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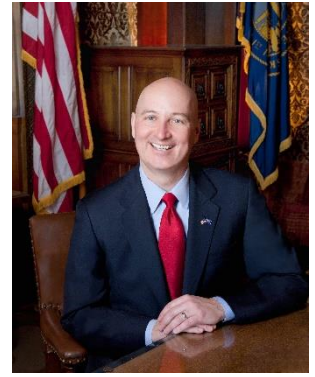
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Dear Friends:

Welcome to Nebraska for the 52nd annual American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (AHSGR) international convention! We are honored that the city of Lincoln is hosting the event in 2022.

Each year, scholars, storytellers, and genealogical researchers gather at the convention to celebrate German Russian cultural heritage. Our state's capital city of Lincoln is home to the AHSGR Museum. It contains a wide-ranging collection of artifacts that give insight into the customs and values of Germans from Russia. I trust you'll enjoy perusing the collection during the convention.

During your time in Lincoln, I encourage you to take advantage of all the city has to offer. I recommend attending a Lincoln Saltdogs baseball game at Haymarket Park, exploring the Lincoln Children's Zoo, and touring our beautiful State Capitol. There are plenty of delicious dining options in downtown Lincoln, featuring everything from sushi to locally sourced Nebraska beef. In addition to great food, I'm confident you'll experience the warm hospitality of our state's residents throughout your stay.

Again, welcome to Nebraska! Best wishes on a successful convention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Pete Ricketts in black ink.

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Willkommen AHSGR Members,

As Mayor of Lincoln, it is my pleasure to join the Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau in welcoming you to our Capital City on July 27-30, 2022, for the 52nd Annual AHSGR International Convention. We are delighted that you chose the Embassy Suites and are honored to host an international, non-profit educational organization that is the largest repository of information about Germans from Russia in the Western Hemisphere.

We know that your days will be full of community-based events and guided tours that include one from local historian and all-around great guy, Ed Zimmer. You will find the City of Lincoln to be a warm host and grateful that you chose us. Lincoln businesses and citizens take great pride in our quality of life, hospitality, and friendliness.

We invite you to take time to enjoy our many attractions, including the wonderful shopping and eateries in the Historic Haymarket and Railyard area, and if you have time, the recently expanded Lincoln Children's Zoo near the Sunken Gardens. We also hope you will have a chance to see the Antelope Valley Trail and Union Plaza Park. Other outstanding attractions include the Historic Haymarket District with great eateries and shopping options, and the nearby Sheldon Art Gallery and Morrill Hall Museum on campus.

Please don't hesitate to reach out as needed. I hope you enjoy your stay in Lincoln, and that you will come back often!

Sincerely,



Leirion Gaylor Baird
Mayor of Lincoln

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Badges

Wear your name badge at all times. You will not be admitted to convention sessions, meals, Bookstore, or the Research Room without it.

Bookstore

Visit the Bookstore in Regents F. You will be able to buy a variety of books, census records, genealogy maps, and more. Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express debit/credit cards are accepted.

Research Room

Genealogy records are available for research in the Research Room in Regents D & E. You may get photocopies of some research material. Volunteers will be available to assist.

Embassy Suites

Embassy Suites is the official convention headquarters, where most activities are scheduled. Meeting locations are noted in this program.

Meal Tickets

All tickets for meals must be purchased 72 hours in advance of the function. If you did not order meal tickets when you pre-registered and space is available, you may purchase them at the AHSGR Registration Desk in the Lobby. You must present your name badge at meal time before entering the event.

Quilt Tickets

Make sure you see the beautiful quilt at the Quilt Raffle Table in the Lobby/Pre-convene Area. Tickets for the drawing are available for \$1 or 6 for \$5. The drawing will take place at the banquet on Saturday. You do not need to be present to win.

Registration/Information

If you have questions about convention activities, stop by the AHSGR Registration Desk in the Pre-convene Area. Volunteers or AHSGR staff will help.

Silent Auction

Visit the Silent Auction in the **Bookstore** from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. Many items have been donated.

If you brought items to donate, leave them at the Registration Desk in the Pre-convene Area. Winners must pick up their items by 2:30 Saturday.

Vendor Tables

Purchase items from our convention vendors in the Pre-convene Area.

Volunteers

Volunteers will wear ribbons on their name badges. If you need help or have questions, look for the ribbons!

Village Area Discussion Groups and Heritage Hall

Village area discussion groups will meet at times and places listed in program. Area displays and maps are in the Heritage Hall in Chancellors Hallway. Village Coordinators and volunteers will help you locate your village area. Village areas may also meet at times other than those scheduled. Meeting plans can be posted on area displays. More details will be posted in Heritage Hall in Chancellors Hallway.

Message Boards

You may post messages at the main message board in the Pre-convene Area.

Shuttle Buses

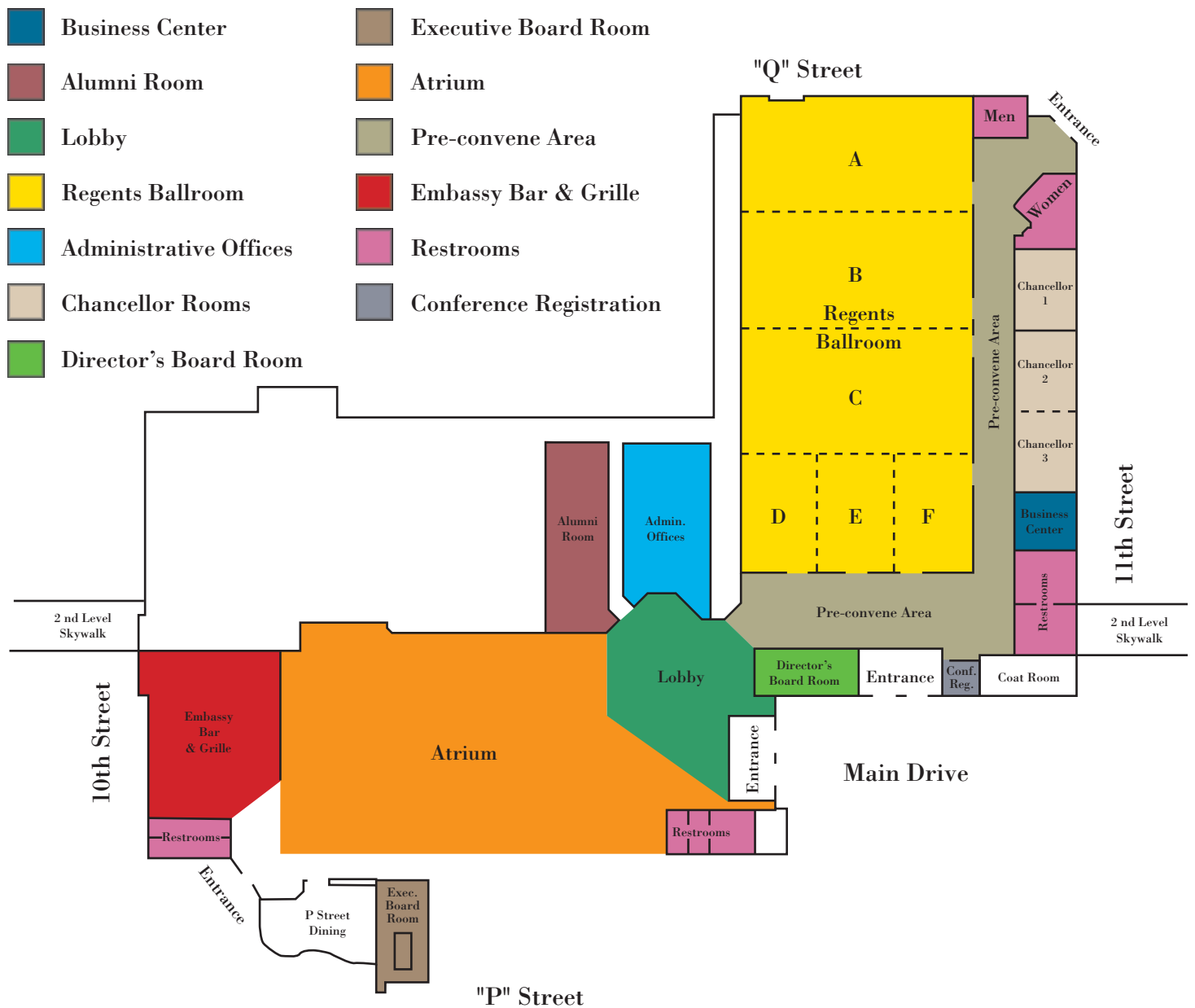
Shuttles have not been scheduled at this time.

Social Media

Keep an eye on AHSGR's Facebook and Instagram pages for photos and updates. Be sure to post your experiences on your pages too. If you're on Twitter, our convention hashtag is #AHSGRConv22. Tweet and retweet!

Membership Desk

Visit the membership table for information about how we may support you and your chapter and learn about the benefits of AHSGR membership.



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AGENDA (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Tuesday, July 26

8:00am-4:30pm	Registration, Information, Quilt Raffle, Membership Drop off Silent Auction Items	Registration Desk Bookstore
9:00am-4:00pm	Vendors Set up	Pre-Convene Area
9:00am-4:00pm	Research Room & Bookstore Setup & Open	Regents D&E/F

Tours will load 15 minutes before scheduled departure at P street cutout.

9:00am-3:00pm	Homestead National Monument & German Russians in Friend, NE. Includes hot lunch at the renovated Friend Opera House (Registration Required)
9:30am-12:30pm	Tour of Lincoln's North and South Bottoms with historian Ed Zimmer. Snack break at the AHSGR Headquarters building. (Registration Required)
1:00pm-4:00pm	HQ Campus Tours (No Transportation Provided)

5:00pm-6:00pm	Volunteer Dinner (Registration Required)	Regents A
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Wednesday, July 27

8:00am-4:30pm	Registration, Information, Quilt Raffle, Membership	Registration Desk
8:30am-9:30am	BOD & BOT meeting	Chancellor 2/3
9:00am-4:00pm	Drop off Silent Auction Items	Bookstore
9:00am-4:00pm	Vendors	Pre-Convene Area
9:00am-4:00pm	Research Room & Bookstore Open	Regents D&E/F
9:30am-11:30am	Karen Keehr -Preserving Your Photos and Documents Workshop	Regents C (Registration Req.)
9:30am-11:30am	Food Demonstration @ Friedens Lutheran Church, Paul Loos-Making Sausage (No Transportation Provided)	Friedens Church (Registration Req.)
9:45am-11:00am	Nominating Committee Meeting	Chancellor 1
9:45am-11:00am	Facilities Committee Meeting	Chancellor 2/3
11:15am-12:30pm	Strategic Planning Committee Meeting	Chancellor 1
11:15am-12:30pm	Convention Committee Meeting	Chancellor 2/3
12:30pm-1:30pm	Casual-Boxed lunch or Lunch on your own (Registration Required)	Regents A
1:30pm-2:45pm	Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting	Chancellor 1
1:30pm-2:45pm	Marketing/Public Affairs Committee Meeting	Chancellor 2/3
1:45pm-2:45pm	Mike Meisinger -First-time Attendees Orientation	Regents C

2:00pm-4:00pm	Food Demonstration @ Friedens Lutheran Church- Nancy Borrell-Kuchen (No Transportation Provided)	Friedens Church (Registration Req.)
3:00pm-4:00pm	Ellen Vorderstrasse -Research Library Orientation	Regents C
3:00pm-4:15pm	E&P Committee Meeting	Chancellor 1
3:00pm-4:15pm	Ancestral Records & Genealogy Committee Meeting	Chancellor 2/3
4:30pm-5:30pm	BOD Meeting	Chancellor 2/3

4:30pm-6:45pm Dinner on your own

7:00pm-8:30pm Welcome Night Regents B/C

Pretzels with cheese
Beer (Cash Bar)
Presiding: Sue Nakaji, Convention Management Chair
Welcome
Ice Breaker Game
Introduction of the Convention Committee
Humorous Stories

Adjourn: See you tomorrow at the Opening Session

Thursday, July 28

8:00am-4:30pm	Registration,H Information, Quilt Raffle, Membership	Registration Desk
8:30am-10:30am	Opening General Session	Regents C/B

Presiding: Sue Nakaji, Convention Chair
Presentation of Colors:
Singing of National anthems
Opening Prayer
Welcome to the 52nd Annual AHSGR Convention
Welcome to Lincoln Proclamation: Jeff Maul, Lincoln CVB
Introduction by Sue Nakaji
Introduction of AHSGR Board of Directors: Karen Soeken, President
Introduction of IFAHSGR Board of Trustees: Peter Kaland, President
Introduction of the AHSGR Staff: Deb Arenz, AHSGR Executive Director

Society Annual Business Meeting
Presiding: Karen Soeken, AHSGR President

- Call to Order
- Appointments for meeting and Adoption of Standing Rules
- President's report
- Secretary's report
- Treasurer's report
- Headquarter's report
- Standing Committee Reports (presented in written form in program)
- New Business
 - Proposed Bylaws amendments
 - Election of Board Members
 - Other
- Adjourn

Keynote Speaker

Recorded: Dr. Timothy Kloberdanz-Traditions from the Past,
Traditions for the Future: Folklore of the Germans from Russia

Words to the Anthems

America the Beautiful

*Oh, beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.*

O Canada

*O Canada!
Our home and native land
True patriot love
In all of us command
With glowing hearts
We see thee rise
The True North, strong and free
From far and wide
O Canada
We stand on guard for thee
God keep our land
Glorious and free
O Canada we stand on guard for thee!
O Canada we stand on guard for thee!*

The Star Spangled Banner

*O! say can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;
O! say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?*

10:30am-11:45am	BOT Meeting	Exec Board Room
10:45am-4:00pm	Research Room & Bookstore Open	Regents D&E/F
11:00am-12:00pm	Q & A: Wayne Bonner & Maggie Hein -Before the Volga-Where did the Volga German Colonists come from?	Regents C
11:00am-12:00pm	Ellen Vorderstrasse -Research Library Orientation	Regents B
11:00am-12:00pm	Mike Meisinger -First-time Attendees Orientation	Chancellor 1

11:00am-12:00pm	Virtual-Mark Olsen -What's New in Family Tree Maker	Chancellor 2/3
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Join us as we show the latest updates to Family Tree Maker and the current version FTM 2019. We will discuss the product as well as resources available to you as you work with FTM 2019 to create and manage your family tree.

This class is for all levels of genealogists whether you are just getting started or are very experienced. The session will include both a basic run through of what is Family Tree Maker, for the beginner, as well some time for questions and answers from newbies and expert long time users as well.

12:15pm-1:45pm	Foundation Luncheon	Regents A
1:45am-4:00am	BOT Meeting	Exec Board Room
2:00pm-4:00pm	Food Demonstration @ Friedens Lutheran Church- Nancy Borrell-Grebbel(No Transportation Provided)	Friedens Church (Registration Req.)
2:00pm-3:00pm	Dr. Nathan Bates -Germans in South Dakota: Using Local Heritage for Second-Language Instruction	Regents C

This presentation introduces an approach for utilizing the heritage of Germans from Russia to teach German language courses in South Dakota. My presentation will cover the inception and background of this project, methods and materials for second-language instruction, didacticization of these materials, and plans for implementation.

2:00pm-3:00pm	Robert Ahlbrandt -AHSGR Website overview Using and navigating the new AHSGR website	Regents B
2:00pm-3:00pm	Virtual-Wayne Garman -The Russlanders: Mennonite Germans from Russia Immigration to Canada in the 1920s.	Chancellor 2/3

By the early 1920s, the situation had become desperate for our Germans from Russia ancestors who had remained in Russia. The Bolshevik revolution had deposed the Czarist government and civil war was raging throughout the Russian empire. Our ancestors were common targets of raids, pillaging and violence that ravaged the countryside. The chaos resulted in widespread famine that killed many of our ancestors. Suffering was widespread among the Germans in Russia.

Meanwhile in North America, the massive wave of immigration in the early 1900s had been abruptly ended by World War I. By 1918, animosity toward Germans was common in societies of the Allied countries who had fought the Central powers, with many banning immigration from Central & Eastern Europe. With the end of the war came an economic downturn and unemployment as soldiers returned to civilian life. Prospects for further largescale immigration of the Germans from Russia looked very bleak. Yet, somehow, over 20,000 German Mennonites from Russia were able to immigrate to Canada during the decade of the 1920s.

My presentation will tell the story of this remarkable immigration. The roles of politics and economics within Russia, Canada and the US will be explained. I will also tell how the immense cost of transportation, combined with the destitute situation of so many of the Germans from Russia, threatened to derail all the immigration plans. My presentation will detail how a key individual stepped into this dismal situation. His untiring efforts somehow turned the desperate plans into reality.

2:00pm-3:00pm	Village Gathering Areas 10 Caucasus & 14 Glueckstal & Hoffnungstal	Chancellor 1
3:30pm-4:30pm	Carolyn Zeisset -Then the Rules Changed: Connecting History & Current Events	Regents C

Carolyn Zeisset's novel follows a German-from-Russia boy's 1870s emigration from South Russia (Ukraine) to the U.S. plains. A week after the book's release, Russian troops entered the area where the story begins.

3:30pm-4:30pm	Dr. Philip Bryan -Germans From Russia and the Oklahoma Territory Land Runs	Regents B
3:30pm-4:30pm	Village Gathering Areas 11 Beresan & 12 Bessarabia, Kutschurgan & Romania	Chancellor 1
3:30pm-5:00pm	Village Coordinators meeting with Zoom attendees OPEN Committee Meeting	Chancellor 2/3
5:00pm-7:00pm	Dinner on your own	
7:00pm-9:00pm	Village Gathering Area 1 Protestant Cantons Frank & Northern Kamenka Canton	Regents C
7:00pm-9:00pm	Village Gathering Area 2 Protestant Cantons Balzer & Northern Kamenka	Regents B
7:00pm-9:00pm	Research Library open	Regents D&E
7:00pm-9:00pm	Evening Activity-Durok Card game	Regents A

Friday, July 29

8:00am-4:30pm	Registration, Information, Quilt Raffle, Membership	Registration Desk
9:00am-4:00pm	Vendors	Pre-Convene Area
9:00am-4:00pm	Research Room & Bookstore Open	Regents D&E/F
8:30am-9:30am	Jamie Swartz -Quilts: Honoring the Past	Regents C

A powerpoint presentation from the collection of the International Quilt museum about quilts made in the Midwest as well as quilts in the collection made by Germans from Russia.

8:30am-9:30am	LaDonna Hunt -We clasp the hands of those who have gone before and those who come after. The Reconstruction of a 100-Year-Old Cemetery	Regents B
8:30am-9:30am	Virtual-Mila Koretnikov -Researching Your Genealogy in Russian Archives	Chancellor 2/3

Mila Koretnikov has been doing research in Russian archives for almost 20 years helping hundreds of individuals from the USA, Germany, Argentina, Brazil and Canada find information on their ancestors. So, what are the new discoveries at the Russian archives and what has it been like doing research there during the pandemic?

8:30am-9:30am	Village Gathering Area 8 Volhynia, Polish & Ukraine colonies	Chancellor 2/3
9:45am-10:45am	Sister Alice Pfeifer -Springtime in Siberia: Two Weeks in 1993 with Bishop Werth's Scattered Flocks	Regents C

In 1952 a boy was born in Karaganda, Kazakhstan, to a Volga German father and an Odessa German mother. In 1991, he became the head of a newly established Catholic diocese spanning nine time zones in Siberia. The following year, Bishop Joseph Werth visited the Volga Germans of Ellis County, Kansas, where he invited volunteers

to come and serve the church in Russia. Learning of his plea, the Sisters of St. Agnes later sent three representatives on a fact-finding mission to meet with him and the German Catholics of Novosibirsk. After a few days with them, the sisters boarded a train and headed west. This presentation shares, in words and photographs, memories of the time they spent with the German Catholics of three large Siberian cities and two villages.

9:45am-10:45am **Robert Ahlbrandt**-AHSGR Website overview Regents B

Using and navigating the new AHSGR website

9:45am-10:45am **Virtual-Peter Hilkes**- War in Ukraine: situation and historical background. The perspective from German-Russians Chancellor 2/3

Peter's presentation will focus on the tragedy unfolding in Ukraine and the dramatic effect on the people fleeing the invasion of their country. He will share with us his vast knowledge of the history of Ukraine, their people, and their strong and brave defense of their country. Millions of people have fled Ukraine but many of the husbands and fathers have remained behind to help ward off the invaders. He will provide first-hand information on current events and the desire of a vast majority of migrants who wish to return to their country.

9:45am-10:45am Village Gathering Area 7 Mennonite & 13 Crimea, Prischib & Swedish colonies Chancellor 1

11:00am-12:00pm **Marilyn Murray**-Ukraine & Russia...A Family at War Regents C

Marilyn Murray, who has lived part-time in Moscow, Russia since 2002, will present her personal knowledge of current Russian/Ukrainian events. She will share what she has learned from her students in Russia about why they "do what they do" and how that helps to understand some of the Kremlin's choices now.

Marilyn Murray is recognized internationally as an educator, theorist, author, columnist, and psychotherapist. She created the Murray Method, a universally applicable framework for creating a healthy lifestyle beyond trauma, abuse, neglect, and addiction

11:00am-12:00pm **Carolyn Schott**-Coming Full Circle: To Poland, the Black Sea, and Back Regents B

The partitions of Poland created opportunities for German colonists, followed by disappointments that brought many to the Black Sea region. During WWII, these families were forced to leave their homes in Russia, ending up back in Poland—in some cases, in areas their ancestors had left more than 100 years before.

11:00am-12:00pm **Virtual-Eleanor O. Brinsko**-Google Workspace for Genealogical Research Chancellor 2/3

We each have our own organizational methods: notes written on paper, color-coding, binders, and online. Some are hesitant to use virtual organization due to subscription renewal costs, having multiple websites to keep track of, or it is too complicated to figure out. But what if there was a free, one-stop place online where you can access your genealogy research from anywhere, make the templates to your liking, AND share it with family members? That's where Google Workspace comes in. Eleanor Brinsko, MLIS, of Carlon Genealogical Services, LLC, will demonstrate the different programs on Google Workspace to help make your research a little easier and help you find the holes that you need to fill in to break down the brick walls!

11:00pm-12:00pm	Village Gathering Area 4 Protestant Canton Southern Kamenka Current Events	Chancellor 1
12:15pm-1:45pm	Society Recognition Luncheon	Regents A
2:00pm-3:00pm	Dr. Ann Braaten -Textile Treasures from the Germans from Russia Heritage Collection at North Dakota State University	Regents C

Since 1994, NDSU's Germans from Russia Heritage Collection (GRHC) has acquired items of textiles and clothing that are representative of the Germans from Russia (GFR) in North Dakota and the Northern Plains. The Collection's focus is on Bessarabian, Black Sea, Crimean, Dobrudscha and Volhynian Germans and their descendants in North Dakota and the Northern Plains. At one time, these textile objects helped identify people who were members of this ethnic group. Today, these objects provide evidence of GFR traditions, traits, and experiences as they moved through the world during the Eighteenth, Nineteenth, and Twentieth Centuries. This presentation will highlight GFR textiles and clothing that show how this ethnic group straddled two world views — reflecting both collectivism and individualism, as well as the transition from a home-based to commercial economy. GFR industriousness is evident in the oral traditions recalling their families' textiles and clothing practices, and give evidence of their ability to adapt to the many challenges they experienced. The GRHC Textiles and Clothing Collection is housed in the Emily Reynolds Historic Costume Collection. It is a partnership between the GRHC in the NDSU Libraries and the Department of Apparel, Merchandising, Interior Design and Hospitality Management in the College of Human Sciences and Education at NDSU.

2:00pm-3:00pm	Anthony Leiker -My Genealogical Volga German research on Russian census data and Western Kansas Church/Community books	Regents B
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Anthony Leiker is the author of the newly published "Living in the Shade - A Memoir: Based on a true story of ancestry, self-deception, love, loss, & hardship on the Plains of Western Kansas." Leiker will discuss how his ancestors, from the Volga villages of Liebental, Mariental, and Herzog, escaped additional Russian military service by emigrating to Western Europe and ultimately to Kansas. Despite severe losses due to the Stock Market Crash, the Depression and the Dust bowl, Leiker will share how he grew up in a time of harsh recriminations when feelings had to be repressed.

2:00pm-3:00pm	Virtual-Sandy Schilling Payne -Time Travel Using Historical Maps	Chancellor 2/3
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Enrich the story of your family's past by including period maps of your ancestral villages. Over the past several years, there have been efforts to scan, georeference, and put online historical maps that have been sitting in archives for hundreds of years. In this presentation, you will learn how to use information from the Germans from Russia Settlement Locations map to travel back in time and find your ancestral colonies on historical georeferenced maps. You will learn where to find detailed maps online, how to overcome language issues with technology, how to capture and enhance images, and how to properly cite the maps that you find.

2:00pm-3:00pm	Village Gathering Area 3 Catholic Cantons Frank, Kamenka, Kukkus & Seelman	Chancellor 1
3:15pm-4:00pm	Kuchen break	Regents A
4:00pm-5:00pm	Ellen Laubhan -The First Pioneers: Daring Escapes and the Perilous Journey to the Volga Frontier	Regents C

Step back in history to 1763—Learn how German serfs met secretly with recruiters, escaped their lords' manors, and became some of the first pioneers to settle the Volga frontier. Hear Empress Catherine's welcome message to the first immigrants at her summer palace. Then, upon learning the true intent of the Empress' gift, find out

what the colonists were forced to do. What perils did they encounter on the arduous journey by boat, wagon and barge? How did they survive the many challenges they faced along the way? Finally, what did they discover when they arrived at the first colony, Dobrinka?

4:00pm-5:00pm	Dr. Philipp Bryan -Germans From Russia and the Oklahoma Territory Land Runs	Regents B
4:00pm-5:30pm	Chapter Leaders meeting at HQ (Virtual)	Chancellor 2/3
5:30pm-6:30pm	Board of Trustees Heritage Club reception	Atrium
5:30pm-7:00pm	Dinner on your own	
7:00pm-11:00pm	Dutch Hop Dance-The River Boys	Regents C & B

Saturday, July 30

8:00am-1:00pm	Registration, Information, Quilt Raffle, Membership	Registration Desk
9:00am-2:00pm	Vendors	Pre-Convene Area
9:00am-3:00pm	Research Room & Bookstore Open	Regents D&E/F
9:00am-10:00am	Lauri Jean Swett -Introduction to DNA for Genealogy	Regents C
9:00am-10:00am	Ray Karlin -The journal of Athanasius Karlin, Legend and Fact	Regents B

Athenasius was one of six immigrants who came to Ellis County Kansas and he kept a diary, In the journal he talks about the origins of the family coming from Denmark and arriving in a cluster.

9:00am-10:00am	Virtual-Lena Wolf -Graphic Novel about the History of Germans from the Russian Empire	Chancellor 2/3
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In the presentation Lena will talk about the recent developments in her graphic novel. She will introduce the main characters, Lena and her grandma Emilia as graphic novel characters. And she will show us the life of these people in Kazakhstan and also in Ukraine as on the pages of her graphic novel. Lena is always happy to meet other Germans from the Russian Empire and hear their stories. She will be happy to answer any questions.

9:00am-10:00am	Village Gathering Area 5 Protestant Cantons Krasnodar, Markstadt	Chancellor 1
10:30am-11:30am	Sister Alice Pfeifer -Springtime in Siberia: Two Weeks in 1993 with Bishop Werth's Scattered Flocks	Regents C
10:30am-11:30am	Carolyn Schott -Voyages of the Donauschwaben	Regents B

The Donauschwaben were not all Schwäbisch, but most did travel the Donau to found colonies in Hungary, Romania, and Serbia. Learn about this group of immigrants, many of whom continued on to the Black Sea area of Russia, as we dive into their history and identify key genealogy resources.

10:30am-11:30am	Virtual-Fabian Zubia -The influence of the Moravian Church among the Protestant Volga German colonies	Chancellor 2/3
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The Herrnhuter Brüdergemeine decided to found the Brüderkolonie Sarepta on the Volga river in 1765 in the program of colonization initiated by Czarina Catherine II. To provide for this community, it was necessary to have a German speaking hinterland. Thus arose after the founding of Sarepta some 27 Protestant villages founded between 1766 and 1767 with settlers from the County of Isenburg-Büdingen. These colonies were religiously assisted by the Herrnhuter Brüdergemeine.

10:30am-11:30am	Village Gathering Area 6 Catholic Cantons Krasnodar & Markstadt & Tonkoschoramka	Chancellor 1
11:30am-12:30pm	Lunch on your own	
1:00pm	Silent Auction Closes	
1:30pm-2:30pm	Silent Auction reopens, Winners pay and pick up Silent Auction items	Regents F
1:30pm-2:30pm	Storytelling Contest	Regents C
1:30pm-2:30pm	Karen Soeken -Ask, Hear, Share, Give, and Recommend	Regents B

This informal round table session will give you an opportunity to
 Ask questions,
 Hear how to be involved,
 Share ideas,
 Give feedback, and
 Recommend ways to move forward.

1:30pm-2:30pm	Virtual-Fabian Zubia -The origins of the families of Colony Dönhof	Chancellor2/3
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The settlers of Volga German colony of Dönhof came from different places of central Germany but also the 50% of these families arrived from the colonies founded by the King of Denmark in the Duchy of Schleswig, where they moved between 1759 and 1762.

1:30pm-2:30pm	Village Gathering Area 9 Protestant Cantons Jagodaja Poljana, Kukkus & Seelmann	Chancellor 1
3:00pm-4:00pm	Pack-up and clean-up of all rooms and materials All BOD and Volunteers	
4:00pm-5:00pm	Post Convention BOD Meeting	Chancellor 1
5:30pm-6:30pm	No-Host Cocktails	Regents C
6:15pm-9:00pm	AHSGR Celebration Banquet Presiding: Karen Soeken, President AHSGR Invocation: Peter Kaland, President IFAHSGR Introduction of New Officers of the Society and Foundation Distinguished Service Award(s): Karen Soeken Banquet speaker: Dr. Eric Schmaltz Our Memories Build Our Future: Germans from Russia Still on the Move in the 21st Century Drawing of the Quilt raffle ticket Passing of the Lantern to next Host (included in Registration Cost)	Regents A, B, C

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Katharienenstadt
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Luzern
Mariental
Ober-Monjour
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Daughter Colonies

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Birkenheim
Friedental
Liebental
Maidorf
Neu-Boaro
Neu-Urbach
Neu-Obermonjour

AREA 7
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Colonies

Chortitza
Crimea
Friesenov
Kuban
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Zaslav

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of Kantons Jagodaja
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Laub
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Friedenstal
Hoffnungstal
Katzbach
Krasna
Kulm
Leipzig
Lichtental
Neu-Arzis
Neu-Sarata
Sarata
Tarutino
Teplitz

**Kutschurgan
Colonies**

Elsass
Kandel
Mannheim
Selz

Romania Colonies

Atmagea
Bukovina
Cataloi
Ciucurova
Dobruja
Gurahumora
Tschukurov

Area 13
**Crimea, Prischib
& Swedish
Colonies**

Crimea Colonies

Friedental
Heilbronn
Karassan
Kronental
Neu-Hoffnung
Neusatz
Rosental
Schoenbrunn
Spat
Sudak
Zuerichtal

Prischib Colonies

Alt-Montal
Alt-Nassau
Durlach
Friedrichsfeld
Hochheim
Hochstaedt
Hoffental
Karlsruhe
Kronsfeld
Neu-Montal
Neu-Nassau
Reichenfeld
Rosental
Tiefenbrunn
Wasserau

Swedish Colonies

Alt-Schwedendorf
Klosterdorf
Muehlhausendorf
Schlangendorf

AREA 14
**Glueckstal &
Hoffnungstal
Colonies**

Mother Colonies

Bergdorf
Gluckstal
Hoffnungsfeld
Hoffnungstal
Kassel
Neudort

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Comparison by Category	30-Jun-22	6-Jun-21	20-Jun-19	2-Jul-18
Life Members	1,077	1,151	1,114	1,125
Sustaining Members	217	n/a	212	218
Standard Members	1,095	1,450*	1,238	1,343
Youth & Student Members	18	21	42	30
Organization Members **	58	22	43	44
TOTAL	2,465	2,644	2,649	2,760
New Members	382	404	406	421

* Includes Sustaining Members

** Includes Exchange Members

MEMBERSHIPS BY STATE, PROVINCE, AND COUNTRY

Alabama	4	Illinois	47	Montana	32	Rhode Island	2	Argentina	6
Alaska	9	Iowa	27	Nebraska	174	South Carolina	11	Australia	3
Arizona	74	Indiana	21	Nevada	21	South Dakota	20	Brazil	1
Arkansas	4	Kansas	169	New Jersey	3	Tennessee	9	Canada	120
California	357	Kentucky	4	New Mexico	16	Texas	90	Denmark	1
Colorado	328	Louisiana	4	New York	6	Utah	4	Germany	23
Connecticut	4	Maine	1	North Carolina	18	Vermont	1	Great Britain	2
D.C.	5	Maryland	18	North Dakota	16	Virginia	30	Mexico	1
Florida	30	Massachusetts	4	Ohio	20	Washington	148	Russia	3
Georgia	9	Michigan	86	Oklahoma	60	Wisconsin	81	Turkey	1
Hawaii	3	Minnesota	68	Oregon	99	Wyoming	36	United States	2,301
Idaho	35	Missouri	34	Pennsylvania	10				

STANDING RULES OF ORDER

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION OF AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF GERMANS FROM RUSSIA 2022 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AND ANNUAL MEETING STANDING RULES OF ORDER

LEGAL AND PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITIES:

The Colorado Revised Statutes, as Amended, Title 7: CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS, Articles 20 through 29: Nonprofit Corporations. The Articles of Incorporation as certified by and in the State of Colorado March 25, 1974, and amended August 9, 1974, and the Bylaws, as amended August 17, 2006.

Robert's Rules of Order, current edition, (as required by Bylaws Article X), in all cases not provided for by Colorado State Law, the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, or the following Standing Rules of Order.

STANDING RULES OF ORDER:

The following rules, adopted by the Board of Trustees and membership, shall prevail during the (year) Annual Meeting and, as appropriate, to Foundation business during the Joint Memberships Meeting.

1. Reports of officers shall be in writing, except those of the International Foundation President and Treasurer whose reports are limited to five (5) minutes.
2. Committee reports are limited to five (5) minutes, except for the Finance committee whose report is limited to 10 minutes.
3. A member making a motion must rise, state his/her name, address the Chair, and be recognized. The same rule applies to the member making a second.
4. All motions must be reduced to writing and must be submitted to the Chair at the time the motion is made. Any amendment to the motion as originally proposed must also be submitted in writing to the Chair at the time the amendment is made.
5. If proceedings give rise to discussion, a member may speak three (3) minutes for or against a motion. Timekeepers will present a one (1) minute and a thirty (30) second warning to the member so that he/she may conclude his/her remarks within the three (3) minute limit. A member may speak a second time to the same motion only after all others present and wishing to speak have been heard for the first time.
6. Except where written ballot is required by Robert's Rules of Order or Colorado State Law, all votes will be viva voce. The chair retains the right to require a show of hands or a standing count when a clear majority cannot be easily determined. When written ballot is required by Robert's Rules of Order, the Chair will make provisions for such a vote in an expeditious manner. When written ballot is required by Colorado State Law, the procedures required by the statute will be followed.
7. Except where two-thirds vote is required by the Bylaws, Colorado State Law or these Standing Rules, decisions will be by simple majority.
8. Except as required by Colorado State Law, decisions depend upon those members present at the Annual Meeting and voting. Any member, with just cause, may challenge the right of a person to vote. The roster of paid-up members of AHSGR, as maintained by AHSGR Headquarters staff, will determine a person's eligibility to vote (Reference Bylaws Article I. Membership).
9. Nominations will be governed in accordance with Article IV, Sections C, D, E, and F and Article VI, Section C of the Bylaws. A slate of candidates will be presented by the Nominations Com-

mittee. However, nominations from the floor are in order. Nominations from the floor shall be limited to one nomination speech of two (2) minutes and one seconding speech of one (1) minute for each nominee.

10. If there is only one (1) nominee to fill the Representation District position(s) on the Board of Trustees, a motion may be accepted that the individual(s) be elected by acclamation. All positions having more than one nominee require election by written ballot. A majority vote of the members voting elects.
11. In case of need, these Standing Rules of Order may be suspended by two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, except as dictated by the Legal and Parliamentary authorities listed above.

AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF GERMANS FROM RUSSIA 2021 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AND ANNUAL MEETING STANDING RULES OF ORDER

Legal and Parliamentary Authorities:

The Colorado Revised Statutes, as Amended, Title 7: CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS, Articles 20 through 29: Nonprofit Corporations. The Articles of Incorporation as certified in 1968 in the State of Colorado and the Restated Articles of Incorporation adopted June 25, 1977, and the Bylaws as adopted July 8, 2004, shall govern all proceedings of the Society.

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, current edition, in all cases not provided for by Colorado State Law, the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, or the following Standing Rules of Order.

Standing Rules of Order:

The following rules adopted by the Board of Directors shall prevail during convention general and business sessions.

1. Members are urged to assemble five (5) minutes before scheduled meeting time.
2. Reports of officers are limited to five (5) minutes (except that of the International President).
3. Committee reports are limited to three (3) minutes. A member making a motion must rise, state his/her name, address the Chair, and be recognized.
4. All motions must be made in writing and must be submitted to the Chair at the time the motion is made. Any amendment to the motion as originally proposed must also be submitted to the Chair in writing at the time the amendment is made.
5. If proceedings give rise to discussion, a member may speak three (3) minutes for or against a motion. Timekeepers will present a one (1) minute and a thirty (30) second warning so the member may conclude his or her remarks within the time limit.
6. A member may speak a second time to the same question only after those present and wishing to speak have had the opportunity.
7. Any member may present a Resolution to the Resolution Committee. Deadline is 24 hours prior to the scheduled Resolutions Committee report. Resolutions shall be presented only through the Resolutions Committee. Resolutions may be handed in at the Convention Registration Desk.
8. These Standing Rules of Order may be suspended by two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, except as dictated by the Legal and Parliamentary authorities listed above.

American Historical Society of Germans from Russia
Annual Membership Meeting
14 July 2021
(Online Zoom Conference Due to COVID-19 Pandemic)

CALL TO ORDER: The American Historical Society of Germans from Russia Annual Membership Meeting was called to order by President Mike Heil by 11:25 a.m. CST.

Welcome and Roll Call: Conference Channel A - *Mike Heil – Presiding*

President's Report: *Mike Heil –*

Quorum check to start the meeting – verified by both visual count of 100 attendees and verified in person attendees at AHSGR headquarters. Sue Nakaji is the appointed timekeeper and Jerry Siebert is Parliamentarian.

Message from Mike Heil – Acknowledgment of and thank you to all for attending our Annual Membership Meeting and the presence of both the Society and Foundation Boards attending this meeting. Thanks for coming on board and keeping things going.

Message from Mike – As my presidency winds down, I feel the organization is better considering all of the challenges of this past year, with COVID being at the top of the list. I consider this to be a significant achievement on the part of our board, staff and volunteers, as a year ago, COVID caused many major disruptions, with everything from the hours we allow visitations, to how we conduct meetings, to keeping staff protected in the work environment. At present, I know of no COVID exposures that occurred at headquarters, and I consider this a major accomplishment mixed with a lot of good fortune, for which we're all grateful.

Also, I'm credibly pleased with the progress of our new membership website platform that is underway. I'll say the opportunity to preserve our culture and sustain our organization is being given a new life in the digital world. I was not confident in starting the year with anything being done, other than the planting the seed, with the thought that we needed to improve our digital presence. What's happened, is that this concept took off and developed a momentum of its own. Of course, this had to do with volunteers, with a critical thanks to Lee Macklin and Dennis Zitterkopf. After watching Lee and the hundreds and hundreds of hours that he has put into this project. For me, this has been like learning to play "Chopsticks" on the piano, and then watching a virtuoso piano concert to see this performed. Thanks to Lee for bringing your professional expertise to this picture. It's really going to do wonderful things for this organization. The website isn't a done project, and it will take continual development and funding to digitize our records and preserve our culture in the virtual reality realm, as time goes on. Please keep this in mind, it will require continued maintenance and funding to sustain.

Another aspect is that our board remained intact this year, some position shuffling was done, and we're now back to full staff again, having replaced the entire staff at headquarters. Thank you to everyone that is new, and we really appreciate your help with the organization.

We've got a really high caliber convention program, and a thank you to the Convention Committee and Sue Nakaji. I know all the time that you've spent on this, thank you very much, and a big thank you to all of our presenters. Our Treffen Tuesdays have been an outstanding success and an innovation that seems to have come out of COVID, so a big thanks to Dodie and all of our presenters for helping sustain our organization in this fashion. Thank you to Dodie Rotherham for getting us going on all of the Treffen Tuesdays. We've been using Zoom to

keep all chapters in touch, with in-person meetings happening with a few chapters. All personnel at headquarters are wearing masks and appointments only for research requests for visitation. Aaron wrote and we received a \$5,000 grant for AHSGR. Headquarter goals are similar to the three goals of the strategic planning committee with chapter outreach being one of Aaron's top goals.

In summary, I took a look at the Fall President's message and all of the goals I set out and I'll just say that work was completed on all, with the priority of the digital improvement, a major accomplishment. So, in this past year, as I essentially pass the Presidency on, I just want to thank you for the opportunity to serve in this year. Continuing down the list, we've got a Secretary's report and a Treasury report available in the online convention book for you to review, so that we can keep this on schedule. Please look at this, as I spent some time reviewing this and I know there's a lot there, but if you look at this, you'll find that we're in good shape. We're sustaining and able to go ahead with some of these projects, including the digital world that we're stepping into now.

Secretary's Report: Cheryl Glanz, Secretary (Not mentioned during this Annual meeting by President Mike Heil; "Formality to call for approval of last year's meeting minutes, minutes are in Convention Program"; Nothing presented for approval in this meeting.)

Treasurer's Report: Sue Casseday, Treasurer (Not mentioned during this Annual meeting by President Mike Heil; "Formality to direct members to the audit by Dana Cole which is in the Convention Program"; Nothing presented for approval in this meeting.)

Standing Committee Reports:

These can be found in the online Conference Program on pages 40 -47.

Foundation Report: Peter Kaland, presenting-

Peter presented the overall financial status at this time of the Foundation and noted the financial reports, summaries, and notes can be found on pages 60 - 72 of the online Conference Program. Peter then introduced the current members of the International Foundation Board of Trustees and asked for a call to recruit for additional members to the Foundation Board of Trustees. Current members are Don Soeken, President; Donald Schenk, Vice President; Shari Stone, Secretary; Peter Kaland, Treasurer; Ron Brott, Donna Hill, Elizabeth Hoffmann, Robert Janke, Annette Reynolds, Bob Wagner, and Corrine Kohler.

Strategic Planning Committee: Karen Soeken, Chair –

Join a chapter, participate via Zoom – invite others to participate in AHSGR activities. Technology changes require funding but remember that technology changes mean an increased need for financial support. Focus on main three areas, but we desperately need your support and encouragement. Reach out to headquarters or Mike Heil.

Mike Heil commented about moving forward with support.

Bylaws: David Ralston presenting –

BOD approved two amendments to bylaws on pg. 46 & 47 of program; a third allow changes for quorum requirements.

Article XIX, Electronic Meetings (New): Allowing for electronic virtual meetings for Members, Board of Directors and Executive Committee, or any other committee. (See pg. 46 of Convention Program for full verbiage.)

Article VIII, Executive Committee, Section B: Grants Executive Committee authority to call a meeting by remote communication and allow this to constitute presence in person at the meeting for all purposes, including

quorum and voting, but only if remaining connected to the meeting via electronic means for the entirety of the meeting.

Article V, Section C: Change quorum requirements to – One hundred (100) members in good standing in attendance for the Annual Membership Meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Bill Dellos; Second by Shirley Wilcoxon.

Duane Stabler called for the question to vote. One nay – 104 present.

Motion Passed

Nominations: *Dodie Rotherham reporting–*

District Reapportionment occurs every four years. Every year 10 board positions change. If not elected at board meeting; positions remain open.

The nominating committee met via zoom Board of Director's meetings to determine open board positions and confirm candidates for those positions.

Currently 5 positions remain open and are identified in the 2021 Board of Directors Nomination's list in the conference online booklet.

All nominations, from the floor during the annual meeting, must have nominees' agreement to serve. Appointments for 1 year for remaining open positions will be filled by board appointments. Members interested in filling open positions by appointment must submit a resume to the nominating committee.

For a recap:

There are 30 board positions with 14 districts of the board. The number of board members for each district is based on the number of members in each district. The more AHSGR members in a district, the more board seats for the area. The district apportionment is reevaluated every four years.

10 board positions change each year, with board members leaving the board or electing to stay on for another term. If positions for the 10 members cycling off the board are not filled, the remaining positions are open for election during the next annual meeting.

This year, we had 17 openings which included the 10 board positions in this year's cycle. 12 of the vacancies have nominees and five remain open.

The following members have agreed to be elected to the board:

District 1 – California

Lee Macklin – 3 year term

Dodie Rotherham – 1 year term

District 4- Colorado

Sue Casseday – 3 year term

District 6 – Kansas

Robert Ahlbrandt – 3 year term

Kevin Rupp – 3 year term

District 7 – AZ, NV, NM, OK, TX, UT

Anna Bartowski – 1 year term

Bill Dellos – 3 year term

District 8 – Illinois and Wisconsin

Bill Doos – 3 year term

District 12 – AL, AK, CT, DE, FL, GA, KT, LA, ME, MA, MT, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, WV, VT, VI, Washington, DC

Karen Soeken – 2 year term

District 13 – Canada & Other Countries

Fabian Zubia Schultheis – 3 year term

District 14 – At Large

Gary Fuchs – 3 year term

Bill Doos Moved; Second Bill Dellos

Motion Passed

Vacancies – Nominations by Acclimation

information excerpts from your online program from Mike Heil:

Duane Stabler's ancestors immigrated to South Dakota from Klein Neudorf (Glueckstal), Hoffnugstal (Odessa and Bessarabia) and Worms (Beresan). He was raised in Eureka, South Dakota, and attended Northern State University. Duane married Dorothy Wangler whose ancestors are also from colonies in the Black Sea Region.

Duane's interest in his heritage began when he was six years old when he found out his grandfather was born in Russia. While living in Minnesota in 1982, he joined the North Star Chapter and attended his first convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he was identified as a 'Glueckstaller' by Art Flegel, which led Duane to become involved in the Glueckstal Colonies Research Association, where he is now the leader of the group. Duane served in many capacities in the North Star Chapter, including President, Vice President of Membership, Director and Webmaster. Through his efforts, the North Star Chapter became affiliated in 2005 with both AHSGR and GRHS. In 2018, Duane and Dorothy retired to Frisco, Texas, and he helped charter the North Texas Chapter, which was chartered as a joint chapter of AHSGR and GRHS. Duane was featured in the Dallas Genealogy Society news-

District 2 – Washington State and Alaska(1) 3-year position – Cycle 3 - *Remains Open***District 3 – Nebraska**(1) 1-year position - Cycle 1 – 1 year – *Remains Open***District 5 – Oregon**(1) 2-year position– Cycle 2 – 1 year remaining – *Remains Open***District 10 – Indiana, Michigan, Ohio**(1) 2-year position - Cycle 2 -1 year remaining – *Remains Open***District 11- Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri**(1) 1-year position – Cycle 3 – *Remains Open***District 12 –All other states**(1) 3-year position - Cycle 3– *Phillip Stuckert second call***District 14 – At Large**(1) 1-year position-Cycle 1 –*Remains Open**Call for elections-**Motion by Leanne Schlager; Seconded by Karen Soeken*

Distinguished Service Award: Mike Heil/ Karen Soeken presenting –

This award is presented by the Membership Committee, of which, Karen Soeken is Chair. Background

letter and had grown the North Star Chapter to over 50 members in six months. According to members of his chapter, "Duane's way of letting membership decide on the path we wanted to make it 'our' chapter and not 'his new chapter' by creating an atmosphere of ownership...The chapter now has a growing library, a Facebook presence, newsletter and website...He has continued to promote Germans from Russia and our chapter via email. He is also active in networking with others interested in genealogy in general and serving as a speaker for meetings and webinars."

Duane is an avid postcard collector, with over 5,000 postcards currently. Duane's alma mater recently exhibited 70 vintage cards from his collection. They were images of towns and rural locations known for having a substantial community of Germans from Russia. The AHSGR International Distinguished Service Award is presented to Duane Stabler on July 14, 2021, for exceptional and meritorious service.

Karen mentioned that a full biographical write up is on pg. 17 and on a poster at headquarters.

Mike Heil called Duane personal to present the award to Duane and commented that he is very deserving of this award.

Comments from Duane – Thank you and I'm very humbled by this honor. He thanked his mentors – Margaret Freeman; Lew and Donna Marquardt and the North Star Chapter were also a tremendous influence. With eight million people to find in the US. Challenge, Duane issued a challenge to all chapters to seek out others to join chapters. He was unsure about succeeding in North Texas but found AHSGR headquarters to be very helpful and supportive. He will share the award with the Chapter, as well.

Mike Heil expressed a big Thank You to departing board members. Please stay with the group and keep involved.

Next meeting in 2022 will be held in Lincoln, NE, and it will be a hybrid convention – both in person and online.

Mike Heil also mentioned that there are several members who have passed away this past year will be missed. Comments on perspective of the virtual meeting that could be helpful to those who can't travel in the future.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned by Mike Heil at 12:18 p.m. CST

Post-adjournment:

Thank you from Dodie to all members for joining.

Sue Nakaji announced that we have a prize drawing:

Winners and prizes:

Julie Mertz – Ancestry Kit from Ancestry.com

Nathan Bates – Heirloom Vault

Peter O'Neil - Family Tree Maker Software

Harley Behm – Two tickets from Edmonton Conference

More prizes on Thursday afternoon!

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Glanz, Secretary, AHSGR BOD Secretary

AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY GERMANS FROM RUSSIA INTERNATIONAL

2022 Board of Directors Nominations

Below is the Board of Directors nomination and election information. The data is separated by district. Listed are the names of current board members, their current terms, and the dates of terms they are serving. Board members are allowed to serve consecutive three-year terms. See the AHSGR bylaws for more nomination and election information (Article XII: Elections). Where terms begin in 2022 (*), the candidates listed are running unopposed and therefore will begin their new terms at the 2022 AHSGR Convention in Lincoln, Nebraska. Where terms are followed by (#) the individual is running unopposed to fill the remaining years of the position and will begin serving in that new role at the 2022 AHSGR Convention in Lincoln, Nebraska. Where vacancies are noted (+), there are no nominees. As stated in the bylaws, AHSGR will NOT mail ballots for Board of Directors seats that are uncontested.

District 1: California and Hawaii (4 seats)

Lee Macklin	First Term	2021-2024
Sue Nakaji	Third Term	2020-2023
Dodie Rotherham	Fifth Term	2022-2025*
Jerry Siebert	Eighth Term	2020-2023

District 2: Washington and Alaska (2 seats)

Mike Heil	Second Term	2020-2023
John Spady	First Term	2022-2024#

District 3: Nebraska (2 seats)

Nancy Borrell	Sixth Term	2020-2023
Heath Dumler	First Term	2022-2025*

District 4: Colorado (4 seats)

Sue Casseday	Third Term	2021-2024
Cheryl Glanz	Third Term	2022-2025*
Julie Hawbaker	First Term	2022-2025*
Delores Tippet	Second Term	2020-2023

District 5: Oregon (1 seat)

Vacancy		2022-2023+
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District 6: Kansas (2 seats)

Bob Ahlbrandt	Second Term	2021-2024
Kevin Rupp	Sixth Term	2021-2024

District 7: Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Utah (3 seats)

Anna Bartkowski	Second Term	2022-2025*
Bill Dellos	Fourth Term	2021-2024
Harold Penner	Third Term	2020-2023

District 8: Illinois and Wisconsin (1 seat)

Bill Doos	Fourth Term	2021-2024
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District 9: Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming (1 seat)

Michael Brown	Second Term	2022-2025*
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District 10: Indiana, Michigan and Ohio (1 Seat)

Vacancy		2022-2023+
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District 11: Iowa, Minnesota and Missouri (2 seats)

Sheri Ertl	First Term	2020-2023
Vacancy		2022-2025+

District 12: Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington D.C. (2 seats)

Karen Soeken	Fifth Term	2021-2023
Philip Stuckert	First Term	2021-2024

District 13: Canada and Other Countries (2 seats)

Marlene Michel	Third Term	2022-2025*
Fabian Zubia	First Term	2021-2024
Schultheis		

District 14: At Large (3 seats)

Gary Fuchs	Second Term	2021-2024
Kristine Jones	First Term	2022-2025*
Elizabeth Koch	First Term	2022-2025*

Ancestral Records/Genealogy Committee 2022 Annual Report

Members: Wayne Bonner, Mike Brown, Bill Doos, Sheri Ertle, Russ Gunther, Marlene Michel, Harold Penner, Dodie Rotherham (Chair), Kevin Rupp (Co-Chair), Fabian Zubia Schultheis, Philipp Stuckert

The Ancestral Records Committee had a busy year beginning with the expansion of the current library. The wall, which divided the library and the Board of Directors room, was removed, which expanded and doubled the library stack area for our organization. A generous space remains for board meetings and the Flegel Library was relocated to the newly expanded area. Additionally, we received, from the same foundation, a grant to begin digitizing the microfilm in our library. This is obviously a great step for our society and is part of our plan to digitize all our resources.

We welcomed new part time Librarian Ellen Vorderstrasse to our staff and have hired an Archivist, the first for our society, who will join our team in late June.

With our new website, our goal is to bring many of our products to our membership who cannot make it to Lincoln. Members will, in the future, be able to view many of our records on the new web site. We started this process this past year by placing the “passports to freedom” names online in flipbook format. We also placed the 1811 census records, of approximately 34 villages, on the web site in flipbook format for searching.

Treffen Tuesday is the new highlight of our committee bringing interesting programs from around the world to your home via ZOOM. These programs are presented on the last Tuesday of the month. Invitations are sent out to all members, every Tuesday, to register and join these fascinating programs. All sessions are free.

The small publishing group continues to purchase and translate records from Russia and make them available to members. To date, our group has published 79 printed documents of various vital statistics from a wide variety of villages. We continue to obtain records with the funding that is available for records. The records can be very costly, especially when we must pay for translations. Some of the villages in translation now: Engels, Graf, Urbach, Dietel, Balzer, and Anton to name a few.

Various other projects:

- ❖ EWZ Records – more information to be available for members later in 2023.
- ❖ Aussiedler Project – translation and transcription of cassettes of interviews of Germans from Russia will be available to our membership via our website as tapes are prepared.
- ❖ Letters From Hell (1920-1921 Completed) translated and printed in chronological order. The letters will be released as formatting is completed.
- ❖ Deportation Records – being prepared for member viewing – late 2023 or early 2024
- ❖ Village Coordinators – new guidelines will be presented this year
- ❖ German Origins - working to update for our website.
- ❖ Clues for 2024 – to be prepared for digital publication

Please be sure to read the AHSGR Newsletter for releases on new items as they become available.

Please contact the Committee Chair and or Co-Chair for additional information

Convention Management Committee Year End Report 2022

Committee Members: Susan Nakaji, Chair, Anna Bartkowski, Nancy Borrell, Bill Dellos, Cheryl Glanz, LaDonna Hunt, Kevin Rupp, Jerry Siebert, Shirley Wilcoxon. Adjunct members: Dodie Rotherham, Bob Ahlbrandt, Karen Soeken, Sheri Ertl, Sue Casseday, Claire Landolt, Jonathan Rowe, Deb Arenz and Ellen Vorderstrasse.

It takes many volunteers to host a Convention and I'd like to thank the Board members that have stepped up to help organize this convention. I would also like to thank the Headquarters staff for all the support and help provided. None of them have even been to a Convention and they have been real troopers in support of the Convention planning. Weekly Zoom meetings have been held since January.

All convention attendees are welcome to volunteer at the Convention. Check with the registration desk to sign-up.

Three tours are planned for Tuesday of this Convention, 1 full day tour to the Homestead Monument and Friend, NE and two ½ day tours: North and South Bottoms and the International Quilt museum. Three cooking classes are offered again this year: Sausage, Kuchen and Grebbel.

International speakers include Peter Hilkes from Germany, Fabian Zubia from Argentina and Lena Wolf from London all via Zoom. I hope in the future travel will be an option again. Over 25 in-person presentations are planned along with 9 Zoom presentations. Chapter Leaders and Village Coordinators will be invited to Zoom into those sessions if unable to attend in person.

Thursday has evening activities planned including German Russian card games, Village gatherings for the two largest Kantons: Frank and Norka; and the Research room will be open that evening.

Favorite activities such as the Quilt raffle, Kuchen break, Silent Auction, Bookstore and Research room are being planned.

Locations for the 2023 Convention are being reviewed and a 5-year plan for future Conventions is in the process of development.

Susan Nakaji

Editorial & Publications Annual Report 2022

Members: Anna Bartkowski, Mike Brown, Marlene Michel, Sue Nakaji, Kevin Rupp (Chair), Fabian Zubia Schulteis, Jerry Siebert, Delores Tippet

This past year we continue to collect articles for the Journal from various authors, but with the recent war in the Ukraine this has put some of our regular contributors on hold this past spring. We continue to translate and publish articles on the various villages as prepared by Olga Litzenberger in her recent books and translated by Alexander Herzog, please see the back issue of the Journal for these articles.

We continue to look for books that might be of interest to our membership and make them available in our bookstore. These include: Historisches Ortslexikon Der Wolgadeutschen, Band I:A-B by Olga Litzenberger, Eingekapitel Aus Der Geschichte Des Kolonisationsprojekts von Katharina II, 1763-1775m by George Rauschenbach, Letters from Hell, Book 1: Years 1920-1921, Savage Volga and a reprint of Wir Wollen Deutschen Bleiben as well as

two cookbooks, Family Recipes from German Traditions and Maggie's Farm to Table: Authentic German Recipes. Translation of the Kazakhstan Gedankebuch by Alexander Herzog has been completed and is now in the editing process while a new monograph on Siberia should be available in the AHSGR on-line bookstore at this time. We continue to publish a quarterly issue of the AHSGR Journal/Newsletter.
Kevin Rupp, Chair

Facilities Committee Annual Report 2022

Committee: Nancy Borrell, Sue Casseday, Harold Penner (Chair), Philipp Stuckert

At the Fall Board meeting, the committee toured the campus in Lincoln (as required by the Bylaws) and photographed areas that needed attention. The committee also worked on setting priorities and the method of obtaining bids to do the work.

At the Spring Board meeting, discussions and work sessions dealt with an internal fire-rated door that warped due to a door stop being added to it. Options were sought from the local Fire Marshal. Bids are being sought for a storage shed to replace the one that rotted away. The new shed will be placed on campus property that does not intrude on City easements. A new pest control contract has been awarded.

Efforts continue on other areas that need attention.

Harold Penner, Chair

Membership Committee Annual Report 2021-2022

Members: Sue Cassadey, LaDonna Hunt, Duane Stabler, Sheri Ertl (Chair)

This year, one of our goals was to determine just how many members AHSGR has. When we switched to the new website, Bob Ahlbrandt pointed out many discrepancies and inconsistencies. With his help and the committee's ongoing efforts to clean up the membership list, we are confident that as of May 16, 2022, Membership report says 2,467 members. This number includes all types of memberships: Standard (1083), Sustaining (208), Life (1080), Organization (76), Student (18), and Youth (2). In the future, we will be able to use this number as a base for determining membership goals.

One of the focuses of the committee was to determine the status of chapters. The first step was to update the chapter leaders' list. Then a survey was developed and sent out to chapters with 9 chapters returning them. Ongoing efforts are being made to reach out to individual chapter leaders to encourage participation. It is easy to jump to the conclusion that lack of submission always equates to lack of activity, but we don't think that is necessarily the case.

To help retain membership, the Committee launched the quarterly AHSGR Book Club. We also send out a recipe each month that encourages conversation and outreach.

The Committee helped the Northeast Kansas Chapter (Topeka) participate in the Heartland Family History Conference in Topeka by setting up a booth there and running an ad in their conference booklet. The chapter leaders and the committee chair talked to many people and established a presence with the Topeka genealogy community and elsewhere.

The committee also answered inquiries about a former chapter re-incorporating; and a possible new chapter.

With the help of Claire Landolt, the life membership certificate and chapter anniversary certificate were redesigned with an updated look consistent with the new branding.

Marketing And Public Affairs Committee Annual Report 2022

Committee members: Shirley Wilcoxon-Chairperson, Bob Ahlbrandt, Anna Bartkowski, Bill Dellos, Russ Gunther, Michael Heil, and Delores Tippet

The function of the Marketing and Public Affairs committee is to assist the society, all AHSGR chapters, members, committees, headquarters, and the website in promoting our news, activities, and events. The goal is to increase awareness of AHSGR resulting in increased membership. Please contact the marketing and public affairs committee when you have new publications, membership campaigns, activities, genealogical resources, village information, bookstore items, outreach activities, fundraising, or anything else you would like to have publicized. Branding guidelines and a form will be provided for you to use.

Other goals are to create public value and awareness; increase our sphere of influence outside of AHSGR; educate the public about the history, culture, heritage, and genealogy of AHSGR; establish new and dynamic means to improve the promotion of AHSGR, sell the benefits of being a member; expand social media on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, Pinterest, and other sources; do paid and free social media advertising; interact with other social media groups and pages; create specialty social media groups; and participate in conferences such as RootsTech, etc.

RootsTech Connect 2022 was the largest virtual three-day genealogical conference in the world attracting over a million attendees from 227+ countries. AHSGR was proud to be an exhibitor with a booth in the expo hall. We live-chatted with many attendees and other sponsors and exhibitors who visited our booth and learned about the history and heritage of Germans from Russia. We awarded four lucky entries with a one-year free membership and three \$25.00 shopping sprees in our online store. Several attendees joined AHSGR. Our welcome video highlighting all the benefits of AHSGR membership, museum tour video, three educational videos, searchable links to our website, five interesting downloadable documents, and society information are available for you to view at <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/expohall/american-historical-society-of-germans-from-russia>.

We established goals to center around social media and promotion to other similar groups and pages; We have identified materials and speakers for outreach and networking with other like-minded historical societies, genealogical groups, and libraries; created website materials and established special landing pages to track our promotions; improved our branding, tracked our analytics, analyzed the effectiveness, and adjusted accordingly.

We have had a very aggressive social media campaign designed to create brand awareness, promote AHSGR to multiple groups and pages, and to attract new members. Various themed posts have been made daily. Analytics are checked regularly for effectiveness. Our most successful post resulted in over 54,000 views and engagements. Since you are a member of the AHSGR team, we need your help. Please be an ambassador of AHSGR by sharing the social media posts with your chapter and other special interest groups. It is easy to do since we have created the content for you. It only takes three to five seconds to click on the share tab. Invite your friends and family to like and join our social media groups and pages.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Wilcoxon

Strategic Planning Committee Annual Report 2022

Members: Wilhelm Doos, Gary Fuchs (Chair), Cheryl Glanz, Mike Heil, Duane Stabler

1. Assign S&P Committee Member to support 2022 goals setting & progress against plans for three focus areas of the Strategic Plan: Financial, Outreach, Technological Innovation.
2. Determine SWOT framework for planning for next strategic planning process

FINANCIAL *Recognize and maintain consistent financial stability to support programs and priorities in addition to organizational obligations.*

Finance & Personnel Committee

- a. Establish annual operating budget
- b. Designate committee liaisons (bookstore, convention, membership, investments) to report quarterly on performance against plan

Strategic Planning Committee

- c. Collaborate with E&P, ARG & F&P to analyze and develop bookstore pricing strategy

Fundraising Committee

- d. Send out Holiday Fundraising letter
- e. Determine targeted foundation and develop letter template for solicitation

OUTREACH *Pursue opportunities to expand the Society's sphere of influence outside the organization and its membership to educate others about Germans from Russia.*

Membership Committee

1. Update the Life Membership contact list and review and revise Life Membership letter and certificate by December 31, 2021.
2. Member Retention & Outreach
 - a. Hold a Fall 2021 Membership Appreciation book drawing. Eight members chosen randomly during October and November received a book.
 - b. Distribute a membership email blast monthly with a short note and a graphic.
 - c. Send out handwritten notes to new members.
3. Member Recruitment
 - a. Continue to develop the multi-year educational program Discover Your Heritage.
4. Chapter activities
 - a. Develop chapter leadership job descriptions by November 30, 2021.
 - b. Update the Chapter leader contact information by November 30, 2021
 - c. Survey chapter leaders about their activity and needs by December 31, 2021.
 - d. Develop a plan for increasing communication and building better relationships between National and Chapters.
 - e. Host a Chapter presidents' Zoom meeting.

Convention Management Committee

1. Host an in-person Convention in Lincoln, NE on July 26-30, 2022, and host a Zoom component for those unable to attend in person
2. Solicit Company Sponsorships and individual donations for the convention.
3. Prepare a Convention program to reflect the many areas of Germanic settlement.

Ancestral Records & Genealogical Services

1. Publish a minimum of five village records (vital, military, family lists, communion records, etc.) to sell in AHSGR bookstore.
2. Sell a minimum of 3 years of the “Die Weltpost” famine letters 1920 – 1923.
3. Ongoing activities & research
 - a. Complete the formatting for the new publication of Kazakhstan Gedenkbuch.
 - b. Assess the materials in the vault to determine what needs to be done – digitizing, translating, archiving, etc.
 - c. Finalize the formatting of one aussiedler tape for posting on website.
 - d. Continue to translate and publish in the AHSGR journal the village essays written by Olga Litzenberger.
 - e. Work with contacts in Siberia and Kazakhstan to determine what is available from their historical archives and researchers.
 - f. Pursue ancestral record sites and repositories and, if possible, purchase for AHSGR collections.

TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION *Optimize the use of technology in supporting programs, the Society, and management of the organization.*

Technology Committee

1. Website Launch & Planned Enhancements
 - a. Support AHSGR members in accessing new ahsgr.org website.
 - b. Retire legacy YM system including archival of AHSGR data by January 31, 2022.
 - c. Complete initial batch of website enhancements including legacy membership data mapping issues, migrate membership processing to WooCommerce and Square, set-up MailChimp for member e-mail distribution, optimize export file for import of financial transactions to QuickBooks, add additional fields to Donations page and report, and add museum and intro videos.
2. Continue to enhance website to add content, improve data quality and make more user-friendly. Priority areas of focus include additional standard reports and ad hoc reporting capability, web-based convention registration, migration of donation processing to WooCommerce, add additional content, and improved site useability.
3. Support & Align with Committee Priorities
 - a. Support efforts of Ancestral Records/Genealogy Committee in digitizing records.
 - b. Partner with Ancestral Records/Genealogy Committee to define strategy for legacy PAF-based genealogy database used to store information from member’s Family Group Charts and Ancestral Charts.
 - c. Support efforts of Marketing Committee to deploy digital marketing methods
4. Ongoing technology innovation/best practices
 - a. Begin development of plan for future migration from AHSGR-owned server to cloud-based storage
 - b. Support HQ utilization of Microsoft tools for communication, information sharing and collaboration

Technology Committee

2022 Annual Report

Committee Members: Bob Ahlbrandt (Chair), Gary Fuchs, Lee Macklin, Marlene Michel, Duane Stabler, Philip Stuckert

The most significant achievement of the past year was the completion of the new website (<https://ahsgr.org>), culminating in go-live on December 8, 2021. This project was the result of the tremendous effort of a project team led by Lee Macklin, former Technology Committee chair Dennis Zitterkopf, and our web development service vendor, Lee Media Group. We successfully migrated our membership database, on-line store, publications, and research materials from the legacy website. It is a testament to our core values that this project was completed on time and on budget despite unanticipated challenges and complexity.

The new website provides a state-of-the-art platform that will accommodate ongoing addition of new content and enables direct contributions by content generators (e.g., Chapters). Several enhancements to the new website were completed after go-live. These enhancements improved the membership renewal interface and on-line payment process. Further enhancements are planned and will be released on an ongoing basis.

Members are encouraged to login to the website to access member-exclusive content. Please update your membership profile, including surnames and villages of interest. This will help other members connect with you. If you have difficulty logging in to the website, please contact AHSGR headquarters for assistance at help@ahsgr.org or (402) 474-3363.

In conjunction with the new website, a new Privacy Policy was released. This policy describes AHSGR's commitment to protect the personal information of users of AHSGR's services. This policy is posted on the AHSGR website at <https://ahsgr.org/privacy-policy/>.

We supported implementation of a new Library Management System, moving from ResourceMate to Apollo Bibliionix software. This is an industry-standard hosted solution accessible from our website (<https://ahsgr.bibliionix.com/catalog/>). As part of this change, the AHSGR library holdings are being barcoded.

Microsoft Teams is now being utilized to support headquarters, Board of Directors, and Committee activities.

We made several updates to the technology infrastructure supporting headquarters: a new phone system from Allo Communications, new Wi-Fi access points, and a new uninterruptible power supply for the server. We purchased equipment to support new staff positions as well as the regular equipment replacement program: 4 laptop computers/docking stations, 1 desktop computer, 5 monitors, 3 printers and 1 scanner. The service contract was renewed with Bizco Technologies for technology support of headquarters.

Submitted by Bob Ahlbrandt, Technology Committee chair

Finance & Personnel Committee

Annual Report 2022

Members: Nancy Borrell, Sue Casseday (Chair), Gary Fuchs, Russ Gunther, Dodie Rotherham, Jerry Siebert

The year 2021 was a challenging year. Going forward, Executive Director Deb Arenz along with our capable Office Coordinator Claire Landolt has resume responsibility of working with our accounting firm. The 2022-2023 budget was approved and adjusted at our April Board of Directors meeting. The year-end financial statement and auditor's report are included elsewhere in the Convention Manual. If anyone has questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

PROPOSED BYLAW REVISIONS

2022 Annual Meeting

The Board of Directors recommends the following revisions to the AHSGR Bylaws be considered at the 2022 Annual Meeting.

PROPOSED CHANGE	RATIONALE
<p>Article VI: Board of Directors</p> <p>Section F. The at-large District shall have three (3) representatives, no more than one (1) representative shall be from any one of the representation Districts.</p>	<p>Removing the limitation will make it easier to fill positions on the Board of Directors.</p>
<p>Article VI: Board of Directors</p> <p>Section L. Except herein provided, no person shall be appointed or elected to the AHSGR Board of Directors, who at any time within the past year, shall have served on the Board of Directors of AHSGR. No member shall serve simultaneously as a member of the Board of Directors of AHSGR and the Board of Trustees of the AHSGR Foundation.</p>	<p>It appears that the first sentence was intended to keep someone who had reached term limits from then being appointed to the board. However, term limits were removed in 2008.</p>
<p>Article VI: Board of Directors</p> <p>Section O. Any member of the Board of Directors may be removed with or without cause as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A director elected by the Membership may be removed by the Membership only at a meeting called for the purpose of removing that director. The meeting notice shall state that the purpose, or one of the purposes, of the meeting is removal of the director. The director may be removed only if the number of votes cast to remove the director would be sufficient to elect the director at a meeting to elect directors. 2. A director elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed by the vote of a majority of the directors then in office. 3. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for submitting a recommendation to the Membership or to the Board of Directors with respect to the removal of a director under the provisions of this Section O. The Executive Committee shall assemble such information as it deems necessary to substantiate its recommendation and provide sufficient notice to the director subject to removal and to the Membership or the Board of Directors in advance of the meeting that will consider the director's removal. At least one (1) member of the Executive Committee shall be present at the meeting to conduct the meeting and to respond to questions by those in attendance. 4. Upon receipt of the meeting notice, the director subject to removal shall be on leave of absence status with respect to the director's position on the Board of Directors until conclusion of the vote by the Membership or the Board of Directors. 	<p>Current Bylaws provide for the resignation of a member from the Board of Directors and replacement of that member. Adding Section O provides for removal of a member from the Board of Directors and complies with the Colorado Revised Statutes for Nonprofit Corporations, Section 7-128-108 – Removal of directors.</p>
<p>Article VII: Elections</p> <p>Section D. Nominations from the Floor</p> <p>3. If there is no nomination from the floor for an opening in a Representation District of a member from that District, out-of-District nominations will be accepted for the open position.</p>	<p>Currently if Board positions are not filled by elections, then the Board of Directors appoints member for a one-year term. The individual need not come from the district. Adding #3 allows for a minimum number of board members with temporary one-year appointments.</p>

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Karen Keehr

Karen Keehr recently joined the American Historical Society of Germans for Russia staff as the new Archivist in June 2022. Before joining the AHSGR team, Karen was the Curator of the Photograph Collection at History Nebraska for thirteen years. As Curator she also served as the Head of Digital Imaging and curated several photograph exhibits including *Doing Hard Time: Historic Nebraska Mug Shots* and *Start Your Engines!*. Originally from Minnesota, Karen has enjoyed studying and preserving Nebraska history for over 22 years. She did her undergraduate work at Winona State University in Winona, Minnesota and received her Masters degree in Public History from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, NM. Before joining History Nebraska, Karen was the Curator of Research at Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer in Grand Island, NE for nine years where she worked on two books of photographs, *Grand Island and Hall County* and *Grand Island: the Julius Leschinsky Photographs*. She has also proudly served on the Nebraska Museums Association board since 2000.



beginning genealogists get started with their Family Research.

Ellen Vorderstrasse

Ellen Vorderstrasse is the Librarian at AHSGR headquarters since August of 2021. Ellen started working in libraries in 2003. She obtained a bachelor's degree in Library Science from University of Maine and went on to complete her Master of Library Science & Information Studies at Texas Woman's University. She has worked for several libraries, including Fairbury Public Library, (Reference & Circulation Librarian, and Library Director) Lincoln City Libraries, (Bookmobile and Eiseley Branch,) Southern Public Schools as the High School Librarian, and Library Director at the Plymouth Public Library.



Ellen and her family operate a family farm, in a German community in Southeast Nebraska. She has three grown sons and one grand-daughter. Ellen enjoys many outdoor activities as well as managing a farm. She spends time with her horses, ponies, mule and donkey, a few farm cats and 3 dogs. Other hobbies include reading and audio books, spending time in the Ozarks, hiking, and travel. Ellen is also a stained and fused glass artist and enjoys making glass art in her home artist's workshop.

"I enjoy the history at AHSGR and working with people learning more about their family histories and the challenges faced by their ancestors. I am familiar with the immigration experience as my grandparents and mother traveled from Denmark in 1926 to settle in the western Nebraska sandhills. Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of AHSGR!"

Mike Meisinger

Mike Meisinger has been researching his father's German Russian ancestors ever since he wrote a college term paper about the Germans from Russia in 1973. He is a past Vice President of the AHS-GR Board Directors and is the Villlage Coordinator for Messer and Neu Messer.



Three of his mother's ancestors were Revolutionary War Soldiers, and through that heritage, he is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

He was a volunteer assistant at the National Archives in Kansas City from 2012 until it was closed to the public due to COVID-19 in 2020. As a volunteer he helped

Timothy Kloberdanz

Dr. Timothy J. Kloberdanz is a Professor Emeritus at North Dakota State University in Fargo. An AHSGR Life Member, he traces his ancestry to a number of Volga German colonies, particularly Rothammel and Seewald. For many years, he and his wife Rosalinda served on both AHSGR boards. Dr. Kloberdanz is an anthropologist, folklorist, novelist, poet, teacher, editor, translator, and writer. To date, he has authored or co-authored ten books and numerous articles, essays, and poems. In 2001, Dr. Kloberdanz received the North Dakota Governor's Award in recognition of his efforts to promote folklore and folk art education in the schools. He also received the Distinguished Service Award from AHSGR in 1999.



Nathan Bates

Although his ancestral roots do not connect to the Germans from Russia heritage group, Dr. Nathan Bates is fascinated by their story and continuing legacy. After receiving his bachelor's and master's degrees in German from Brigham Young University in Provo, UT, he received his PhD in Germanics from the University of Washington in June 2018. Since August 2018 he has taught all levels of German at the University of South Dakota, in addition to honors courses and a course on foreign language teaching methods. Originally from Washington state, Dr. Bates currently resides in Vermillion, SD with his wife and three children.



The project "German in South Dakota" was made possible by a generous grant from the South Dakota Humanities Council and the USD College of Arts and Sciences. Initial research was conducted at the Heritage Hall Museum and Archives in Freeman, SD in the Summer of 2021. This fall semester, Dr. Bates will teach a course on German language and immigration in South Dakota to undergraduate students.

Wayne Bohnner

Wayne Bonner has been interested in his ancestry since childhood. He would often ask his mother questions about life in the German South Bottoms of Lincoln where she was born and later raised in Chicago. Wayne could never understand how a German could be born in Russia. As Wayne grew older and got into genealogy, this question continued to intrigue him. Finally, one day through a serendipitous event, his family discovered the AHSGR. At the first meeting, his age old question was finally solved, but it only lead to more questions. Through his quest for more information, Wayne has pushed his research beyond Russia into the German origins of the Volga German settlers which is his primary interest today in addition to assisting fellow Balzer and Moor researchers. Wayne has been a member of the Southern California Chapter of AHSGR since 1983. He has been the village coordinator for Balzer for about 25 years and village coordinator for Moor for over 20 years. His ancestry is primarily English and Irish, with a little French Canadian and Pennsylvania German. He also has a drop of Native America heritage. In addition to his life membership in AHSGR, Wayne is a member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants through his father's lineage, and the Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) of Canada.



Maggie Hein

Maggie is one of the AHSGR Village Coordinators for the village of Frank. Her current research project is to identify the German and French origin locations of all of the settlers in Frank and Kolb.

When she isn't doing genealogy research, she is a tax accountant and co-owner of a CPA firm in the Chicago suburbs. Maggie writes a blog provides explanatory material that would be helpful to anyone attending the session. <https://www.volgagermans.org/blog>



Fabian Zubia

Prof. Fabian Zubia Schultheis is a Professor in History and works at the College of Librarians in Buenos Aires City teaching History of Cultural Processes and History of Books and Libraries. He also works at the National Library of Argentina as cataloger of Special Materials (old maps and ephemeral material). He is co-coordinator of Dönhof and Neu Dönhof at the AHSGR since 2017.



Robert Ahlbrandt

Bob Ahlbrandt, PhD, is currently serving as Vice President of the AHSGR Board of Directors. He is chair of the AHSGR Technology Committee providing strategic direction and oversight of AHSGR's technology supporting our Headquarters Museum and Library as well as our virtual capabilities including ahsgr.org. Bob also serves as the Coordinator of Village Coordinator activities and is currently President of the Greater Kansas City chapter of AHSGR.



Bob holds a BS from the University of Missouri, and MS and PhD in Statistics from Colorado State University. Bob spent 30 years working in pharmaceutical research and development supporting global registrations of innovative new medicines. After retiring, he has spent more time exploring his Volga German ancestry (paternal ancestors from Grimm, maternal ancestors from Balzer and Rosenberg) and has gotten more actively involved in AHSGR.

Carolyn Zessiet

Carolyn Zeisset is author of the historical fiction novel *Then the Rules Changed* (2022). She will talk about the story behind the story, history of the mass 1870s emigration of German-speaking people from South Russia (Ukraine) to the American Great Plains, and comparisons between historical and current events in Ukraine.

The book is written from the perspective of a child. It has a substantial readership among adults, especially grandparents, who find that it opens conversations about their family's stories.



Carolyn is an educator who has taught and developed curriculum at preschool, elementary, middle school, and adult levels in public school, religious education, and business settings. Among publications is a 350 page cultural and genealogical history of her maternal family, *A Mennonite Heritage* (1975). She is currently researching and writing a sequel novel about American Germans from Russia during World War I.

Jamie Swartz

Jamie Swartz is the Collections Assistant at International Quilt Museum. As the Collections Assistant, Jamie assists in the accessioning recent acquisitions, care of the collection and photography. Jamie holds the unique distinction of having worked in three different departments at IQM: Collections, Exhibitions and Operations. In addition to his duties in Collections, Jamie also does main gallery exhibition lighting design.



LaDonna Hunt

Reared on a farm in Western Oklahoma. Graduated from HS from CBA (Corn Bible Academy) and graduated with a BS in Education from SW University in Weatherford. Taught school for 11 years. Was an independent Insurance Agent working mostly with the Retired Firefighters. Directed several Church Choirs. and com-



munity choirs, directed a children and youth program at Linwood UM Church. She has two daughters and 11 grandchildren.

Mila Koretnikov

Dr. Mila Koretnikov, whose mother's Volga German family was deported to Siberia from the colony of N. Dobrinka in 1941, is a lecturer in cross-cultural communication at the Cooperative University of Baden-Württemberg in Karlsruhe, Germany, and a teacher of Business English at Hochschule für Technik und Wirtschaft in Karlsruhe, Germany. She has also spoken world-wide on the subject of Volga German culture and history, and serves on behalf of the AHSGR, GRHS, and Volga German Institute at UNF as a lead researcher and translator for interactions with Russian archives. Since 2015 Dr. Koretnikov has been leading tours to ancestral villages in the Volga area. She grew up in Russia and holds degrees from Saratov State University. She did post-doc study at the University of Wyoming. You are welcome to email her at koretmila@gmail.com.



Sister Alice Pfeifer

Sister Alice Ann Pfeifer, CSA, was born in Hays, Kansas, in 1953. After entering the Sisters of St. Agnes in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, she earned a B.A. in English at Marian College of Fond du Lac, an M.A. in English at Milwaukee's Marquette University, and an M.A. in Pastoral Studies at St. Joseph's College of Maine. Before retiring, she was an English teacher, religious education writer and editor, and Catholic missionary serving in Russia.



Marilyn (Reh) Murray

Recognized internationally as an educator, theorist, author, and psychotherapist, she was a pioneer in the treatment of trauma, abuse and deprivation, and their correlation with addictions. She began creating and teaching her Murray Method theory and treatment modalities starting in 1983. She has taught her method for universities in the US and internationally with students from 40 countries



From 2002 to 2018, she lived and worked nearly half-time in Russia where she presented her method to over 4,000 health professionals and clergy in the former USSR. She also has been a guest professor at major Russian universities including Moscow State University. There are Murray Method International Centers in Moscow, Russia, Poltava, Ukraine and Dushanbe, Tajikistan. She will be presenting her method and meeting with Murray Method Instructors in Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan this coming August and September.

Her column, Time to Live was a regular feature in The Moscow Time in 2012-2014. She is the author of Prisoner of Another War, and The Murray Method...Creating Wholeness Beyond Trauma, Abuse, Neglect and Addiction - both available in English and in Russian.

Her paternal grandparents were born in small villages near Saratov and immigrated to America. Unfortunately, their families who remained in Russia suffered greatly under the Stalinist terror and repression. Marilyn has visited her family villages numerous times and has a special love for this country. She also has cousins in Siberia and other parts of Russia.

She has been a life member of AHSGR since 1998 and has shared her knowledge of Russia at previous AHSGR conventions.

Peter Hilkes

Peter Hilkes is a very well-known lecturer and researcher at Ludwig Maximilian University and Ukraine Free University in Munich. In addition, he works as a program coordinator for the House of Resources in Munich, a network of Migrant organizations.



He has published on German minorities in the Soviet Union and the successor states as well as on integration issues in Germany regarding transformation in the educational system, with a specific emphasis on Ukraine.

Peter was the head of the information and coordination office for German-Ukraine relations in Berlin (2002-2008) and Senior Civil Society Expert of a non-government organization project at OSCE In Kiev in 2006.

Peter is extremely involved with the current Ukraine situation and the people fleeing to escape the horrors of the Russian invasion of their country.

Carolyn Schott

Carolyn Schott has researched her German ancestors for more than 20 years. She's a founder of the Black Sea German Research Community, a former board member of the Germans from Russia Heritage Society, and author of the book, "Visiting Your Ancestral Town."



Dr. Ann Braaten

Ann Braaten is an associate professor in Apparel, Retail Merchandising and Interior Design at North Dakota State University in Fargo. She curates the Emily Reynolds Historic Costume Collection at NDSU, an archive of clothing and textiles reflecting the region, fashion, and International dress. ERHCC houses the textile and clothing collection of the Germans from Russia Heritage Collection at the NDSU Libraries. Braaten has studied



the dress of the Germans from Russia of the Black Sea region for the 20 years.

Anthony Leiker

Tony Leiker was born in 1938 on a farm near Liebenthal, Ks in Rush Co. to Alex A and Christina (Enslinger) Leiker. He graduated from Fort Hays State University. Tony took a tour group to Russia and to the Volga colonies in 2003. Tony and Kevin Rupp ordered the census data on almost all the Catholic villages from Pavel Leus and Igor Pleve. Tony's database includes over 222,000 individual Volga German descendants.



Sandy Schilling Payne

Born in Washington State to Germans from Russia parents from South Dakota, Sandy Schilling Payne moved several times before the age of five when her family finally settled in New Mexico. There she grew up and attended New Mexico State University where she earned a BA majoring in both Journalism & Mass Communications and English. Upon graduation, she went into the field of information technology. She has been involved in genealogy research since 1994 and has traced her roots through the Glückstal and Kutschurgan colonies. Sandy is a founder and the author of the Germans from Russia Settlement Locations project, a geographical genealogy resource created with Google MyMaps.



Ellen Laubhan

Ellen Laubhan has spent the last 10 years researching the earliest German pioneers and writing "The Empress' Gift: The Volga Frontier," an historical fiction novel released in 2022 by Rowe Publishing. Growing up in a small Texas Panhandle farm community



of predominantly Volga Germans, Ellen knew just enough to understand her heritage was unusual. She was in college when her grandparents, Martha (Ehrlich) and Jona Laubhan, presented her with a book called “Ehrlich: a Family History, 1763-1970.” Reading historical fiction over the next 40 years, Ellen felt a growing need to tell the exciting, tumultuous story of the unflinching resolve of these amazing pioneers. After retirement, she researched and wrote a book about the earliest Volga German pioneers, resulting in her debut novel. Ms. Laubhan is a member of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (AHSGR) and Wyoming Writers, Inc.

Philip C. Bryan

Semi-retired surgeon of nearly 50 years. Graduate of Enid High School Enid Oklahoma, Oklahoma Christian University and University of Oklahoma School of Medicine. Board certified by the American College of Surgeons in Surgery. Performed volunteer surgery in Africa, Honduras and Guatemala. Currently run a charity wound care clinic. His maternal grand father was a Bessarabian German and maternal grandmother was a Volga German.



Lauri Jean Swett

Lauri Jean Swett is a presenter, researcher, writer, and volunteer living in Kansas City. She is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and the current president of APG's Heartland Chapter. She is a ProGen graduate and has a certificate in written story telling. She researches in the United States, Canada, and Scandinavia. She specializes in the Midwest and Sweden.



Lena Wolf

Lena Wolf currently lives in London, but grew up in Kazakhstan as a child of Germans from Russia parents. Both of Lena's parents were born in German villages, her father near Rostov on Don and her mother in Zaporozhye. Both were deported in 1941 to Kazakhstan. Lena's family moved to Germany in 1990. She completed her two degrees, BA in Linguistics, and a Master's in Management Studies, in Wellington, New Zealand. Lena is currently working on a graphic novel about the history of Germans from Russia in the Soviet Union.



Lena is always happy to meet other Germans from the Russian Empire and hear their stories. She will be happy to answer any questions.

Mark Olsen

Mark Olsen is the Family Tree Maker Ambassador to historical and genealogical societies around the world working to support their members as they use Family Tree Maker. Mark is a graduate of Brigham Young University and holds a bachelor's degree in Family History with a Spanish records emphasis. He has been working in the genealogy industry since 2007.



Eleanor O Brinsko

Eleanor Brinsko is a professional genealogist who specializes in Scandinavian-American genealogy by looking at genealogical and social trends on both sides of the Atlantic. She also teaches a graduate-level genealogy course for the University of Wisconsin-Madison's iSchool and has contributed to “Henry Louis Gates Jr.'s Finding Your Roots” on PBS.



Eric J. Schmaltz

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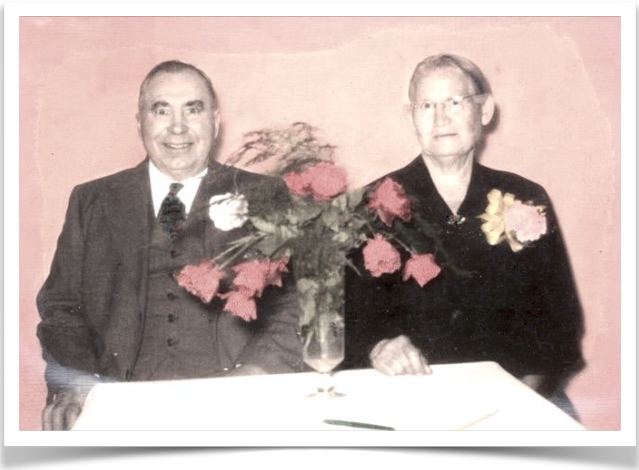
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My Immigrant Ancestors:
Conrad and Anna Margaretha (Jäger) Hopp
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Frank, Saratov, Russia
To Odessa, Washington
May 13, 1913


I am very Thankful that my
Great Grandparents
Conrad and Anna
Margaretha Hopp
emigrated from Frank.
Russia, with their three

young children. They
sailed on the Prinz
Adalbert, leaving from
Hamburg, Germany on
April 18, 1913. They
arrived in Philadelphia, PA

on May 4, 1913 and then
rode the train to Odessa,
Washington. Settling on a
wheat farm in the Odessa
area, they raised a family of
seven children.

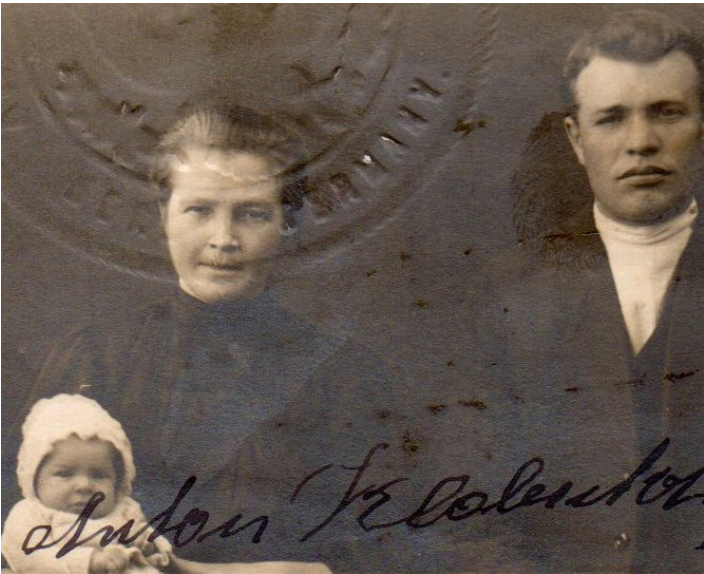


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JOHANNES DALHAIMER &
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