



The annual Board of Directors meeting of the Dunham-Singletary Family Connections dba Dunham Genealogy Research Association was held on Sunday March 22, 2020 at 1:00 pm Pacific PDT via conference call. The meeting was announced in advance to members on the Website and Facebook.

President Jeff Dunham called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm PDT. Board Members present were: Selma Blackmon (VP & Dir), John Duguid (DNA Project Coordinator & Dir), Audrey Hancock (Dir), Gratia Mahony (Historian & Dir), Jacquelyn Coniglio (Dir), James Streeter (Treasurer & Dir), Trudy Dunham (Secretary, Asst. Treasurer & Dir), Eric Stoltz (Dir) and Jeff Dunham (Pres). Board Member Lisa Eschenburg was absent.

Election Committee Report: The current board members agreed to continue their participation and role on the board for next 2 years, and were placed on the ballot:

President & Director Jeff Dunham
Vice President & Dir. Selma Blackmon
Secretary, Asst. Treas.& Dir. Trudy Dunham
Treasurer & Dir. James A. Streeter
Historian & Dir. Gratia D. Mahony
Dir. & DNA Coordinator John D. Duguid
Director Jacquelyn Coniglio
Director Eric Stoltz
Director Audrey Hancock
Director Lisa Eschenburg

Thirty-four of the sixty-two ballots sent out were returned, and the slate of directors were elected. A motion was made by James Streeter, seconded by Jeff Dunham to accept the election results. John Duguid moved the officers continue in their current roles, seconded by Gratia Mahony; the motion passed.

Secretarial Report: The minutes of the 2019 Board meeting were presented. It was moved by Trudy Dunham and seconded by Gratia Mahony to accept the minutes as posted online at <http://www.dunham-singletary.org/mw/images/c/cd/SecReport-Mar2019.pdf> . The motion carried.

Treasurer Report and 2020 Budget: James Streeter presented the Treasurer Report, posted online at <http://www.dunham-singletary.org/mw/images/4/42/FinReport-2019.pdf>. It was moved by Jeff Dunham and seconded by John Duguid to accept the report.

The 2020 organizational budget was presented:

2020 Budget	Amount
Annual Corporation Reporting Fee	20.00
Federation of Genealogical Societies	45.00
Research Fees and Supplies - Gratia Mahony	1,800.00
Domain Registration - paid to 1 May 2020	0.00
Board Meeting Teleconference expense	25.00
Total	1,890.00

Jeff Dunham moved and Audrey Hancock seconded acceptance of the budget as presented. The Board discussed the possible need during 2020 to move funds for marketing, domain hosting and renewal of the domain name. The budget was adopted as presented.

Dunham DNA Report: John Duguid presented on the DNA Project. There are 172 people in the Family Tree Dunham-Singletary Y-DNA group of which 124 have had their Y-DNA tested, and 48 others (women and untested men) in the group. (Names similar to Dunham (e.g. Denham) are counted as Dunhams.) The Dunham lines are as follows:

Haplogroup I-M253 - Deacon John = 44 members
Haplogroup I-M253 - not named Dunham = 8
Haplogroup I-M223 - Dunham/Singletary = 30
Haplogroup I-M223 - not named Dunham/Singletary = 2
Haplogroup R-M269 - Dunhams of Anglo-Saxon origin = 13
Haplogroup R-M269 - non Dunhams = 15
Haplogroup R-M201 - Dunhams = 3
Haplogroups various - Dunhams = 2
Haplogroups various - non Dunham or Singletary = 7
TOTAL= 124

During the past year we were contacted by the administrators of a Family Tree DNA researching the origins of Scandinavian Haplogroups. One of our members belongs to both our Deacon John Haplogroup, M253, and one of theirs, Z382. They were interested in what connections existed between the two Haplogroups. To further this research we offered to split the cost of upgrading our member to the Y700 level, the highest that Family Tree offers. Our member agreed, and the testing was completed. Following is the information we received from the Scandinavian group in response to the Y700 test:

"On behalf of the Z382 project, thank you to the Dunham project for their kindness and dedication to this hobby of ours. The currently known Dunham SNP path from I-M253 goes as follows:
M253+ DF29+ Z58+ Z59+ Z2041+ Z2040+ Z382+ FGC68575+ FT54722+ BY68780+ BY72514

The Z382 (mutation occurred during the Nordic Bronze age, circa 1300 BCE) has its origins in southwestern Sweden, likely in or around Skane County. Currently all FT54722+ kits have their origins in England. Probability would suggest that this line arrived in England with the Danes, though a Norman origin is also possible. Currently there is no evidence to tie Z382 to Normandy, so I would surmise a 75% probability of a Danish Viking origin and 25% probability of a Norman origin. Though, there is still much to be learned!"

Thus, it seems assured that there is Nordic DNA in the Deacon John ancestry. There is nothing unusual in this because Danish kings ruled northeast and central east England, and battled with the Anglo-Saxons for control of the entire country. After all, Hamlet was a prince of Denmark.

It was moved by Trudy Dunham and seconded by Gratia Mahony to accept the DNA Project Report as presented; the motion carried.

Dunham's in America – Research and Newsletters Gratia Mahony reported on the status of her research and the quarterly newsletters.

The quarterly newsletter for all issues in 2019 focused on answering long standing research questions about the Dunham/Donham family. The difficulty in getting the records and the results of DNA testing, the work on the Dunham line in Nova Scotia resulted in a “double issue” (for January and April 2019). While it answered some questions about this family who went from Massachusetts to Deer Isle, Maine and then some moved over into Nova Scotia, a lot of research on the Nova Scotia Dunhams remains.

The July 2019 issue included research on the Piscataway NJ family descending from Benajah² Dunham. We worked with John Ford on his quest to prove that his ancestor Elizabeth Dunham who married Samuel Mundy was a Mayflower Descendant (of Edward Fuller). In June 2019 John Ford received notification from the Mayflower Society that his application had been approved. This is the third time that our research assistance has been accepted to prove a Mayflower line.

The October newsletter contained an article detailing a circumstantial case and evidence that Nathaniel Donham who went to Clermont County OH was a descendant of the Dunham-Singletary line from Woodbridge, NJ. We worked with James Donald Donham whose DNA results led to review of this line and resulted in the evidence case article.

Publishing of Dunham lines is an important step in making our joint research efforts available to the public. While part of next year's report, the January 2020 article on the use of Ancestry's "ThruLines™" has already resulted in at least two of the members of DGRA using this new technique. We should add the ThruLines project to the website. Board members are encouraged to inform Gratia and Jacqui of Dunham landmarks, including roads,

Jeff Dunham moved and John Duguid seconded the research and newsletter report. The motion carried.

Website Status – DGRA / DS-FC: James Streeter and Jeff Dunham presented on the organization's website, <http://Dunhamgenealogy.org/>. Several revisions planned for 2019 have not yet been accomplished, and will be pursued in 2020. We plan to add autosomal testing information and a database of autosomal info, and links to tools that list common matches between 2 people. We plan to add different levels of membership based on contribution and easier way to donate for research and memorials. We plan to add brief bios of the Board members which would be linked from their name on the Board roster. James Streeter will design the buttons for PayPal and other features; and Jeff Dunham will create other needed pages. We will continue to explore enhancements to the appearance and ease of use of the website. We need to renew the domain name before May, and likely will need to move the site to another server in the coming months. Gratia Mahoney asked that updates to the site be sent to her for inclusion in the newsletter. It was moved by Jacquelyn Coniglio and seconded by James Streeter to accept the Website Report; the motion carried.

There being no further business, it was moved by Jeff Dunham and seconded by John Duguid to adjourn. The 2020 Board meeting was adjourned at 4:57 pm PDT.

*Minutes submitted by Trudy Dunham, Secretary
March 24, 2020*