archives to Ales: A Two-Fer Philadelphia Tour

Wednesday, 20 August, 9:30 a.m. ET

Register: <http://bit.ly/3GZQ8VA>

Choose Your Own Philly Adventure! Join us for just one part or enjoy the full experience of the Behind-the-Scenes Archives Tour, followed by lunch and an optional tour of Yards Brewery. (Coming Tuesday, 21 October, co-hosted with the New Jersey Chapter: An in-person tour of the New Jersey State Archives.)

August Activities

Tech Exchange: Exploring AirTable Academy

Sunday, 3 August, 7:00 p.m. ET. Register: <http://bit.ly/4563IUP>.

Mid-Atlantic Chat

Thursday, 7, 14, 21 and 28 August, 12:00 noon ET. Register:

<http://bit.ly/3H3FOf5>.

A weekly opportunity to talk genealogy.

Second Tuesday: Reconstructing Communities Through Records

Tuesday, 12 August, 12:00 noon ET. Register: <http://bit.ly/46sXNGm>

Use censuses, newspapers, vital records and more to reconstruct a community and identify ties between inhabitants.

FORGEN study group

Sunday, 24 August, at 7:00 p.m. ET

Topic: Chapter 3: Mineral Interests with special guest Kelvin Meyers

Check the FORGEN Facebook group for the zoom link.

Happy Hour with Hope! chat

Monday, 25 August, 7:00 p.m. ET. Register: <http://bit.ly/4f7Bubf>

Come chat about all things genealogical.

Connect with Mid-Atlantic:

- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/mid-atlantic-apg-ba2a7530b/>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/341233605995572>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/midatlanticapg/>

To join Mid-Atlantic, complete our membership form at <https://bit.ly/42u4l51>. Annual dues are US \$20, payable via the following link: <https://bit.ly/4jqXlq9>.



Puget Sound



We will be holding the following virtual sessions in the coming months, with our theme for 2025 focussed on building community (please visit <https://www.timeanddate.com> for worldwide time equivalents):

Understanding Copyright & Plagiarism, with Drew Smith

22 September 2025, 7:00 p.m. PT. Register [here](#).

Drew Smith is an internationally-recognized genealogy educator, known for speaking, writing, podcasting, and graduate-level teaching. He holds a BS in Electrical and Computer Engineering, an MS in Industrial Management, and an MA in Library and Information Science. Drew is best known for being the co-host of The Genealogy Guys Podcast, the host of the Genealogy Connection podcast, the productivity columnist for the *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly (APGQ)*, and one of the founders/admins for The Genealogy Squad Facebook group. He is vice-president of Aha! Seminars, Inc.

Building Community: Accountability Groups, Mentorship and Facebook, Pam Pracser Anderson, CG

27 October 2025, 7:00 pm PT. Register [here](#).



Pam Pracser Anderson created and manages the award winning (NGS 2024) Certification Discussion Group's Accountability Group, and Mentorship program, supporting BCG portfolio writers.

Pam will describe the program and how this builds community in a virtual world.

My CGG Journey, with Mary Kircher Roddy, CG, CGG

24 November 2025, 7:00 pm PT. Register [here](#).



Mary Kircher Roddy, CG, CGG and member of PS-APG, will explain her journey to acquiring the relatively new offering of the Certified Genetic Genealogist (CGG) credential from the Board for Certification of Genealogists.

Please note that there will be no meeting in December.

For further details on the chapter, and how to join, visit our website at <https://psapg.wordpress.com>.

Do you have news to share?

If you have news that you would like to share with APG colleagues, please drop a note to eNews Editor Chris Paton at enews@apgen.org, and copy Executive Director Michelle Dwyer Cohen at admin@apgen.org



Forensic SIG



Military Repatriation, presented by Amanda Gonzales, CG

26 August 2025, 8:00 p.m. ET (Please visit <https://www.timeanddate.com> for worldwide time equivalents).
Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. for networking.



Amanda Gonzalez is a Board Certified Genealogist who has spent 12 years as an active-duty military wife. With 30-plus years of research experience, she has completed numerous family history projects, authored two historical transcription books, worked as a Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy practitioner, and conducted genealogical research for hundreds of military repatriation cases for the US Army. Although her geographic specialty is Delaware, her research has extended nationally across the United States, and internationally as well.

Amanda will discuss military repatriation, her role as an SNA International genealogist, and involvement in identifying First Lieutenant Myles W. Esmay, Missing In Action (MIA) from World War II.

Volunteer Opportunity for APG Forensic SIG's Mentorship Committee 2025–2026

We are looking for Volunteers for the Forensic SIG Mentorship Committee for the 2025–2026 year. Responsibilities include working with other committee members to: 1) Promote the program, 2) Recruit mentors and mentees, 3) Review applications and match mentors to mentees, 4) Notify mentorship program participants of the matches, and 5) Review Feedback from the participants to tweak the program as needed. The time commitment varies depending on where we are in the mentorship cycle, with most work occurring prior to the Fall and Spring program cycles. Here is an opportunity to get to know other SIG members, and help your fellow members make professional connections. If interested, please email us at apgforensic@gmail.com.

Forensic SIG Membership Meeting Dates for 2025

- 26 August 2025—"Military Repatriation"—Amanda Gonzalez from SNA International
- 16 September 2025—"Contingency Fees in Europe"—Marcus Schönherr & Hector Birchwood. (Note: this program will be held at 2:00 p.m. ET to accommodate international members)
- 28 October 2025—"Forensic Investigations – Case Study"—Robert Taft from Moxxy
- 9 December 2025—"Dual Citizenship: Italian, Polish, Irish"—Franchesca Werden, Michal Petrus, David Ryan. (Note: this program will be held at 1:00 p.m. ET to accommodate international members)

Annual APG Forensic SIG Dues:

APG Forensic SIG dues should be paid when you renew your APG membership. Dues are no longer collected on a calendar year basis. Everyone who paid in 2023 or 2024 for the calendar year 2024 is considered paid until their renewal, even if that renewal is in the first half of 2025.

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