

APG Members Approve Bylaws Changes, Elect Nominations Committee Members

WHEAT RIDGE, Colo., 7 September 2022—Following a promise earlier this year by the Board of Directors to review and update bylaws, members of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) have approved the revisions and elected two members to the Nominations Committee.

The revisions address several issues that have hindered the operation of APG and added precision where needed. “When the current board took office on 1 January 2022, we promised a full review and updating of our bylaws to ensure that this important governing document guides us to best practices for our association,” said Annette Burke Lyttle, APG President.

The newly-revised bylaws include provisions for defining and filling vacancies of officers and directors; adding the ability of four directors to call a special meeting; supporting the independence of the Nominations Committee; allowing for competitive elections; and changing the status and term of the past president on the Board to a nonvoting member. The bylaws can be viewed at apgen.org/cpages/bylaws.

APG members also elected two new members of the Nominations Committee for one-year terms. **Sherri Steele** and **Sylvia Tracy-Doolos** join **Jessica M. Taylor**, the APG Board member appointed to the committee. The Nominations Committee is tasked with issuing a call for nominations for elected positions and recommending a strong slate of candidates for member voting.

Sherri Steele, owner of Tangled Web Genealogy LLC, has a passion for using genetic genealogy to help adoptees and those with unknown parentage learn about their family of origin. Sherri is a member of the Colorado Chapter of APG (CAPG) where she serves as the Chapter Representative to APG and co-webmaster.

Sylvia Tracy-Doolos is the current President of both the International Society of British Genealogy and Family History as well as the Colorado Chapter of APG. The owner of New Leaf Genealogy, Sylvia is a Past President of the Wales, Ireland, Scotland, England Family History Society.

Jessica M. Taylor is the president of international genealogy research firm Legacy Tree Genealogists. She is a member of the boards of APG, the Genealogy Business Alliance, and the Association of Genealogy Educators and Schools. With a degree in Family History – Genealogy and over 20 years of experience, Jessica loves contributing to the genealogy community and pushing the industry forward to better help others discover their roots.

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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