

SPECIAL EDITION

Everything You Need To Know About The Society's Upcoming Election

GGs Members To Elect Officers, Vote On By-law Change

Members of the Georgia Genealogical Society will vote on a slate of officers and directors at the upcoming annual meeting. Members present at the meeting will vote on officers and directors, as well as a proposed bylaw change.

Officers and directors elected at the meeting will be installed at the general meeting on Saturday, Dec. 10 and will begin two-year terms on Jan. 1 2017.

The Nominating Committee has released the following slate:

Officers

President – Karen Molohon
Vice President – Cynthia R. Harrison
Recording Secretary – Madelyn P. Nix
Corresponding Secretary – Barbara Smallwood Stock
Treasurer – Don Evans
Historian/Archivist – Joanne Smalley

Directors

Director/Education – John Houchins
Director/Membership – Emma Davis-Hamilton
Director/Publicity – Kristin Harms
Director/Publications – John David Brandenburg
Director/Policies and Procedures – Sarah D. Rondeau
Director/At Large – Kenneth H. Thomas, Jr.

Jo Ann Huston chaired the Nominating Committee. Members of the committee were Dianne Bean Barfield, William H. Durant, Madelyn P. Nix and Sarah D. Rondeau.

Note: Biographies for non-incumbent nominees may be found on the society Website.

Additional Nominations By Members

The following section of the GGS bylaws concerns the method by which members may submit nominations:

Article IX Nominating Committee

Section 3. Any member of the Society shall have the privilege of submitting additional nominees for consideration by submitting each nominee's name in

Proposed By-law Change

GGs members also will vote on one amendment to the society's bylaws. Following is the current wording of the section, along with the proposed change (underlined).

CURRENT BYLAW

Article VI, Board of Directors
Section 9. The elected Directors Board of the Society shall be Education, Membership, Publicity, Publications, Policies and Procedures, and one Director with duties assigned by the President.

PROPOSED BYLAW

Article VI, Board of Directors
Section 9. The elected Directors Board of the Society shall be Education, Membership, Publicity, Publications, Policies and Procedures, IGHR, Volunteer, Technology, and one Director with duties assigned by the President.

writing to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee in time to be received at least one week prior to the election. The nomination must be accompanied by the written consent of the member to be nominated.

Section 4. If any office is contested on or before one week prior to the election, the Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall prepare written ballots. Otherwise, the election shall be by show of hands.

To submit a nomination, send a letter including the name of the person nominated and the office, along with a letter from the person nominated certifying his or her willingness to serve. Letters should be sent to the chairman of the Nominating Committee by midnight (postmarked or date-stamped) on Wednesday, July 27. Names of persons submitting nominations will be kept confidential.

Send nominations to: Jo Ann Huston, 2547 Raintree Court, N. E., Atlanta, GA 30345, johuston@bellsouth.net.

Annual meeting Saturday, Aug. 13 at the First Baptist Church of Christ, 511 High Place, Macon

Meet The Nominees

Editor's Note: Following are short biographies, in their own words, of nominees who are not incumbents.

J. David Brandenburg, Publications Director

J. David Brandenburg edited the Georgia Genealogical Society Newsletter from 1989 to 1993. Helping both individuals and businesses with genealogical research, his practice focuses on descendant searches, full pedigree research and historical narrative writing. Transcription of English language manuscript

documents from the seventeenth century to present is a regular service, though he also has experience in Latin and modern French and German, as well as Dutch, Hungarian and Spanish. David likes to create systems for improving the genealogical research process and incorporates these into his work. He has compiled successful applications to several lineage organizations. Genetic genealogy is an interest both individually and professionally, and he administers two DNA projects. David has worked with records from all 50 states and has completed onsite research in

more than half of the states. He is a member of several genealogical and historical societies, concentrated mainly in the eastern half of the United States.

Kristin Harms, Publicity Director

A full-time professional genealogist, Kristin Harms is the owner and principal genealogist of Relative Proof, LLC. She has been an active member of Cobb County Genealogical Society for the past four years and is currently editor of its newsletter. Prior to making

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genealogy her profession, Kristin earned her B.A. in Economics and East Asian Studies from Denison University in Granville, Ohio. She also studied Chinese and Economics at Nanjing University in Nanjing, China. You can learn more about her at <http://www.relativeproof.com>.

Cynthia Harrison, Vice President

Cynthia Harrison was born in Birmingham, Alabama; and moved to Georgia with her family in 1965. She attended the University of Georgia where she met her husband, David. They made Athens their home for 16 years until they moved to Stone Mountain in 1986. Cynthia received her bachelor and master degrees in education then teaching in Clarke and Jackson counties prior to starting a career in retail and mortgage banking. Since 1992 she has worked for the state in the area of housing with the Department of Community Affairs assisting homeowners, lenders, non profits and local communities. She was introduced to genealogy by her grandmother and a distant cousin and became serious about researching her family in the early 1990's. Cynthia joined GGS in 2010. She is also a member of Alabama Genealogical Society, Coweta County Genealogical Society, North Carolina Genealogical Society and National Genealogical Society.

John Houchins, Education Director

John Houchins is retired from 3M Company and currently is an independent management consultant in the Atlanta area. Houchins has been an avid genealogist for more 10 years. He was active in the Genealogy Society of Flagler

County (Florida), serving as vice president and program director and was responsible for two-three Webinars per year. In 2013 he was on the committee that put together a seminar program for North Florida Genealogy.

Karen Molohon, President

Karen Molohon has been involved in genealogy research for more than 35 years. One of her interests is teaching family history courses in her local society – specializing in getting started with researching, organizing research, census records and migration and mapping, as well as photography. She is active in the genealogical community currently serving as: Webmaster of the Cobb County Genealogical Society as well as previously serving as President and other positions. She has previously held board positions, Program Director and Publications Director, with the Georgia Genealogical Society. She is a member of numerous genealogical societies and has attended several national conferences to enhance

her research techniques. She has a Master of Science in Education degree and Master of Science in Technical Communication degree and is a retired Lead Information Designer.

Madelyn Nix, Recording Secretary

Born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia, Nix grew up on the campus of Morehouse College, where her father was Dean of Students. She earned a BA degree from Spelman College, a J D from Emory University Law School, and an MBA from Fordham University Graduate School of Business. She was a corporate lawyer for a division of the Ford Motor Company prior to joining a law firm in Lancaster, Penn., where she rose to the position of Partner. In 2006 Nix retired from the practice of law to relocate to Atlanta. She has been interested in genealogy since 2000 and is a member of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. as well as the Georgia Genealogical Society and the North Carolina Genealogical Society.

Children Invited To Explore History At Archives

Children can explore Georgia history at the Georgia Archives on Saturday, July 23 at a children's program on archaeology.

The program will begin at 10 a. m. with Pamela Baughman, an archaeologist who works for the Georgia Department of Transportation. She will give a presentation on archaeology in Georgia and how she does her job at GDOT. The program will feature hands-on activities.

At 11 a. m., Susan Rosson Spain will talk about her book *Twelve Days of Christmas in Georgia*. In the book Jacob is visiting his cousin Ava, and together they'll have a Southern-style holiday exploring the Peach State and its history. Learn about the Georgia gold rush in Dahlonega, the Trail of Tears and Georgia's role in the Civil Rights Movement.

After lunch, where pizza will be available for a donation to the Friends of Georgia Archives and History (FOGAH), visitors will be able to explore the ArchaeoBus, presented by the Society for Georgia Archaeology. Tour the bus, see its child-friendly exhibits and work on archaeology puzzles and games.

In addition, there will be an early Georgia education exhibit, presented by the Georgia Archives and located in the exhibit hall behind the welcome desk.

The program requires no registration and is free and open to the public. Each child must be accompanied by an adult.



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