



Association of Professional  
**GENEALOGISTS**

**Association of Professional Genealogists  
Announces 2022 Leadership**

**WHEAT RIDGE, Colo., 27 January 2022**—The Association of Professional Genealogists (APG®), the largest organization serving genealogy professionals and related businesses worldwide, with nearly 2,500 members representing more than forty countries, today announced their 2022 leadership. The Board of Directors consists of the elected officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer), twelve directors, and the most recent former president willing to serve. The following are the members of the 2022 Board of Directors.

**Officers:**

President: Annette Burke Lyttle (Florida)

Owner of Heritage Detective, LLC, providing professional services in research, education, and writing.

Vice President: Suzanne L. Hoffman (Illinois)

Forensic genealogist specializing in Eastern European research and immigration.

Secretary: Peggy Clemens Lauritzen, AG (Ohio)

Author, speaker, instructor, columnist; recipient of the APG Laura G. Prescott Award for Exemplary Service to Professional Genealogy.

Treasurer: Pamela Ricciardi Paschke, CPA (Florida)

Retired Certified Public Accountant (CPA), author, speaker, DNA administrator.

**Directors:**

Jenifer Kahn Bakkala (Massachusetts)

Author of *An American Family: Four Centuries of Labor, Love, and Reward*; full-time professional genealogist; past president of the New England Chapter of APG.

Cinda Baxter, CG (Minnesota)

Assistant Director of Genealogical Institute on Federal Records, served as course facilitator for both the Boston University (BU) Certificate and BU Principles courses.

John Boeren, LL.M., PLCGS (Netherlands)

Graduate of the Tilburg University Law School, full time professional genealogist, speaker at international conferences, and author. Owner of Antecedentia, Genealogy in the Netherlands.

Karin Coppernoll (Washington)

Proprietor of consulting business, Brick by Brick Genealogy.

Alec Ferretti (New York)

Member of Board of Directors of Reclaim the Records; works with the Wells Fargo Family & Business History Center.

Margaret Fortier, CG (Massachusetts)

Certified Genealogist® focusing on New England immigrants; facilitator for certification discussion groups; volunteer with the Archdiocese of Boston Catholic Records project at NEHGS.

Melinda Kashuba, PhD (California)

Owner of Kashuba Research Services, author, course coordinator and faculty member at Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, and faculty member at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy.

Ricki King (Iowa)

Writer, speaker, mentor, lobbyist; worked with local, state, and federal agencies to help Woodland Cemetery become part of the National Park Service's National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom.

Nefi Arenas Salazar (Mexico)

Specialist in finding ancestors of Jewish origin in colonial Mexico.

Cathie Sherwood (Australia)

Owner of Family History Academy, an online learning provider offering courses and workshops taught by experienced and respected instructors. Principal and founder of Ancestor Discovery, a professional family history research service.

Jessica M. Taylor (Utah)

President of Legacy Tree Genealogists, co-founder of Genealogy Business Alliance.

Mark A. Wentling, CG (Massachusetts)

Forensic genealogist specializing in unknown heir research and military repatriation, instructor, mentor, writer.

**Past President:**

Kenyatta Deshire Berry (California)

Author, attorney, lecturer, TV host of *Genealogy Roadshow* (PBS), contributor to “1619 Project.”

### **About the Association of Professional Genealogists**

The Association of Professional Genealogists ([www.apgen.org](http://www.apgen.org)), established in 1979, represents nearly 2,500 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 and Facebook.

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