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October Society Elections

Our MSOG Nominating Committee has once again provided us with a highly qualified and committed slate of officers for the consideration of the membership.

The Society Officers serve two-year terms from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020. Candidates for each of the elected Board positions have submitted their qualifications, which are published in the following pages. Please take the time to read the profiles and cast your ballot when voting opens in October. Your participation makes for a vibrant society!

Nominee for President:



Seema-Jayne Kenney, Upton, MA Worcester Chapter

I would like to see MSOG grow in many ways – chapters, members, technology, and benefits. I would like to see that ALL members are 'getting their money's worth' from their annual dues. I would also like to see that areas where the organization is

weak, such as consistent marketing, are strengthened. This may not all be possible within one term, but it is the path I lay out for myself and the newly elected Board of Directors until such time as we discuss how to integrate everyone's ideas into a cooperative, inclusive, and flexible future for our MSOG family.

My first 'assignment' for the Society, months after joining, was representing the Worcester Chapter on the newly organized Policies and Procedures Committee in 2011. I was an officer of the Worcester chapter for 7 years, attending State Meetings on behalf of the chapter for 5 years, before becoming the State Historian/Archivist. My work as Conference Chair for NERGC 2017 exemplifies my leadership, organizational, and communication skills. The leader of a group should

Have You Renewed Your Membership?

MSOG's membership year begins on September 1. Only members in good standing are eligible to vote for our officers or attend the Annual Meeting at the member price. Payment of dues may be made in the Members area of our web site, by check, at a meeting or by mail to MSOG, P.O. Box 215, Ashland, MA 01721.

look at the 'big picture' view of the organization and its future – watching to see that the small steps forward stay on the path to the desired outcome.

Nominees for Vice-President:



Kelly A. Fox, Methuen, MA Merrimack Valley Chapter

As an amateur genealogist, I have expanded my research skills and explored my DNA results with the guidance of the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists. The support, advice, and encouragement from MSOG members has lead me to want to share this experience with others. For the past two years I have been an active participant in the planning and implementation of the Annual Meeting. As Vice President, on the state board, I want to involve all chapters in the planning of the Annual Meeting. I am committed to working within the budget and to open communications with Board members.

As chapter VP, I have scheduled speakers, organized a museum trip and
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CALENDAR

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Statement of Purpose

The Society’s mission is to promote and encourage Massachusetts genealogical research at all levels—beginner, amateur, and professional. The Society is a Massachusetts nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. The corporation was formed for the following reasons:

- “To bring together all persons interested in genealogy, beginner, amateur, and professional;
- To set standards of conduct; to insure public access to records; to provide education in genealogical research;
- To act in whatever manner needed to promote genealogy and family history; and
- To bring together families both past and present.”

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 6 June 1975

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Membership Information

Members receive the *Past Times* newsletter, free issues of MASSOG, free queries, and access to webinars. Membership is from September 1 to August 31, with membership renewals due by July 1.

- INDIVIDUAL dues are \$25.00 per year
- FAMILY dues are \$30.00 per year

Membership applications received July 1st and thereafter will be applied to the following year’s membership.

Membership choices are:

- BR/Bristol
- MV/Merrimack Valley
- MX/Middlesex
- WR/Worcester

Chapter affiliation is at the complete discretion of the member, regardless of residence. The membership application is on our website.

Join using PayPal online or mail your application and check.

Address any questions to president@msoginc.org or to the appropriate officer, committee chair, or delegate; email addresses are listed on page 5.

MIDDLESEX

Saturday, September 8

1:30 PM

The Adopted, the Illegitimate and DNA
 with Michael Maglio

Acton Memorial Library
 486 Main Street
 Acton, MA

MERRIMACK VALLEY

Saturday, September 22

10:00 AM

Finding Ralph-The Story of a Hometown Hero and his WWI Connection to Belgium
 With Eileen Dumont

Georgetown Peabody Library
 2 Maple Street
 Georgetown, MA

WORCESTER

Tuesday, September 11

6:30 PM

ANDIAMO!

Finding Your Italian Family
 with Margaret Fortier

SAXE Room
 Worcester Public Library
 3 Salem Street
 Worcester, MA

BRISTOL

Saturday, September 15

11:00 AM Business Meeting
 11:30 AM Member Sharing
 12:00 PM Tracing Wampanoag Families in Bristol County
 with R. Andrew Pierce

Somerset Public Library
 1464 County Street
 Somerset, MA

Welcome to New Members!

Bristol

Melissa Gell
 Connie Larkin
 Donna Tanner

Merrimack Valley

Jane Barber
 Linda Freeman
 Maureen Tabbut
 Richard Tabbut
 Charlene White

Middlesex

Roland Baker
 Ray Gendreau
 Sheila Gendreau
 Karen Kalec
 Keith Klinedinst
 John Manning
 Bridget O'Donnell

Worcester

Smith Higgins

Kelly A. Fox, Continued from Page 1

developed a scout merit badge program. I have helped build the membership of my chapter from 52 to 91 members. I have attended other genealogy conferences, including Society Day at NERGC. I am committed to working to create a society that welcomes genealogists of all skill levels, collaborates with others for successful partnerships and educates the next generation by reaching out to the youth of Massachusetts. I will bring my determination, experience, leadership and interpersonal skills to make the annual meeting an interesting and enjoyable experience.



*C. Yvonne Hickey, North Attleboro, MA
Bristol Chapter*

I have seen firsthand the massive potential of the society by serving today as MSOG VP. I WANT TO INCREASE THE VALUE TO MEMBERS. I know I can from the leadership post with the unique experiences and perspective I bring. The highly praised 2017 Annual Meeting & Program on Identity brought quality genealogical resources to our membership, excitement and needed funds to our society. As VP I have identified cost saving opportunities, opened up new social media channels and improved our presence in the marketplace in the form of a new logo coupled with passionate advocacy. I love our membership.

I WELCOME ALL: ALL IDEAS, ALL PEOPLE. I embrace the ideals of our society: Collaboration, Education and Preservation. For three decades I have been involved in all aspects of document capture initiatives - from early award-winning digitization and publishing projects at Harvard University to my present day leadership in the Public Sector for an iconic Fortune 500 company. My professional work dovetails into my fascination with genealogy. I solve mysteries, find better ways and love to exchange stories. I proudly represent MSOG and have tremendous Board and Volunteer Experience outside of MSOG to apply as your president: www.linkedin.com/in/yvonnehickey

Nominees for Recording Secretary



*Diane MacLean Boumenot, Warwick, RI
Bristol Chapter*

The work of the Recording Secretary keeps the society's business moving forward and in good order. Accurate and thorough record-keeping allows the officers the chance to build on past success and to record ideas for future outreach. After board meetings, records of the meeting should make follow up and action items very clear and easy to follow. A good job has been done on this and I would be happy to continue that.

I have several decades of experience in association management as a profession. I am thoroughly familiar with Bylaws, agenda and minute preparation, planning and budgeting, and with the implementation of board decisions. In my role as a Past Times editor over the past year, I have seen the good work of the chapters and I would look forward, if elected in this role, to helping out with society/chapter/member communications as much as possible.



*Carol Gafford, Warren, RI
Bristol Chapter*

I have been involved with MSOG for years and would like to serve at the State Level. I have many years of experience with organizations as recording secretary

and think I would be an asset. I believe strongly in being an active member of groups I belong to.

I have years of experience as recording secretary for various organizations including the North Burial Ground, Bristol, RI; The George Hail Library Board of Trustees; The Bristol Historical Society and the Warren Recreation Board. My experience is both for non-profit and government Boards and I know I could do the job successfully for MSOG.



*Elizabeth Handler, Needham, MA
Middlesex Chapter*

I am running for 2019-2020 Recording Secretary of MSOG because, in my four years of membership, I have befriended many members and gotten to know and appreciate the organization. I would like to offer MSOG my twenty years of experience volunteering on boards of local non-profits by serving as Recording Secretary/Clerk of the Corporation. This experience includes providing prompt, accurate minutes to fellow board members (which I have done for MSOG-Middlesex when our secretary has been unavailable), reviewing bylaws and policy documents, as well as preparing and reviewing budgets and financial reports.

I feel that my extensive experience volunteering for other non-profits over the past twenty years will be beneficial to MSOG.

- 2015-current: At-Large board member of MSOG-Middlesex (Publicity, Past Times distribution, take minutes as needed)
- 2013-current: Secretary/Clerk, Dedham Choral Society
- 2015-current: Secretary/Clerk, League of Women Voters of Needham (LWVN) Education Fund
- 2013-2016: Local DAR Corresponding Secretary
- 2001-2017: LWVN Budget Chair, Treasurer, President, Membership Chair, Webmaster, Bulletin Editor
- 2009-2014: LWV-Massachusetts Budget Committee

- 1998-2012: Dedham Choral Society Recordkeeper, (tracked donations)
- 2006-2009: Pollard Middle School (Needham) PTC Treasurer (2006-2009), Newsletter Editor and Webmaster (2009-2010).

Candidate for Corresponding Secretary



Photo by Ed Karvoski, Jr.

*Patricia Stano-Carpenter, Marlborough, MA
Middlesex Chapter*

Pat Stano-Carpenter, a long-time member of MSOG, has served the Society since 2004, as the state Membership Chair (2004-2009), as state President (2009-2016), and currently as Corresponding Secretary. Pat brings the richness of the Society's history and continuity from years of involvement as a board officer. She has the experience, knowledge, skills, flexibility, and judgment to do this job. She lives near Ashland where the Society's P.O. Box is located, allowing for the mail to be distributed in a timely fashion. Pat wishes to continue in this position because of her interest in MSOG, its members and the Society's future.

Pat is the current Corresponding Secretary. She is always on the lookout for ways to improve the Corresponding Secretary's communication process in the most efficient and cost-effective manner possible. For example, she developed a process to improve the efficiency of distributing membership mail to the relevant personnel. The process saves time by using email to notify the appropriate persons when membership mail is received at the P.O. Box. Pat has the experience, knowledge, and ability to do this job. She also has the interpersonal and communication skills to interact professionally with the public and membership.

Candidate for Treasurer

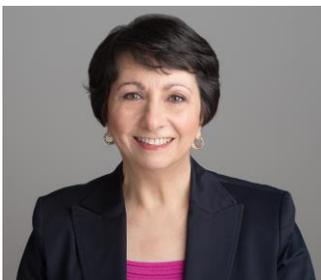
*Diane Laferriere, Tyngsboro, MA
Merrimack Valley Chapter*



After a 2 year hiatus I am ready to be your State Treasurer again. At this point in my life I have more time to dedicate to being an active board member. I know what is expected of me and I am ready to hit the ground running. I really enjoy this position because I get to be involved in so many aspects of this organization, from working with each of the chapters at renewal time to meeting the members who attend the annual meeting. I am conscientious, dedicated and reliable.

As the State Treasurer from 2013-16 I worked with the State and Chapter Boards to streamline the payment process between them. I would like to improve upon this process to make it easier for all involved. I was a Business Analyst for 10 years and an Accountant for 16 years. This background has taught me how to solve problems and to stay within budget. My experience also provides a solid base for creating a Society Budget to present to the Board and membership. I have served as the Merrimack Valley Treasurer since the founding of the chapter in 2010.

Candidate for Membership Director



*Margaret R. Fortier, Medford, MA
Merrimack Valley Chapter*

I have been Membership Director since 2017 and I would like to continue to serve the membership. The Membership Director is one of the first points of contact in the Society for new members and I feel it is important that each member receives a warm welcome that outlines what we offer, provides chapter contacts, and invites engagement. It is equally important that existing members are valued and as Membership Director I can continue to be a

bridge from members to the Society. I have a background in management and administration and believe my skills match this position.

As current Membership Director, I have worked to ensure that all member and nonmember inquiries are addressed quickly and that the MASSOG mailing list is prepared upon request. I conducted a member survey in 2017 to allow the Board to better know who members are and what their concerns were. We are updating our membership system to make it easier for members and officers. And we are working to address the requirements of the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in membership materials. While we have no EU members now, we may, and we want the Society to be protected.

Candidates for Historian/Archivist



*Beth Finch McCarthy, Northborough, MA
Worcester Chapter*

Continuity from each board to its successor is essential to any organization. I was honored to be asked to be the safe keeper of the important records for our society and would be happy to ensure that the our history remains complete and accessible.

First and foremost, I have an interior climate-controlled closet! And I also believe that every member of a volunteer group should take a turn at a board position to keep the ideas and input as representative of the larger membership.



*Melanie McComb, Swampscott, MA
Middlesex Chapter*

I have been interested in the study of genealogy for over 16 years. I want to continue to be involved in this field and help preserve our members' genealogies. Every member has a story and I want to help encourage members to submit their stories and preserve them for future generations.

I am well organized, detail oriented, and passionate. I have experience working in a non-profit serving as social media coordinator for the NextGen Genealogy Network.



Wendy Sheppard, Beverly, MA
Merrimack Valley Chapter

I am interested in serving as the MSOG Historian/Archivist because I enjoy the organization process, and because I am excited to help the Society gather, preserve, maintain, and communicate the history of the Society with its members. I am also interested in becoming more involved in MSOG; as Historian/Archivist, I will be more informed about the history of the Society and the work of the other Chapters, not only my own. Moreover, I love history, and being part of preserving our Society's history (and being willing to store the archives until state-wide storage is arranged) greatly appeals to me.

I have been a member of MSOG since 2013, and immediately became a contributing editor for MASSOG. I have innate organizational skills. In fact, I once considered becoming a Professional Organizer. I enjoy talking to people about their genealogical knowledge. As a technical writer at my day job, I am adept at asking the right questions to obtain the answers I need to properly document procedures; I would use this skill to record events for the Society. Currently, I work well with all types of people, which I believe will assist me when gathering or sharing archival material.

Election process: Ballots will be sent to all members in good standing in the first week of October. MSOG VOTE will be the subject of emails that will be sent out October 9th to members with email addresses; paper ballots labeled MSOG VOTE will be sent out October 5th to those members without email addresses. Paper ballots must be returned in the envelopes provided to ensure confidentiality of the results.

Eligibility to vote: All individual and family memberships who have paid their dues before October 1, 2018 are eligible to vote. Each individual of a family membership is entitled to vote. Organizational memberships do not have voting privileges.

Voting period: Online and paper voting will begin on Tuesday October 9th and close on Tuesday, October 16th. Any paper ballot must be postmarked by October 16th.

Election Results: The Tellers Committee will report the election results to the Board. The President will announce the election results to the membership at the Annual Meeting. The results will also be posted on the MSOG website, and in an article in the December issue of *Past Times*.

For more information about any of these offices or procedures see the Bylaws and Policies and Procedures Manual. Both of these are available in the Members Section of www.msoginc.org.

The Nominating Committee:

Diane Brooks-Sherry, Chair, Merrimack Valley Chapter
Susan Dion, Worcester Chapter
Liz Grube, Merrimack Valley Chapter
Kathleen Kaldis, Middlesex Chapter
Kathleen Rubano, Bristol Chapter
Charlene Key Sokal, Worcester Chapter
Hope Tillman, Middlesex Chapter

Call for Volunteers A Small Commitment Will Help our Society

We are seeking one or two volunteers to serve during the weekend of October 19th-20th to count the results of the Society's election and report those results to the Board. This would require a willingness to pick up returned paper ballots at the Society's mailbox in Ashland and to confer online with the other Tellers to add these results to the electronic returns.

If you are willing to serve in this capacity, please email nominating@msoginc.org by September 30th.

Speaking of volunteers, let's take this opportunity to thank the MSOG Nominating Committee, chaired by Diane Brooks-Sherry for their hard work in speaking to many members to secure nominations for all Board positions. Their work is invisible to many members and requires time and coordination to maintain a balance among the Chapters and the skills of the nominees.

Thank you!

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Upcoming Opportunities to Learn about Genealogical Topics

Several MSOG members will be featured speakers at the
Family Research Day Mini Conference

The four tracks will cover Beginning Genealogy, Technology, Records, and DNA
Saturday, 29 September 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Free!
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
400 Essex Street
Lynnfield, MA
www.familyresearchday.com

The Swedish American Research Association (SARA) presents a
Swedish American Genealogical Conference

October 5 & 6
Also featuring several MSOG members as lecturers
Two-day intensive includes meals at the
Sturbridge Host Hotel
For more details and to register go to <https://facebook.com/swedegen/>

Jewish Genealogy Research, with Emphasis on Library Resources

Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston, with the Jewish Historical Society of Central Mass.
October 23
7 p.m.
Worcester Public Library, Saxe Room



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