Advisory Board Minutes - July 2004

Call to Order - July session	(7-1-04) The July Meeting of the Advisory Board of The USGenWeb Project was called to order by National Coordinator Isaiah Harrison.
Approval of Minutes	(8-11-04) By general consent, the minutes of the June 2004 meeting of the Advisory Board were approved as written.

| Motion - BRC Forum | (7-2-04) SW/SC CC Representative Phyllis Rippee moved

that a separate mailing list be established for the purpose of creating an open forum for interaction between the BRC and the general membership in regard to the bylaws revision process.

Discussed ensued.

The motion passed with 14 "yes" votes, 0 "no" votes, no abstentions, and 1 member not voting.

Those voting YES: Phyllis Rippee, Bettie Wood, Pam Reid, Darilee Bednar, Teri Brown, Jan Cortez, Angie Rayfield, Linda Blum-Barton, Larry Flesher, Cyndie Enfinger, Shari Handley, Gail Meyer Kilgore, Don Kelly, Denise Woodside

Those voting NO:

Those abstaining:

Those not voting: Richard Howland |

	Additional Comments: NC Isaiah Harrison announced that a list has been set up and will be announced shortly via the lists and in the next issue of the newsletter.
Other Business - USGenWeb Picked as "Kool" Site	(7-19-04) Shari Handley announced that on 7/6, The USGenWeb Project (usgenweb.org) was picked as one of "Kim's Kool Sites" by nationally known radio personality Kim Komando. Kim Komando is the host of The Kim Komando Show, a top-10-rated radio talk show with over 8 million listeners every week. http://www.komando.com/kool_show.asp?showID=4598833
Other Business - Redesigned website	(7-25-04) The beautifully redesigned USGenWeb website is up and running at www.usgenweb.org and a round of applause to due to Mike Jarvis and Julie McGrew-Ayers for a job well done. Not only is the site visually attractive, but it is designed in a technically efficient manner, allowing for easy maintenance and updating. Thank you, Mike and Julie, for you contribution to The Project's first impression on our visitors. -Isaiah Isaiah Harrison National Coordinator The USGenWeb Project

	Additional Comments: None
Other Business - Use of Aliases	You should have all received a message from David Samuelson requesting the AB to consider the possibility of establishing a policy on the use of aliases. If you did not receive a copy, I can provide you with one. He says in part: I had been in discussion with Rootsweb about the use of aliases. They have no clear policy on aliases involving accounts they own and assigned to many in the USGenWeb Project. I had been reading (XXGenWeb's) feelings about the aliases, one calling for prohibiting the aliases outright, requiring actual CC name be listed on affiliated County sites. Clearly there is a big need for Project policy to outlaw use of aliases to hide themselves. As far as I know there were 2 reports of aliases and possibly 3rd one. Every one of them were in together. (YYGenWeb) had a problem with one SC using alias before that person practically disappeared with no way to locate her and had to replace her over a year ago. Should USGenWeb have a project-wide policy on the use of aliases? If so, what should that policy be? What exceptions should be made? Should this be left to the XXGenWebs to deal with? The floor is now open for discussion on this issue. -Isaiah

	Additional Comments:
	Discussion ensued:

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http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/index/BOARD/

Greta Thompson, Recording Secretary

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