



The annual Board of Directors meeting of the Dunham-Singletary Family Connections – Dunham Genealogy Research Association was held on Sunday March 18, 2018 at 1:00 pm Pacific PDT – 4:00 pm EDT via conference call.

President Jeff Dunham called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm. PDT. All Board Members were present: Selma Blackmon, Jacquelyn Coniglio, John Duguid, Jeff Dunham, Trudy Dunham, Audrey Hancock, Gratia Mahony, Eric Stoltz, James Streeter. No guests were present.

Election Committee report was presented by Trudy Dunham, Chair. The Directors and officers listed below were elected by the members who returned their ballots (32 of the 56 ballots mailed out):

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

Nominations were opened for Secretary. Trudy Dunham submitted her name in nomination, and it was moved by Gratia Mahony and seconded by Jackie Coniglio to accept Trudy as Secretary for the Association. The motion carried.

It was moved by James Streeter and seconded by John Duguid to adopt the Elections report. The motion carried. Audrey Hancock was welcomed into the group as a director.

Secretarial Report: The minutes of the 2017 Board meeting were presented. It was moved by James Streeter and seconded by John Duguid to accept the minutes as posted online at <http://www.dunham-singletary.org/mw/images/0/0e/SecReport-Apr2017.pdf>. The motion carried.

Treasurer Report: James Streeter presented the Treasurer Report. The online Report lists the balances as of 12/31/17; balances as of 13 March 2018 were: General 7037.78 – DNA 399.38 – Research 234.41 – Total 7671.57 plus 18.98 on PayPal. The Association current Membership stands at 57, which is down. Income from dues is insufficient to meet annual expenses, but the amount in the general fund is sufficient to carry us for a couple years. It was moved by John Duguid and seconded by Trudy Dunham to accept the Treasurer Report as posted online at: <http://www.dunham-singletary.org/mw/images/c/c7/FinReport-2017.pdf>. The Board discussed a possible increase in the Association dues; no increase was determined to be needed at this time. The motion carried.

2018 Proposed Budget: James Streeter presented the Proposed Budget for 2018:

Annual Corporation Reporting Fee, register dba Federation of Genealogical Societies	40.00	Paid to state of Montana
Research Fees and Supplies	45.00	dues
	1,800.00	Paid to Gratia Mahony
Domain Registration	00.00	Donation by Jeff Dunham
Total	1,885.00	

It was moved by Jeff Dunham and seconded by Audrey Hancock to accept the budget as proposed. The board discussed whether there would be a cost associated with creating a new logo; no costs were anticipated. The motion carried.

DNA Project Report: John Duguid presented the DNA Project Report. The Project includes 144 people (109 men and 35 women; the women are not included in the statistics below).

- Haplogroup I-M253 - Deacon John = 40 members
- Haplogroup I-M253 - not named Dunham = 4 members
- Haplogroup I-M223 - Dunham/Singletary = 31 members
- Haplogroup R-M269 - Dunhams of Anglo-Saxon origin = 18
- Haplogroup R-M269 - non Dunhams = 1
- Haplogroups various - Dunhams = 5
- Haplogroups various - non Dunham or Singletary = 10

It was moved by Gratia Mahony and seconded by Jeff Dunham to accept the report as submitted. The Board discussed current costs (\$162 for 37 markers, \$261 for 67 markers and \$352 for 111 markers), the value of autosomal testing, and periodic sales for DNA tests. The DNA costs listed on our website need to be updated. It was agreed that the Association newsletter should include articles on the value of DNA testing and autosomal tests in the near future; Jeff and Eric will write or contribute to these. If a DNA test is ordered when a sale is in effect, we can credit back the fee different paid. (The next newsletter will be published April 15). The report was adopted as submitted.

Research Report: Gratia Mahony presented the Research Report.

The Association Research goal is to disseminate the results of the research conducted by Historian Mahony (or with other researchers) via the Association newsletter and website. Email and social media queries are also answered, drawing on previous research and new efforts. In 2017 6 queries took considerable time and research to answer. Sometimes (in the case of the Mormon Dunhams in Allegany Co. NY) these queries turn into articles. Gratia tries to address all the Dunham lines in the newsletter.

In 2017 the following topics were addressed by articles:

15 January, 2017: Article on Mellie Dunham, fiddler from Oxford County, Maine (line of Deacon John Dunham); article on George Comley Dunham of St. Johns, New Brunswick Canada (line of Dunham Singletary of Woodbridge NJ). Article on Dunham's Station, Tennessee, and Belle Meade Mansion (line of early Joseph Dunham, prob. of Scots-Irish descent)

15 April, 2017: Article by Jackie Coniglio about her Dunham ancestry from Wisconsin (line of Deacon John Dunham). Article about James Sears Dunham, tugboat captain and Chicago River (line of Deacon John Dunham)

15 July, 2017 Editorial Comment; excerpt from newsletter "it is time to publish my hypothesis about the lines of Dunhams whose vital, historical or genealogical records have not been found by me, or whose records no longer exist...by publishing the results of our research, we can record our work so that a researcher in the future may perhaps build upon them." Thus, I am beginning to publish this kind of work and will continue it over the next year. Article in this newsletter on the line of Dennis Dunham/Donham of New Jersey and Kentucky, (line of Dunham-Singleton of Woodbridge NJ)

15 October 2017: Article (with a descendant of this line) on the Mormon Connection and discovery of Allegany County NY Dunhams, a large branch of the Deacon John line which now needs to be worked into the numbering system of this line on the web site.

15 January 2018: Article on the line of Thomas Dunham (of Wrentham and Hebron) and proof that he belongs to the Deacon John line. (Gratia Mahony intends to submit this to a major genealogical journal.) In 2018, planned research and writing includes: specific Dunham families of interest including the Dunham line from St Thomas and St Dennis; Comfort Dunham; and Abigail Balliou, 2nd wife of Deacon John Dunham.

It was moved by Jeff Dunham and seconded by Trudy Dunham to accept the Research Report as presented. The motion carried.

Website Status Report: Work is continuing. The new domain name, www.dunhamgenealogy.org, is now pointing to our main website. The older website url, www.dunham-singleton.org, also points to this website. We will consider the need to enhance the look of our website, perhaps changing to WordPress as the platform. We received drafts of a new logo for the Dunham Genealogy Research Association, contributed by member Lisa Eschenburg. We will discuss the adoption of a new logo in the coming weeks via email. James is updating the master online index for the Newsletter to facilitate finding articles on specific topics.

Social Media: We need to consider the role of the Facebook page and how we support this portion of our Association's work. It was moved by Jeff Dunham, seconded by Jacquelyn Coniglio, that the Board continue to explore this issue through email discussion. The motion carried.

Membership: Discussion. The Board agreed that the declining membership is troublesome and that we do not want the Association to end. Other organizations are experiencing similar difficulties with declining membership. It was moved by Jeff Dunham and seconded by Jackie Coniglio that the Board continue to consider strategies to enhance membership. The motion carried.

The 2018 Board meeting was adjourned at 2:28 pm PDT.

*Minutes submitted by Trudy Dunham, Secretary
March 22, 2018*