

## **Reynolds Family Association**

First organized informally August 23, 1892 and chartered as a Delaware Corporation December 28, 1977  
Employer ID Number 51-0221185

85<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting – September 15, 2018 – Independence, MO

### **2018 Business Meeting**

Pursuant to Delaware law, sufficient formal prior notice of the annual meeting was included in the Announcement of Annual Conference by these means:

- a) Listed on the RFA website
- b) Transmitted via email to all members having provided such addresses
- c) Sent via postal mail to those members not having computer access

The 85th Annual Meeting was held September 15, 2018 in the conference room of the Midwest Genealogy Center of the Mid-Continent Public Library ([midwestgenealogycenter.org](http://midwestgenealogycenter.org)) located at 3440 Lee's Summit Road, Independence, MO 64055. The meeting was called to order at 10 AM by President Larry Joe Reynolds ("Joe"). New member, Regina Harris, kept notes of the proceedings so that minutes could be later drafted. A booklet of meeting materials was distributed to all present at the meeting. Joe obtained a proclamation from the Mayor of the City of Independence, Missouri declaring 15 Sep 2018 as Reynolds Family Association Day.

### **1 Old Business**

The 2014 annual meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion was duly made and seconded and, by unanimous agreement of those present at the 2018 meeting, the 2014 minutes were accepted as submitted.

Changing the start dates of membership from September to January was discussed. The Fiscal Year had been specified based on Annual Meeting Dates in Sept. It was recommended to change membership due dates to calendar year. Further, prorating the membership fees each quarter by 25% for those joining during the year was recommended. Both motions were approved by unanimous agreement of those present at the 2018 meeting.

### **2 New Business**

Joe provided the Financial Activity Report that shows that the current balance is over \$13,000. The largest costs in the projected budget are associated with maintaining the RFA web site—hosting and storage (for Recollections, Dispatch, electronic books, etc.). Projected expenses are estimated to be less than \$1,000. It is recommended that larger contributions be made to the Reynolds Surname and yDNA Testing Project.

Currently, there are about 390 members. The breakdown of members by state was provided. The state with the largest number of members is Texas followed by California. The cost of printing and mailing newsletters was absorbing the bulk of annual costs. Currently, about 27 paper copies are mailed per quarter. Joe Reynolds provided the Mid-Continent Public Library with a CD with all previous newsletters and will provide updates quarterly. Sending to Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center (Fort Wayne, IN), genealogy collections in libraries located in Dallas, Fort Worth, and Houston, TX. The members need to develop creative ways to appropriately spend funds. Please provide suggestions to the officers.

Emails were sent out requesting suggestions for location for next Annual Meeting. The majority of recommendations for the 2019 suggested New England. Peggy Reynolds Oliver (Corresponding Secretary) will oversee the 2019 Annual Meeting and has recommended Bristol, RI. It is planned that 2019 Annual Meeting will be on a Thursday thru Saturday schedule with Thursday for registration; Friday for speakers and research results;

and Saturday for the formal meeting. The tombstone of Joseph Reynolds that is the source of Reynolds Family Association crest is located in Bristol. Joseph Reynold's home was built about 1700 and remained in Reynolds family until 1927. The Reynolds house was also used as headquarters for the Marquis de Lafayette during American Revolutionary War. Other historic Reynolds homes are nearby. It is anticipated that the 2020 Annual Meeting will probably head south with suggestions of North Carolina or Alabama (Mobile). Location for 2021 being considered is Orlando, Florida.

Our membership is up but did not have good results with renewals and tracking payments— some paid via PayPal and others mailed checks. Currently, two states do not have any members – North Dakota and South Dakota. An objective is to expand yDNA Project participation with Tommy Joe Reynolds and Nancy Wallander keeping everyone informed about progress. The RFA is on Facebook and similar social media. 2017 was last Twitter tweet. Recommendations for someone to provide periodic Facebook posts and tweets were requested. Blog was taken down due to hacking as well as insufficient updated content and need for someone to manage. Someone to run book store (e.g., logos, aprons, crests, silicone wrist bands, mouse pads with logos, etc.) is also needed. Joe will be sending out emails to membership for inputs.

Regarding Line Coordinators, reorganizing current RFA lines based on results of yDNA project is being considered along with new numbering system.

Joe indicated that every elected office is available requested volunteers and nominations for all offices. There were no nominations, and therefore, by unanimous agreement of those present at the 2018 meeting, all current officers are held over for next year.

There being no further business before the meeting, it was duly adjourned by Larry Joe Reynolds.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina Harris