

New Pricing Survey Now Open



In 2018, Kate Eakman conducted a pricing survey among APG members. The survey consisted of ten questions and provided valuable information on hourly rates for traditional genealogists. APG provided its support and resources, and Kate presented the results at that year's Professional Management Conference. She followed up with an article in the March 2019 issue of *APG Quarterly*, "We Charge How Much? The 2018 APG Professional Research Fees Survey Results."

Times have changed quite a bit since then, and so have salaries, prices, and income. To that end, **APG has launched a survey to capture more recent data from members.** In addition to the standard questions about number of years working as a professional, number of billable hours per week, and education/credentials,

the survey also seeks information on traditional research services, writing, speaking services, and record retrieval. There is also an area for members to share other information relevant to fees and pricing in local markets and regions.

The survey can be completed at <https://members.apgen.org/members/forms/form.php?fid=11523139> (login required) and will also be emailed later this month. Members cannot complete the survey more than once.

All responses will be aggregated and anonymized before any data is shared with members on the APG website in a password-protected section.

Thank you in advance for your participation!

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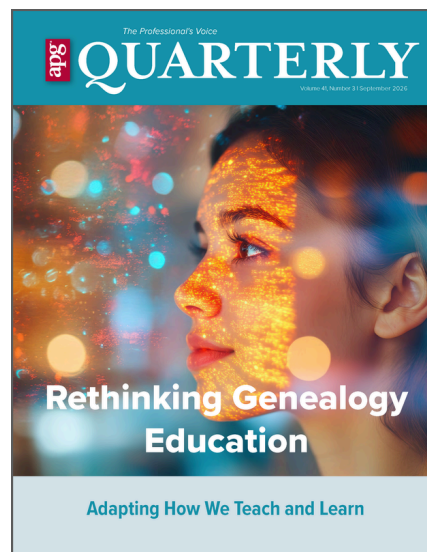
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Call For Nominations From the Floor



The APG Nominations Committee wishes to thank the members who responded to the Call for Recommendations of nominees earlier this year. Members will receive an email on 2 October 2026 announcing the nominees for the upcoming election and include a call for nominations from the floor.

Per Article VIII, Section 1, A, 1 of the current APG Bylaws, members may submit a nomination from the floor for the following positions: members of the Board of Directors, and members of the Nominations Committee. The deadline to submit a nomination from the floor is 10:00 p.m. ET (US) on 10 October 2026.

Members should refer to the email sent on 14 August 2026 "Notice of Proposed Amendments to the APG Bylaws," which outlines all proposed changes to the Bylaws that are included on this year's ballot.

Nominations from the floor should be sent to the Nominations Committee at admin@apgen.org with the subject line of "Nominations from the Floor for APG Election." Please include each nominee's contact information, your statement of nominee eligibility and consent, a 150-word candidate statements, and a high resolution photo. You may nominate yourself. Nominees must be APG members in good standing who joined before 1 August 2025.

The annual APG election will open for voting on 15 October 2026 and will close on 1 November 2026.

In order to vote you must be a member in good standing and current on your dues as of 14 October 2026.

This is a great opportunity for members to participate in the decisions and goals of the organization!



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Understanding Records, Family, and Ourselves.

by Darcie Hind Posz

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Writing in the July issue of *Family Tree* magazine, reviewer Kelly Southwork claims that, "Quibbles aside, this how-to book is unlike any genealogy methods book I have ever read. I highly recommend it to all thoughtful family historians."

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— Lori Samuelson, *Genealogy at Heart*

"The entire book involves fresh ideas and inspires the reader to look anew at their own family tree and the assumptions they've made about their ancestors."

— Emma Jolly (Scotland)

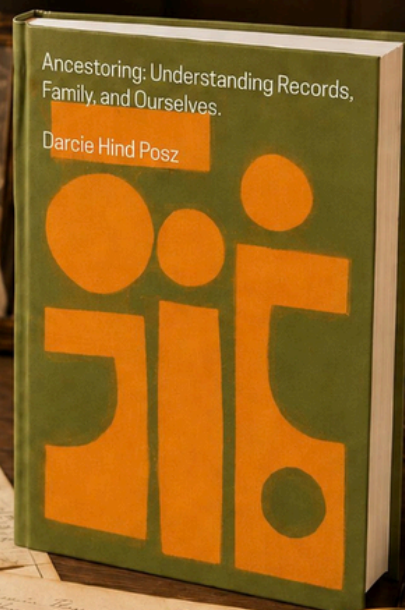
"I can't recommend this book highly enough, both for beginners, who may use it as more of a resource as they begin down the family history road and for more experienced researchers, who can implement strategies and suggestions immediately."

— Linda Striffler, *Empty Branches on the Family Tree*



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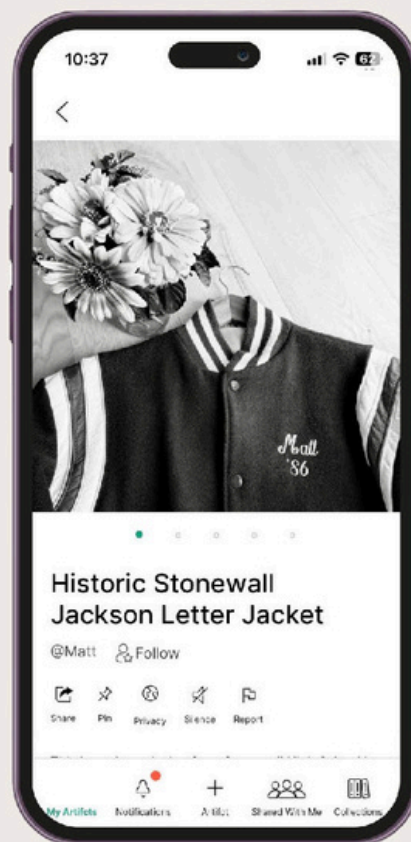
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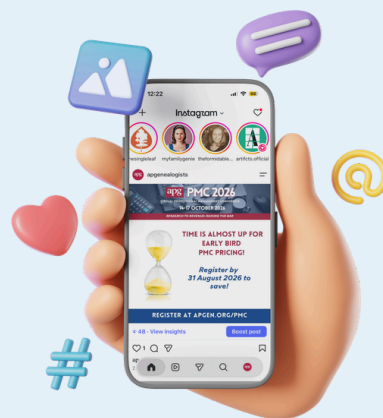
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area of the APG website.

Recently added

- How Does Writing Fit Into Your Genealogy Career? with Sunny Jane Morton
- Advocacy from Soup to Nuts with Campbell H. Wallace
- Vital Records in the Russian Empire and Soviet Union with Alexandra Kazyrevič

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

October arrived quickly, and it's time for APG's Virtual Professional Management Conference! Starting on 14 October, we will be welcoming 250 people for three days of professional education and networking (four days, if you are attending a Saturday workshop). Many of your fellow members are involved with volunteering, either as technical hosts, moderators or facilitators, led by our wonderful PMC committee and Board members. Don't miss the new format for the Wednesday networking events and fun games; we will be offering activities at two different times so more people can attend in a time zone that better fits their schedule.

15 October marks the opening of our annual election. Members will shortly receive an email that contains the "Call for Nominations from the Floor," according to our association procedures, to give members an opportunity to identify additional candidates before the ballot is closed. We are delighted with our candidates who have already volunteered to serve, of course, but more volunteers are always welcome for a more competitive election!

This time of year is also when planning begins in earnest for the following year. If you know of an

event that APG should consider for sponsorship in 2027 (beyond RootsTech and NGS in the US, and AFFHO in New Zealand, to which APG is already committed), please send me an email directly. If you have ideas about worthy organizations who are improving digitization and/or improving records access for all genealogists, please fill out the form at <https://members.apgen.org/members/forms/form.php?fid=11570797> so they can be considered for an APG charitable donation aligned with our mission.

Before I close, I wanted to thank members who have already filled out our volunteer application for next year! We will be in touch soon with available opportunities, and I would love to hear from more of you. Your ideas and involvement make APG great!



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Understanding the Importance of Lobbying

By Suzanne L. Hoffman, APG Past President, Member, Advocacy Committee

On 2 September, Campbell H. Wallace, JD, gave us the opportunity to have a conversation about his role as the APG lobbyist and how he interacts on our behalf with local governments. A recording of this webinar is available for all APG members to view in our Webinar Library at apgen.org (Members > Continuing Education > Webinar Library).

Campbell shared his insights for best practices for engaging in our rights to records and indexes held by various agencies. He provided guidance and a stepwise approach to any campaign we launch and how to maneuver politically to increase our odds of winning.

What made the conversation so unique and riveting was the back and forth with Alec Ferretti, who single-handedly has done 90% of our advocacy work to date. To be successful, we need more minds like Alec's to take on the myriad of local, state, and national record access legislative changes we have each year. Fighting the closure of two NARA facilities in San Bruno and Chicago, along with the proposal to destroy federal employee personnel folders after 65 years for those whose employment ended after 1951, and trying to stay on top of record access in New York, Massachusetts, and Cook County, Illinois, creates havoc for one person or even our small Advocacy Committee. In this effort, lobbying knowledge is power, and we all need it!

Advocacy is a core pillar of APG's business mission; we are a 501(c)(6) organization that lobbies for the needs of the genealogical profession. To that end, it is important that all of our members understand the role of a lobbyist in helping us to achieve our goal of record access and preservation.

If you missed the webinar, I highly recommend that you take the time to view it. It is posted in our Continuing Education Webinar Library and will be a meaningful addition to your continuing education credits for 2026.

RECENT ADVOCACY EFFORTS

Catch up with the recent actions and communications from the APG Advocacy Committee at www.apgen.org/advocacy.php. Last month, we added two new letters:

- **Letter to the Newly-Confirmed Archivist of the United States Bradford P. Wilson** (2 September 2026)
- **Letter in Opposition to New York State S.1728-A/A.6804-A: Indefinite Closure of Guardianship Court Records** (31 August 2026)

See You Soon at the 2026 PMC

We look forward to seeing many of you at APG's 2026 Virtual Professional Management Conference (PMC) in just a few weeks!

Registration for the conference will be open until the start of the event on 14 October 2026. Recordings from the PMC will be available to PMC registrants through 31 January 2027, so even if you are not able to join us live on Zoom, consider registering for the PMC to access the content on your schedule.

APG would like to extend our thanks to the members of the PMC Committee, who worked on behalf of the profession to create a valuable conference experience. Thank you to our chair, Pamela Moore, and committee members Sara Butson, Rebecca Christensen, Regina Roberts, Torhild Shirley, Lisa Weaver, and Paula Williams for their many hours of work (and Zoom calls!) to make this event possible.

In the next issue of *APG eNews*, we plan to include a summary of the action from the 2026 PMC.

For full session information and registration, visit <https://www.apgen.org/pmc2026.php>.

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AI for the Professional Genealogist

11 October 2026

3:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern (US)

Presenter: Robert Cameron Weir

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Professional genealogy involves far more than research—administrative tasks like contracts, taxes, marketing, and proposals can take significant time. This webinar explores how

AI tools can streamline these responsibilities, helping you work more efficiently and focus on research. Learn practical applications, from reviewing contracts and classifying expenses to tailoring proposals and improving client communications. The session also addresses important considerations such as privacy and responsible use.

Safeguarding Minority Heritage with Professional Genealogy

4 November 2026

4:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern (US)

Presenter: LaDonna Garner, M.A.



Generations of minority families have faced barriers that limited the preservation of their cultural and ethnic identities. This webinar explores how professional genealogists can

help safeguard this heritage by moving beyond traditional lineage research. Learn how to apply tailored tools, resources, and strategies to support clients in overcoming obstacles and preserving their histories. Through real-world case studies, the session highlights practical approaches to preventing further erasure. Attendees will gain insight into how inclusive, thoughtful genealogical work can contribute to a more complete and representative understanding of American history.

The New BLM GLO Website: Tips, Tricks, and Workarounds

16 November 2026

3:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern (US)

Presenter: Angela Packer McGhie, CG®, FUGA



The Bureau of Land Management's new General Land Office Records website <https://glorerecords.blm.gov/> works very differently from the site genealogists have used for years. Join presenter Angela Packer McGhie, CG®, FUGA, to learn how to navigate the redesigned site and use practical tips and workarounds to find federal land records when familiar features no longer function as expected.

Explore Italian Research at the IGG Italian Genealogy Conference

APG is pleased to be a Silver Sponsor of the Italian Genealogical Group's (IGG) Virtual Italian Genealogy Conference, to be held 17-18 October 2026, during U.S. Italian Heritage Month.

The bi-annual virtual conference brings researchers a wide variety of topics on Italian life, culture, and traditions with expert speakers. With a wide variety of subjects offered, you are sure to find something of interest in both general and specific areas of Italian culture, social history, and record sets.

Sessions held live during the two-day conference will be available for viewing three months post-conference on the Whova app. In addition, attendees will also have access to 20 pre-recorded lectures (starting 3 October). Attendees can join breakout rooms each day to ask speakers about their lectures as well as networking rooms.

Registration is \$79 for IGG members (plus fees) or \$99 for non-members. For full information and to register, visit <https://www.italiangen.org>. We hope to see you there!



CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

(Speakers in bold are APG members)

- **Suzanne Adams** – “Beyond the Village: Researching in Italy’s Largest Cities”
- **Barb Bombaci, CG®** – “Discovering Sicilian Origins – Despite Many Missteps”
- Victoria Calabrese, Ph.D. – “Death and its Aftermath: The Traditions and Beliefs of Our Ancestors” (Keynote)
- Stephen Cerulli – “Italy in Rural Missouri? The Waldensian Cemetery of Monett”
- Luca De Pascale – “The Kingdom of Naples’ Cataasti Onciari: Using Cadastral Documents as a Research Tool”
- Suzie Greco – “Beyond Baptisms and Burials: Parish Records as Windows into Italian Life”
- Daniel Horowitz – “AI-Assisted Genealogy: The Family History of the Future”
- **Kate Penney Howard, M.Div.** – “The Stories They Told: Memory and Italian Families” (Keynote)
- **Lana Leggett-Kealey** – The 1908 Earthquake of the Strait of Messina
- **Lisa M. Vogle** – “Unlocking Passport Collections in Italian Archives”

Join APG and GRIP Genealogy Institute in 2027 for “Beyond the Hobby: Genealogy as a Profession”

Many skilled genealogists reach a point where they want to pursue professional opportunities, but few educational programs address the practical realities of building a sustainable genealogy career. While many courses and classes effectively teach records and methodology, advanced amateur genealogists often struggle with the administrative and strategic “realities” of transitioning to professional work, such as defining a statement of services, navigating legal structures, and establishing a repeatable client path.

APG is pleased to be a supporter of GRIP Genealogy Institute 2027, sponsoring the course “Beyond the Hobby: Genealogy as a Profession,” which bridges that divide, serving as a vital roadmap for those ready to turn their passion into a sustainable career. The course will be offered in-person from 11-16 July 2027.

Full details about the course are now available at <https://grip.ngsgenealogy.org/courses/genealogy-as-profession-2027/>, including session titles.

There is a talented lineup of instructors (all of whom are APG members) for this course, led by coordinator **Christine Murphy: Michelle Chubenko, AG®; Laura Cubbage-Draper, CG®; Kimberly Powell, AG®; and Judy G. Russell, JD, CG®, CGL®, FUGA.**



We hope you will join us for this course, where attendees will:

- Explore the different ways genealogists can build professional careers;
- Identify their skills, interests, and areas of expertise;
- Understand the basics of starting and running a genealogy business;
- Develop a professional practice for working with clients; and
- Understand the ethical standards and professional expectations of working as a genealogist.

Tuition for the course is \$615 with a reduced rate for members of the National Genealogical Society (\$575). There are no prerequisites for this course.

Welcome Jon Grubbs, APG's New Booth Coordinator



APG is pleased to welcome **Jon Grubbs** of Florida, USA, to the team as the association's new Booth Coordinator. For more than 35 years, Jon has been researching family history.

He is the founder of both the Sanford, Florida Genealogy Club and Online Genealogist (onlinegenealogist.com).

Professionally, Jon's career in enterprise IT leadership paired with advanced genealogical methodology brings a rigorous, technology-driven approach to genealogical problem-solving, digital record management, and data analysis. Over the decades, he has paired traditional archival research with online resources and genetic genealogy to help individuals and families trace their roots and break through complex genealogical brick walls.

As an active educator and community leader, Jon has experience exhibiting and speaking at regional conferences, community events, and family history fairs across Central Florida. He is a former regular columnist for the Sanford Historical Society's *The Sanford Journal* and serves as a co-administrator for online surname DNA projects.

The APG Booth Coordinator is an independent contractor who attends both in-person and virtual conferences on behalf of the association, serving as the public face of APG during industry events. At conferences, APG looks to connect with members, meet prospective members, and talk about the benefits of hiring professional genealogists. Be sure to stop by the APG booth (and say hello to Jon) at conferences such as RootsTech or the NGS Family History Conference.

Speaking at an Upcoming Conference? Let APG Know!



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In Memoriam



APG member **Joseph B. (Joe) Everett, MLS, AG®**, of Utah, USA, passed away from heart failure on 26 August 2026. Joe was well-known to many genealogists, researchers, and

students from his dream role as Family History, Local History, and Microforms Librarian at the Brigham Young University (BYU) Harold B. Lee Library. In addition to managing the collections and patron services of the library, Joe also served as a faculty liaison to instructors in BYU's Family History undergraduate degree program and others involved in family history on campus.

An Accredited Genealogist with more than 30 years' experience, Joe had also worked at the FamilySearch Library in Salt Lake City and at Ancestry. At FamilySearch, Joe was a library program manager providing services for the more than 5,000 family history centers and headed the International Reference floor. At Ancestry, he worked in content acquisitions and content product and project management, putting genealogical databases online.

Joe was also active in a number of library and genealogical associations, wrote peer-reviewed articles, lectured, and taught multiple classes involving Russian and German paleography and Eastern and Central European research, and pioneered the Aims of My Ancestry student experience at BYU.



Lynn C. McMillion, CG® (Emeritus) passed away in Michigan on 18 June 2026 at the age of 91, peacefully and surrounded by family. Inspired to learn more about two of her

husband Lee's Pennsylvania Dutch ancestors, Lynn began her genealogical education in 1974. She took her first National Institute of Genealogical Research course in 1975. She described the National Archives as "her first love" professionally.

Lynn was a founder of the Fairfax (Virginia) Genealogical Society and served as director of National Institute of Genealogical Research from 1987-2002. She was certified by BCG for 30 years and was elected to Emeritus status in 2005. Lynn served in several leadership positions as a BCG trustee, including terms as vice president and secretary. From 2001-2010, she served as BCG's Executive Director. In January 1981, she became the first Certified American Indian Lineage Specialist (CAILS), a certification category developed as a direct result of presentations she made to BCG. As part of a twenty-year career in the federal government, Lynn served as a genealogist with the Office of Federal Acknowledgment at the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Lynn was honored by the National Genealogical Society in 1979 with a Distinguished Service Award, and in 1987 by being elected an NGS Fellow. She co-authored several works, including the BCG's popular home study *American Genealogy: A Basic Course* (1981).

Certifications and Accreditations

Janna Heuer of Virginia, USA, was recently awarded the Certified Genealogist credential from the Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG).



Christine E. Neumann of Indiana, USA was recently awarded the Certified Genealogist credential from BCG.



Torhild Shirley, AG®, of Utah, USA, recently renewed her AG credential from ICAPGen.



Kelly Summers, AG®, AGL, of Utah, USA, recently renewed her credentials from ICAPGen.

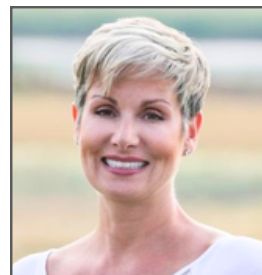
Constance T. Shotts, CG®, of North Carolina, USA, successfully renewed her Certified Genealogist credential from BCG.

Carol R. Whitmer, CG®, of Florida, USA, successfully renewed her Certified Genealogist credential from BCG.

Other News



Debbie Gurtler, AG®, of Utah, USA, was recently appointed to the ICAPGen Board of Commissioners. Recently retired from FamilySearch, she previously served ICAPGen as both a Commissioner and Treasurer.



Laurianne Schell of Alberta, Canada, has been awarded three scholarships this year: the first-ever BCG Ed Fund Scholarship for the fall virtual Putting Skills to Work program; the Laura Prescott Scholarship from the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy; and the 2026 Margaret Kay Memorial Bursary by the Alberta Genealogical Society Calgary and Lethbridge Branches, Canada.

Welcome New Members!

The members listed below have joined APG between 23 August 2026 and 22 September 2026; welcome to APG!

- Christopher K. Andersen, Utah, USA
- Kiara Connelly, Ohio, USA
- Jennifer Daly, Colorado, USA
- Ryan Earl, Tulum, Mexico
- Nicole Gilkison LaRue, CG®, AG®, Maryland, USA
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- William Patrick Hammond, Colorado, USA
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- Maylis C. Hopewell Curie, Maisons-Laffitte, France
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- Chloe N.L. Isom, Utah, USA
- Bridgette LeFevre, Arizona, USA
- Diego Luciano, Vernasca, Italy
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- Maryellen McCaffrey, Florida, USA
- Julie Mertz, Oklahoma, USA
- Carol Parmley, California, USA
- Patrick Joseph Said, Ontario, Canada
- Evan Salp, Virginia, USA
- Anna Arcadevna Shumakova, Novosibirsk, Russia
- Sara Singh, Florida, USA
- Kathleen Sperling, Ontario, Canada
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Golden State Chapter members were part of the 24 August 2026 press conference held outside the National Archives office in San Bruno (San Francisco) to call attention to the threatened closure of NARA's San Bruno and Chicago offices.

Family researchers and community members originally organized Save Our National Archives (SONA) when the NARA regional centers were threatened in 1998. SONA worked to ensure Alien Files from the West Coast were transferred to San Bruno in the early 2000s. SONA reconstituted itself during this current threat.

Two California state representatives, Kevin Mullin and Judy Chu, organized a delegation letter, a bipartisan, bicameral letter signed by 37 senators and representatives to the Archivist of the U.S. to have him stop this closure, and have introduced the "National Archives Preservation Act," a bill that would require congressional approval for any move or closure of any federal records center, which house the regional National Archives branches.

We invite fellow APG members to visit www.saveournationalarchives.org to learn more, join over 10,000 petition signers opposing the closure, and find out how to write letters to the Archivist of the United States.



APG Golden State chapter members Grant Din, Joanna Shear, and Linda Okazaki at the rally.



California representative Kevin Mullin spoke at the press conference at the NARA San Bruno regional office.

CHAPTERS AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



UPCOMING QUARTERLY MEETING

The Support-Growth Model: Building the Right Support to Attract More Clients and Grow Your Genealogy Business

7 November 2026

10:00–11:30 a.m. Mountain (US)

Speaker: Liz M. Lopez

Build your business operations toolbox with us at our next quarterly meeting! Many business owners work tirelessly to serve clients, manage projects, market their services, and run their businesses, often wearing too many hats.



In this interactive presentation, Liz M. Lopez introduces The Support-Growth Model™, a practical framework for identifying the types of support needed to create

sustainable growth, increase visibility, attract ideal clients, and grow revenue. Participants will assess where they are well supported, identify gaps, and explore opportunities to strengthen the support systems that contribute to long-term business success. All are welcome! Register at <https://coloradoapg.org/events/quarterly-meeting-november-7-2026/>.

AUGUST 2026 QUARTERLY MEETING

Colorado APG members enjoyed a fun and fascinating annual field trip to the Telecommunications History Group (THG) Museum and Archive in Denver on 1 August 2026, with eight members in attendance. The day began with a tour hosted by Managing Director Renee Lang and volunteer Jody Georgeson at one of the United States' last remaining “Bell palaces.” The group was pleasantly surprised by just how much there was to see, from the impressive architecture and Allen Tupper True murals to the Connections historical museum and beautifully preserved offices still used today as rotating offices and conference rooms.



*Phone booth and mural at the THG Museum
(Photo: Lisa M. Vogeley)*

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The tour continued at the nearby Telecom History Group Archives, where everyone had time to explore its collections of more than 100,000 photographs and slides, historic business records, artifacts, and more than 10,000 telephone directories dating from 1890 to the present — a terrific resource and, for those lucky enough to have had a telephone, a great census substitute! You can learn more about this archive repository at

<https://www.telcomhistory.org/index.html>.

After the tour, the group headed to Stout Street Social for lunch and the quarterly meeting, where Theresa Lewingdon was the lucky winner of a gift certificate for a copy of the NGS *Research in the States* series .



*Art deco architecture and mural at the THG Museum
(Photo: Lisa M. Vogele)*



Colorado Chapter members gathering in Denver included (left to right): Theresa Lewingdon, Sandra Johansen, Lisa Vogele, Mark Fearer, Jessica Schneider, Sara Dawson, David Use (Photo: Jessica Schneider)

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OCTOBER FORENSIC SIG MEETING

PANEL: Finding Your Work

27 October 2026

8:00 p.m. Eastern (US)

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. for networking

Panelists: Shannon Wood Byers, Jenny Rizzo Irwin, CG®, AG®, and Jen Shaffer

Whether you're exploring genealogy as a second career, building a client-based business, or looking for opportunities in research, DNA analysis, heir searching, or other forensic genealogy, finding work can be challenging. Join our panel of experienced professionals as they share practical strategies for breaking into the field, networking effectively, marketing your skills, and identifying both traditional and emerging opportunities. Learn what employers and clients are looking for and how to turn your passion for family history into meaningful legal work.

About the Panelists



Shannon Wood Byers is founder and President of NOKfinders, a non-profit organization that specializes in finding next of kin. She has a Certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston

University and has training in forensic genealogy. She holds an MS in Animal Science and an MBA. and will share how she transitioned from a career in biomedical science to genealogy.



Jenny Rizzo Irwin, CG®, AG®, specializes in U.S. research with a geographic focus on New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, and Connecticut. An experienced forensic genealogist, she specializes in kinship research for attorneys in probate, real estate, and mineral rights cases. Jenny is a BCG Trustee, assistant editor of *On Board*, and editorial assistant for the *NGS Quarterly*.



Jen Shaffer is a full-time professional genealogist and owner of The Formidable Genealogist. In addition to client research, she is passionate about short-form genealogy education and posts daily videos on social media. Jen has a very broad knowledge of various research subjects, while also specializing in Slavic, Nordic, Irish, Mexican, Canadian and U.S. research.

UPCOMING FORENSIC SIG EVENTS

NOVEMBER - No event scheduled

DECEMBER - Dealing with Shared DNA in Pedigree Collapse with Gemma Moore, PhD

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PRESENTATION PRACTICE & CRITIQUE MEETUP

Want feedback on a new genealogy talk? All APG members are invited to Southeast APG Chapter's Presentation Practice & Critique meetup. Here your colleagues will professionally (and kindly) evaluate your talk according to a rubric.

If you're not sure something is working, worried about your visuals, or just want to practice in a low-stress, friendly environment, you're invited to present at one of our meetups! Tell us a little about your talk at

<https://airtable.com/appziugc5FnA36pi5/pagoRjPO2eURBIQrc/form>.

CHAPTER BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Contracts: Scope, Liability, and Client Protections

28 October 2026

7:30 p.m. Eastern (US)

Join the Southeast Chapter's Business Committee for our next discussion, focusing on contracts. Interested chapter members should contact apgsoutheast@apgen.org to attend.

PROGRAMMING NOTE:

There will be no Chapter chats or meetings the week of the Professional Management Conference (12-18 October 2026).

BODY DOUBLING SESSIONS

Fridays at 10:00 a.m. ET (US)

All APG members are invited to join our weekly, one-hour body doubling sessions every Friday at 10:00 a.m. ET (US), except 16 October. Need to find some accountability or motivation? Register at <https://members.apgen.org/Calendar/moreinfo.php?eventid=220665>.

WEEKLY CHATS

All APG members welcome! Drop in to our weekly chats to find a welcoming place for your professional (or personal) genealogy woes and triumphs.

Tuesday Weekly Chats at 7:30 p.m. ET (US)

Register at

<https://members.apgen.org/Calendar/moreinfo.php?eventid=191159>

- 6 October 2026
- 20 October 2026

Friday Weekly Chats at 1:00 p.m. ET (US)

Register at

<https://members.apgen.org/Calendar/moreinfo.php?eventid=191158>

- 2 October 2026
- 30 October 2026

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CHAPTER MEET-UP

Members of the Southeast Chapter had the opportunity to gather in person at the North Carolina Genealogical Society Fall Conference in Raleigh on 18-19 September 2026.

Chapter members who presented at the conference included: Jennifer Dunn, Judy Russell (featured speaker), J. Mark Lowe, Kate Penny Howard, Diane Richard, and Larry Thomas.



Chapter Vice President Jennifer Dunn gave a presentation on taxes at the conference. (Photo: Hope Glidden)



Southeast Chapter members gathered at the North Carolina Genealogical Society Fall Conference (left to right): Amy Butterworth Hessldahl, Lillian Wingate, Rebecca McCoy, Terri Sellers, Jennifer Dunn, Diane Richard, Michelle Doyle, Kate Penny Howard, and Larry Thomas (Photo: Hope Glidden)

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OCTOBER CHAPTER MEETING

The New Writing Guidelines for the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*

26 October 2026

7:00 p.m. Pacific (US)

Speaker: Mary Kircher Roddy, Editor, NGSQ

You may not have noticed, but the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* (NGSQ) journal has new writing standards! At our next meeting, NGSQ co-editor Mary Kircher Roddy will introduce you to the NGSQ style sheet which includes examples of Q-style citations for commonly used records. She will also talk about what you can do if you don't see examples for the records you plan on including in a submission. Come with questions!

Read the new guidelines before the meeting, available at <https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/2025.12.8-NGSQ-style-sheet.pdf>.

Register at

<https://members.apgen.org/Calendar/moreinfo.php?eventid=230984>.

About the Presenter:



Mary Kircher Roddy, CG®, CGG, co-founder of Applied Genealogy Institute, is a former APG (2018-2021). She is a trustee of the Board for Certification of Genealogists and co-

editor of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*.

UPCOMING VIRTUAL MEETINGS

23 November 2026

When Family History Hurts

Presenter: Kate Penney Howard, M.Div.

25 January 2027

Forging Power(ful)Points: Using PowerPoint to Captivate

Presenter: Elizabeth Williams Gomoll, CG®

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<https://www.timeanddate.com>.

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Celebrating 100 Years of the Seattle Public Library's Genealogy Collection

By Michelle Dwyer, APG Executive Director

On 19 September 2026, I had the pleasure of representing APG at an event hosted by the Seattle Public Library, with Seattle Genealogical Society support, in honor of the 100th anniversary of their genealogical collection. The speakers were a delightful group, a mixture of our members and non-members, all experts in their subjects.

The event was a reminder of the many wonderful things about genealogy. People of all experience levels and backgrounds were in the audience, and all of us learned something new.

Everyone was welcome and treated respectfully. The camaraderie among the speakers, and between speakers and the library staff, was apparent. Genealogists are skilled not only at identifying relationships; they can be good at building them, too.

It was a great opportunity to meet some of our new members, recruit new ones, and to introduce potential clients to APG!



L to R: 2026 APG Fellowship winner Stephanie O'Connell, APG member Carolyn Ladd, Cyndi Ingle, Seattle Public Library Genealogy Librarian John LaMont, Janice Lovelace, APG member (and President of Seattle Genealogical Society) Kathleen Weber, and Seattle Public Library Genealogy Librarian Mahina Oshie. (Photo: Michelle Dwyer)

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The Writers SIG offers breakout rooms at each meeting where members can discuss topics they are interested in, ask questions, or socialize. You can join the Writers SIG when you renew your APG membership for just USD \$20. You will receive access to eleven monthly programs, peer support, and camaraderie at our meetings. Find more information on the Writers SIG at https://www.apgen.org/writers_sig.php.

The **APG Professional Management Conference** is coming up on 14-17 October 2026, and the APG Writers SIG is sponsoring the talk "Client Communication: Writing Reports That Educate and Satisfy" by our own Jill Nock, AG® on 15 October in the newer professionals track.

RECENT WRITERS SIG PROGRAM

At our September program, Amberly Beck, AG®, presented ***Bringing Identities into Focus Using the Correlation Power of Airtable***. She demonstrated how Airtable offers genealogists a flexible way to track research, link records, and analyze identity questions with clarity and precision. Amberly also showed practical approaches for using Airtable to organize research, strengthen analysis, and bring correlated evidence into sharper focus. By supporting the correlation process at the heart of the Genealogical Proof Standard, Airtable helps you separate, compare, and merge identities; manage your subject's FAN club; and move forward in your research with greater confidence and insight so you will be ready to write.

UPCOMING WRITERS SIG PROGRAMS

21 October 2026, 8:00 p.m. ET (US)

Men of the Same Name: Research Tools & Methodology

Presenter: Rebecca Whitman Koford, CG®, CGL™



Our genealogical trees eventually run up against one of the most common research challenges: sorting out men and women of the same name who live in the same locality. Dealing with

these doppelgängers takes patience and diligence. Join the Writers SIG for this lecture where we will discuss how to approach men of the same name research and effective tools and methods to employ to find the identities of each.

18 November 2026, 8:00 p.m. ET (US)

Lessons from Locality Guides

Presenter: Jeff Damron

WRITERS SIG MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Geraldine Knatz** is on the NGS ballot for Director at Large 2027-2030.
- **Julie Walker** published her book, *Arnoldus Family Veterans*, in August. It traces the military ancestors from modern times back through the Revolutionary War.
- **Jill Nock** has had two of her proposals selected for RootsTech 2027. One is in the advanced track; the other is a regular session.

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