

# ICFA BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

These are the minutes of the General Membership meeting held July 27, 2014 12:00PM at Bergman Park in Jamestown, NY Let's first introduce the Executive Board, consisting of the Officers and Staff.

Officers:

President, Suzanna Cody	Vice- President, Vacant (resigned)
Treasurer, Ron Hills	Secretary, Dwight Cody

Staff:

Database Manager, Terry Cody

Director of Social Media, Kevin Cody (present at the Reunion, but absent from this meeting)

Webmaster, Acting Genealogist & Review Editor, Allan Cody

Other attendees speaking from the Floor are;

Buffalo Bill Center of the West, IT Manager, Spencer Smith

Buffalo Bill Center of the West, Education Co-ordinator, Meghan Smith

Friend of the Family, Janet Owen

The attendees included Stuart Cody, Mark Tome, Rick and Judith Cody, Christopher and Colleen Polatin and their children, Elizabeth and William and 30-odd other General Members.

Also mentioned, but not attending, are Tom Robison, Bob Skiffe,, Kelly Edwards, Lee Harkness, Gerald and Marilyn Cody, Susan Okey, Dorothy Rauh and Barbara Metalsky. Historical reference is made to our progenitors, Philip and Martha, the Rev. Lindus and Amelia Cody, Lydia S. Cody, Aldus M. Cody and Hiram S. Cody.

All parties are speaking extemporaneously. The meeting was held in a wall tent next to an antique car show with contemporary music, lots of traffic and a jet flyover, so some of the words are garbled, and are marked with a "?". However, thanks to the sincerity of the speakers, their message gets across. The meeting was recorded by Allan Cody using a Marantz Solid State Recorder (PMD620). These minutes are a transcription of that recording. Our President, Suzanna has just gaveled the meeting into session, and welcomed the attendees. Then, she called upon Dwight to report about the 2014 Reunion T-shirts. Later, she calls on Ron and Allan to report their progress since the 2012 Reunion. Finally, the floor is opened for nominations, with the current incumbents as nominees. The membership voted to keep the current Officers and Staff in place. As we join them, Secretary Dwight Cody is speaking. The recording starts with a low volume level.

# Minutes of the International Cody Family Association

General Membership Business Meeting at the  
ICFA Reunion in Jamestown NY, July 27, 2014

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Dwight - ...and the work we had done...

Stuart - Cool.

Dwight - On the back of Janet for example was ummm... thank you Janet (for modelling the T-Shirt), was enhanced artwork. It had to be sent out and enhanced because the, you know, the quality of what we had to work with in the first place ahh, wasn't quite, ahh, something we could print easily and instead of, well, I could get into that. That's a silk screen also, you know, about 5 or 6 colors which is pretty ahh, complicated and ahh, still yet those shirts are, you know, ah, were able to be done, ahh, so cheaply you probably wouldn't, ahh, couldn't imagine but it's because I have a umm, ahh, my in-law, my son's, ahh, mother in-law runs the business so she gave us a real great deal on those. Umm, let's see, the ahh, the other kinds of things, ahh, let's see, that ahh, you want me to speak about might be, well...

Suzanna - I think what Ron and Allan and I will address is what, what have we been doing in the last 2 years since we assembled and Terry can add on to that. So if you have nothing further to add at this moment, umm, perhaps we should go to Ron with the ahh, (Treasurer's Report) We don't have a real report, financial report, until we tally up everything and ahh, add and, do a lot of addition and subtraction to see what, ahh, what our, umm...

Stuart - Bottom line is.

Suzanna - Bottom line is.

Ron - Until, you know, I start putting everything back together on Monday, I really won't know but in our next Board meeting I will know just how we have things. We have a basic umm, account which is the International Cody Family Association account which book sales, dues and all that go into. And we have one for the reunion, and right at the last minute I was getting stuff in on (?) I got a little bit of sales in from the Buffalo Bill Center of the West where we sold some books and stuff like that, but I haven't had time to put it together, I've been so busy just trying to do this Reunion.

Stuart - I'd like to know how many people signed up on the bottom line at the final.

Ron - For the Reunion?

Stuart - Yeah.

Ron - Well, I think the total, it was about 40 roughly, because some people came for parts of it and other people came for other parts of it. So if you counted the total heads it's about 40. If you

counted how many were for dinners it was 30 to 35 so, but there were some people that, you know, that lived here in this area, only wanted to go to dinner, some people had to leave early, some people came in later, so it varied quite a bit.

Stuart - Other than the honor system, how were you able to screen the ones that had this or that signup?

Suzanna - It's written on their tags.

Ron - Yeah. So we have a list of who paid for what and Janet has been a big help to try and sift through that and hand out the badges and all that. So, you know, there are some people that, some people that, came to the dinners that were not our group and, like Lee Harkness and some of these people, but they worked their tails off to help us, and so we felt like it's only right to treat them to dinner and something else. And besides that he got us some better discounts than we had originally. So until we balance out everything, we hope that, where he saved us money, will pay for the people that we brought in. Ahh, I just don't know until we're done... We, our first cut at it around Thursday or Friday looked like it would, but I just don't know.

Stuart - It's only money, that's what we can replace.

Ron - Right.

Stuart - It's the good will that's hard to replace.

Suzanna - It's probably, it's probably about a wash.

Ron - Yeah, we think it'll be about a wash by the time it's done. But, we'll know more in another day or so.

Janet - Ron, how about the uh, could you give a report on the Directories and the Genealogies?

Suzanna - I'm going to give a report on what we've done.

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Ron - Yeah, the ah, well, you know, we sold the Directories... Barbara and Terry had been working on the Directories for the last couple years, we sold them at, last year and umm, and our bank balance was getting down to less than a thousand dollars and the Directories were a good income. And ah, the Directories and the uh, Genealogy books, ah, turned out to be a good income because we were able to get a good discount through the publisher and the Buffalo Bill Center, umm, and a discount for volume, and so our balance went back up to about, ahh, \$11 thousand, 12 thousand, now it's back down to... I think it'll be down, by the time all this is done and we pay for some things that we need to pay for, we'll have probably between 8 and 10 thousand in the bank when everything is done. We've got to finish up the 501(c3) thing, we've got a book or two that are on order we've got to pay for. Ah, did we sell any books here do you know? You were manning the table.

Allan - Oh, yeah, no we didn't sell that, that Genealogy that ahh, you had, I'm going to give that back to you.

Ron - Okay.

Allan - Mr. Tome may still want the copy though.

Dwight - Mark?

Terry - Mark, wake up.

Suzanna - Mark?

Mark Tome - I, I listened, but I didn't pick up on what was said.

Allan - Do you want that ahh, single copy of the Genealogy that we had at the train station?

Mark Tome - Ahh, I'll get it later thank you. The answer is no for now.

Allan - Okay.

Ron - Okay, I'll know a lot more as soon as we get our report out.

Janet - Will you be sending that report out to ah, everyone on the email?

Ron - Umm, well, when we do the Board Meetings, I always give a report which is recorded and anyone can listen to it, you know, online (over the phone). And then every 6 months we bring in the, ah, the Advisory Board and it's recorded then. I don't send it out to everybody.

Janet - But everybody on the Board knows it.

Ron - Oh yeah, everybody on the Board knows it and ah, I always say what the income's from and what the expenses are for and get approval if we're going to spend anything and all that 9 yards.

Terry - Ron, it should be, it should be in the next issue of the Review. There should be a Treasurer's report in the next issue of the Review.

Ron - Yeah, we could do that.

Terry - Which would be an annual report which will show the...

Ron - Yeah, I talked to Harold because we put in the Bylaws that we do an annual audit and we've never done an audit in the whole life history, that I know of, there's never been an audit of the books. And so I put in there that we ought to do one and so I've asked Harold, who is not really, you know, a CPA. I said, you know I need somebody and I didn't know any CPAs.

Terry - What about Bill Garlow?

Suzanna - He's tied up with direct descendants.

Ron - Yeah, I don't think he has the time, I could ask him.

Terry - I would ask him.

Suzanna - We have asked him.

Ron - Yeah.

Stuart - An audit is not valid unless it's done by an completely disinterested third party.

Ron - I know it.

Stuart - All you need is a CPA, right out of the phone book.

Ron - Yeah, we'd have to pay for it.

Suzanna - I just want to mention and then have the rest of the ah, Board chip in, what has happened over the last 2 years since our reunion and umm, the things that have gone on have been pretty amazing. The first major change that we made was going from hard copy Reviews that went out twice a year to appoximately, between 2000 and 2500 people. And many of them were returned, our databases weren't up to date and we struggled with that because we wanted to, because of the expense, we wanted to go electronic. we think all of our Reviews and everything should be going out electronically. So we want to make sure we have all of your emails. That was one of the first things that, ahh, decision that was made by the Executive Board here today.

Ron - Let me add one thing to that, When we started off, years ago when I became Treasurer, we had about 8 grand in the, ah, budget and the Reviews were costing us a lot more to print and mail than we were getting in, so we were continually going down, and we knew we would become broke or have to go electronic, and everybody's going electronic these days. So that's the reason we switched over. We, we put out a, the, the card, we did do a mailing of the card for this reunion to about oh, half of the group, everybody on the side of, east of...

Suzanna - East of the Mississippi.

Ron - Mississippi, yeah, to let 'em know. But we'll figure out, I think what we're going to have to do a hard copy once in a while because... but we can't afford it all the time. Prices are going up, and it just costs a fortune to put that thing out.

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Suzanna - But people who request a hard copy, if they don't have computer, if they're not computer

savvy, we do send them a hard copy. So...

Ron - And that's about 40 copies right now. It'll probably go to 45, you know, we do that. So we don't want to leave anybody out. The ahh, the other thing, going on with what Suzanna said, is ahh, Spencer...

Stuart - He was there.

Ron - Yeah, that's okay, (looking for Spencer), Spencer offered, through BBCoW, the BB Center of the West, to take our mailing list and run it through the postal service thing.

Stuart - Yup.

Ron - And the postal service charges for this, but they did it for us as, uh, as a courtesy. That corrected a lot of stuff in there.

Stuart - They cleaned the list.

Ron - They cleaned the list, which was great!

Suzanna - And that was our second, second major project that the Executive Board voted on. And that was to allow the Buffalo Bill Center of the West to use our database and to addend to it and to clean it up. And that, ahh, Spencer Smith, Meghan's husband, has done for us. They use it for only our purposes, it goes no further than, umm, the Cody family and these are signed agreements that we have with ah, BB C W. So I just want everyone to feel safe that your information is not going elsewhere, but it is, at some level shared with ah, the Buffalo Bill Center of the West. So that was the second important thing that happened. Anyone have a comment on that?

Dwight - And one of the other things that was also done is, is with the ah, names, and addresses and phone numbers, the people without email addresses for example, were all ah, co-ordinated and split up amongst us, and we called those people directly, you know, to try to get email addresses. You know, out of a group of 50 people and 50 phone numbers that I had, just for example, you know, I might not have gotten through to more than 4. But, you know, those 4 people that I talked to could, you know, took up, you know, each one of 'em took up, you know, probably the better part of an hour, because they could tell me about all their relatives in the area and sons and so forth. So ah, what I found is, is that, umm, their kids have computers, their kids have email addresses, and ah, the one little hitch is that they might not be all that co-operative with their kids. "Well I don't know what he does..." kind of thing, you know, but, and you can imagine the dynamics of the family and you know, ahh, but my feeling is that as time goes on, of course, the amount of people with email addresses and wanna hear that way is going to just go up. There's no two ways about it. And the, and the number of mailings that we have to make directly, unfortunately, are going to go down because that's the way it is. Umm, ahm, the older folks are, you know, are going to pass away.

Stuart - They're gonna die off sooner or later.



Suzanna - A, a big, other portion of this going electronic is bringing as many people together as possible. Some of them are not actually Codys and we had a wonderful Genealogist, Barbara Metalsky, who did a fabulous job and will receive an honor by mail, she couldn't be here and she's no longer ahh, on the board, she resigned unfortunately, as did our Editor, ah, Dorothy Rauh. So they will be greatly missed and they will be honored and, ahh, by mail. Ah, but I did want to say that in gathering all of these names we came across a number of people who are not directly related to this branch of the Codys. So what we did, I said "Hey, you wanna be a Cody, you're a Cody as far as I'm concerned." There are too many "Codys" who don't wanna be "Codys", so let's have a "Friends" list and we have a whole list, ahh, Ron has it umm, has it enumerated by number of all the people who are friends of the Codys. They pay dues, they have all the privileges of the Codys, but they are on a separate list and they are conjoined with the Buffalo Bill Cody Center at, on a separate list, of "Friends of" The, the fourth thing...

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Ron - I'm just sorry to interrupt, but the one thing on the Friends List, ahh, Terry started it when he had the ahh, list originally, 'cause he put in people from BBCoW and all those and Janet's in there and all that. I re-organized it because we grouped, we put it into groups there, ahh, were they from a, a museum, or were they from this group or whatever. So now it's organized in groups and the ahh, numbering system is slightly different than what we had. So that it lines up by groups and that helps us ahh, understand where these people all fit in. But that, that list has grown and these people are interested in the Cody Family and what's going on, so we include them in the email.

Terry - They pay dues?

Ron - And, ahmm, I don't remember who has paid and who has not.

Suzanna - It's about half.

Ron - We don't send anything out, hard copy, to them unless they do, you know. So. But those are all by emails, we've got their email.

Dwight - And, 2 things, just to be real clear, and that is that the purity of the Cody Family genealogy is not at all threatened by this new ah, ah, list, listing of Friends, you know. It's clearly defined one, they won't, by accident get mixed up, in other words.

Stuart - Unless they marry somebody.

Dwight - (amid laughter) And the, and the, and the other thing is, is that, well. at least everyone probably knows, dues are strictly a voluntary type of ah, contribution, so whoever wants to make them certainly can, you know. Ahh, and we cert-, and but we don't rely ahh, you know, we unfortunately, those contributions aren't as big as you might think, so ahh, we have to think of ways to raise money otherwise, in other fashion, and ah, and remind people that dues are, really are, what keep our, the organization going.

Suzanna - Thank you.

Ron - Yeah, we have overhead expenses that we just gotta pay for, the website and stuff like this, we need ah, we need donations.

Suzanna - Well, the fifth, the fifth thing that has been accomplished ahh, in this last year and a half, since our last reunion, almost 2 years, ahh, has been that we have, ummm, haven't quite finished, we started out trying to get together our 501(c3). Which is inclusive, as far as, as opposed to exclusive, ahh, when we were a, when we were a, a Cody family, a loosely knit family group, umm, we couldn't ask others who came in for donations or for anything. Now that ahh, we're almost finished with the process, we thought we'd be finished by now but Wyoming is slower than we thought and umm, we thought having a state legislator as our lawyer would help but, I don't know if he's really helped us that much, so we're almost at 501(c3) status which means any, anything that you, any expenditure you have, coming, participating in a reunion, if you are leaving a donation for dues, ahh, a beautiful lady left a check for the Buffalo Bill Museum, ahh, that is tax deductible. Your dues, or your donations to ICFA, will at that point, become tax deductible.

Dwight - And will be, and will be in the near future. And the fund that she just, ah, spoke about which was made out directly to the Museum, is already qualifying for that. So there's a difference there.

Ron - And ah, we've gotten a letter from the IRS, they've received our ah, application.

Floor - Ron, speak, speak to the group right here.

Ron - Oh, I'm sorry, yeah, you're right.

Dwight - Just stand up, that'll help.

Ron - Yeah, the ah...

Allan - If we would all gather around, closer.

Ron - The umm, all the paperwork we've been through several different times, filling out all the forms for the IRS and all that stuff, and it's been submitted. Right now, we know of no problems the IRS has, has received it about a month or two ago. And we made sure we did not say we were a conservative group or a Tea Party group or anything else (laughter). We didn't have anything in there, so hopefully the IRS won't target us. I can't tell, we will just have to wait and see. Umm. And I was gonna try and check before we came here, if the lawyers heard anything, but I was just so busy trying to do this. So in August I will try and catch us all up on that situation. That's what I know of it right now.

Suzanna - Umm, so many things have, have kind of gone in different directions and I want everyone to speak to that, but a, a really wonderful piece of work that's been done, has been done by Allan Cody in putting our website together.

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Kevin Cody, whom you all met, is on our Board, he's our web person, he does, I'm sorry, Allan's our web man, he's also our Historian, he's also our Genealogist and...

Dwight - and Giftshopper!

Suzanna - He wears many different hats, and he does very well at all of them, but ah, Kevin Cody, ahh, the great-greatgrandson of Buffalo Bill, who lost his father, is our Face, our Social Networking Media Guy, so he has, umm, ah, we're on Facebook, LinkedIN we have, I think we have 3 or 4 different sites and one is the International Cody Family and I hope all of you will go to that and hit "Like", hit "Comments", say "Hey, I just came back from a reunion! I just had so much fun." I hope you'll go to it, "the International Cody Family Association". The second one is "Buffalo Bill Family" that ahh, Kevin had started on his own, before he came on board. Ahh, we're on LinkedIN, we're on a number of different sites. So please google us and "Like" us and make a comment. We would be so grateful for as many people as possible to addend to the, this list, and if you have another social network, let's all be friends, let's all befriend each other. Um, you know, let's, we'll have names of everybody here, if you have a Facebook page we're gonna go on and we're gonna say "We want to be friends" and we can all connect that way and stay interconnected and then we are going to need, on our social networking, we're going to need some format by which you hit one button, we already have tried... um, ummm, that ....

Ron - Buffalo Bill Center has us on their website...

Suzanna - Yeah, and Bufallo Bill Center has us on their website, so we're linking with many other museums and many other sites and we're trying to interconnect as many people as possible. so, ahh...

Dwight - Can I say just one thing? And what that really does for those of you out there that aren't familiar with Facebook and Twitter and ahh, LinkedIn and all that, it's, it's an instant way grab an email address. Email addresses like I said earlier, are the essence of what we need for resources in the future to reach people. It's the cheapest, it's instant, it can be done over and over and the quality of images and text that can be sent is almost endless. So, uh, you know, videos of this or that or, you know, all can be shared. And that's, so if you have younger kids, that's what you want to try at least to ahh, share is, is that "Hey check out the website" and just "like" it and you'll be connected to the family for the next 20 years, you know. That's the kind of ah, ah, permanance that kind of thing can create.

Suzanna - The other, another major accomplishment that ah, occured over the last year and a half, thanks to Terry Cody and Barbara Metalsky was getting out a new genealogical, umm, 2 volume book that I don't think has, how long was it published last, I think, 15 years ago.

Terry - '98.

Suzanna - '98. So that's out, and there's a new Directory of all names and addresses of the living Codys we could find. Those are all out. Ron reported on the income that's come in as a result of that. So we are really, really proud of the, you know, some major achievements that have, ahh,

happened and I want to turn it over to umm, to our Webmaster Allan Cody who has many more achievements that he has done! (applause)

Ron - Ah...

Suzanna - Stand up, sweetie.

Ron - Yeah, when... when ahh, Terry and Barbara were working it, they had a cutoff date, ahh, I'm not sure, but about a year before it got published, or something like this, some inputs came in after that, and so we had some more inputs, and what we'd like to do, we can't, I don't think we can afford to reprint the book at this moment, but what we'd like to do is do an Errata and ah, and bring it up to date. So we'll probably put out a message to everybody, says you got any inputs since those books were put out, give it to us and then we will include that in the Errata and then it'll be ahh, sheets that you can add to it as a pamphlet...

Terry - Ron, Ron, call it an Addenda, not an Errata.

Ron - Yeah, Addenda, that's a better word, yeah, an Addenda to it, and we'll try and bring it up to date. And we kinda figured that maybe every 5 years, we'll update the whole book and redo it. But we can do an Addendum every year or every 2 years in between. Because we always have births and deaths and all that. So we'd like to keep it up to date. So anyway, that's all I wanted to say.

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Dwight - Allan? You're up, sorry about that.

Allan - Well, I don't have much to say... (laughter)

Stuart - Thank you, Allan.

Allan - Um, let's see, since, ah, just to fill some of you in, I started as the Webmaster in 2006, I was appointed by Mr. Terry here, and picked ah, up and started on the web. Doing the website and uh, in 2010, ahm let's see, I added the to, the fill-in forms in 2010. The fill-in forms are your means by which you can contact the ICFA with your birth and death and marriage records, either as a Vital Statistics, which would be the past, or the present, which would be, ah, Birth and Death Notices, Marriage Notices. There's also an Update Me in case you change your web, your uh, email address, you can fill out an Update Me. These all come to me and they come to Ron, and they come to Suzanna, and they come to Dwight. Ummm, that was the fill-in forms in 2010. In 2012, we did a ah, promotion and we introduced the PayPal buttons for signing up for the Reunions. That was pretty sucessful. People are not that familiar with PayPal at that time but, it's grown. And ahh, in um, let's see, in 2012 we, yes, we introduced the PayPal buttons, and uh, now in 2014, or actually in 2013, we introduced the Kinship Calculator, and the Kinship Calculator is under Genealogy, you'll find it under Genealogy and you click on that and you can enter your Cody ID and find out how you are related to Buffalo Bill. And if you wipe out the Buffalo Bill ID, you can type in any other Cody ID and you can find out how you're related to them. For example, I typed in Dwight's Cody ID and my Cody ID and it said that we're brothers.

Stuart - Wow!

Allan - Who-da thunk it!

Stuart - It works.

Dwight - Glory be!

Stuart - Miracles occur...

Dwight - So that's handy, that saves him a whole lot of time, a lot of questions that you can imagine come from lots of folks.

Allan - Cuts down on the length of the phone calls. Only got one ear, well I've got two ears, but only one phone. Um, so that was ah, something we introduced in 2013 was the Kinship Calculator and then later on in 2013, I was struck by an inspiration, so I did the Family Tree illustration and the Family Tree illustration is on the website and as you mouse over the little ah, you called them ah,

Dwight - Berries

Allan - Berries on the tree, you'll get little pop-up biog, bio, biographies of, ah, the first, the second, the third, the fourth generations. The fifth generation is listed under the fourth generation as children. With a little practise with the mouse, some of the bios are kind of long, they fill up the screen, with a little practise with the mouse you'll be able to read that entire bio. You put the mouse cursor over the bio and you scroll down and you'll be able to read the whole bio.

Stuart - Wow.

Allan - Project for 20 ah, 15 will be to include citations that support the facts in those bios. So you'll be able to go back to the town records that show the birth, marriage and death dates of those people that have bios. The bios themselves are drawn from Lydia's book, "The Cody Family in Massachusetts 1698", published in 1954. I'd like a little round of applause for Lydia at this point. (applause) While she didn't do all the work herself, she compiled it into a book and published it. It is this book that was the source of my inspiration. Let's see, what else did I do?

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Stuart - Which Lydia was she?

Dwight - Giftshop.

Suzanna - She was a 148, Martha and Philip and, ah, Lindus and Amelia Cody. I think many of us here are 148, so we...

Stuart - So is that your Lydia?

Mark Tome - My Lydia!

Stuart - There are 3 Lydias that I know of.

Mark - Yeah, I'm a Lydia.

Suzanna - Okay, but it's a Lydia.

Allan - Okay, this is my presentation. I am seizing control, of the floor. So, ahh, let's see, what did I do after the ah, family tree was I did the Giftshop. Ahh, I think there's some kind of, ahh, umm, symbology, is n-, you know, we call it the Crest, originally they called it the Family Seal, it was introduced in 1941, it was re-cast in the early '60s by Aldus M. when he took over the ah, Cody Family Association and renamed it the International Cody Family Association and had an artist do another version of the, of the Crest, umm, Aldus also produced the color Crest and what I've done is, I've taken Aldus', uh...

Dwight - Artwork.

Allan - Artwork and ummm, I, I was, I got a ah, a sample about the size of a postage stamp and I blew it up as you see, to the size that you see on the blanket. I, ahh,

Dwight - Toiled... enhanced.

Allan - Enhanced the image so that it's nice and clean and beautiful, pure colors. Ron had the wonderful i-, Ron and Suzanna had the wonderful idea of having 2 versions, one with the "Cody Family" on the banner, one with "Loyalty to Principle" on the banner. The "Loyalty to Principle" banner is the traditional banner and the "Cody Family" is a little more intimate. It's for, well, it's for anybody but it's special significance to those of us who have the last name, the surname, Cody. Let's see, so I put the Giftshop up and we sold some books and we sold the Genealogy, I put the Giftshop up because the Genealogies were going on sale and we used the PayPal buttons and we sold, how many of the ah, we sold quite a few of the Genealogies and the Directories through the Giftshop.

Ron - 130, 140 sets or something.

Allan - So the membership, not just you and me but also all those unseen Codys, they begin to "capiche", they understand how to use the computer. They're uplifting themselves from archaic, primitive state, into a state of enlightenment and sophistication.

Stuart - Hallalujah!

Allan - Hallalujah!

Suzanna - Until, until Terry, our wonderful, wonderful, ah, hero, ah, found out that our books were being put on Amazon at half the price, you tell the story.

Allan - Yes, we had ah, Amazon rustlers come in, about this tall, all blonde, and ah, Terry detected this rustling going on and Ron and Suzanna put a stop to this brand running. Ahh, another...

Suzanna - God bless Terry, he has really come up with some really good pieces of information that we needed to act on immediately.

Allan - Truly executive.

Dwight - Not that many were sold on Amazon, but it was sure a slap in the face that all of a sudden to find out...

Suzanna - None were sold on Amazon.

Allan - Zero damage to our brand. Now, to continue...

Suzanna - Well, and also that, uh, Allan Tm'd it.

Allan - To continue, to stop brand running and to ensure our access, our unimpeded access and use of the trademark, of the Cody Crest, at the Board's direction, I trademarked the Crest.

Dwight - Yes.

Suzanna - Yay! (applause)

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Allan - It is now a US registered trademark. Don't kid yourselves, we're not going to go out and try and run, you know, run down rustlers, you know, just for the heck of it. However, the important thing is that once we trademark this thing it cannot be trademarked by some...

Dwight - Body else.

Allan - We could use the word, whippersnapper.

Dwight - Bordello?

Suzanna - Well, I think Brothel, was the word used.

Allan - Yeah, yeah, apparently there was a brothel someplace that wanted to use, anyway... We won't go into that, it's Sunday. Anyway, it guarantees our continued access to the trademark. So they can't say "Oh, we trademarked your Crest and now you can't use it anymore." We won't have to face that. (applause)

Stuart - Alright AI!

Suzanna - The same with the books, we should mention that we have an ISBN number for all of our books, and we will be reprinting as we go along, some of the older books, ah, that have been published and are now out of print. And we will be publishing them and there are copies in the Libraries of Congress and in other libraries around the country.

Dwight - Could you all hear that? Good.

Allan - Now, just to...

Dwight - Yeah, but the same applies for the books. You know, this kind of a trademark.

Ron - To protect the books.

Allan - So I've seen, I've seen good participation amongst the uh, from the fill-in forms over the last month or so, I think we've had something like 50, 50 inquiries, Ummm. We fielded these, like Suzanna said, I get the emails, I check them out in the book, I see if they're lineal descendants or if they're friends of family and we've had about 50 responses just in the last few months. Response varies from time to time we've had a recent flood, a veritable flood of 50. Let's see...

Dwight - The counter on the web site? You know, a little...

Allan - We introduced, ahhhmmm, we had ahhh, been taking website statistics from the Internet Service Provider, and they ceased that activity last October, and in May, late May, we introduced the Google Analytics. Google Analytics is a, ahha, free service provided by ah, Google that gives you website, website statistics. So now we can tell, ahhh, how many repeats, how many new, and over the next 6 months, I hope, we have it now only on the home page, we want to put it on all the pages so we know what the hot pages are, what the cool pages are, what people want to see, and what, what they can find and what they can't find. There's a great amount of ahh, information on the website. You could get lost in it.

Suzanna - And unfortunatley do... (laughter)

Dwight - No way to get around that, unless we just want make it simple.

Allan - Well, we had to send in special guides to bring them out, to lead them out. But, ah, if you have any questions about the website, you can contact me through, on the website, it says "Contact", I am the Webmaster. So that "Contact," you click that button, email comes up, it says "Webmaster" that's me. So any suggestions, comments, ahh, threats, insults, whatever you want to say, I might not pay attention... So, ahhh, that was a joke. (laughter)

Dwight - What'd he say?

Allan - So, ahh, that about brings us up to date. Is there anything I might have forgotten?

Suzanna - Well, thank you Allan, I think one of our main reasons for being here, I think we've



covered a lot of material, there've been other innovations that have occurred, Ummm, what we're doing here today is ah, you've met ah, our Webmaster, you've met our Secretary, you've met our Treasurer, you've met our, our heroic advisor, you've met the President, umm, of the Association, Kevin is not with us right now, and then we've lost Barbara and umm, Dorothy.

Ron - But Kevin was here in the last few days.

Suzanna - Kevin was here, but he had to leave yesterday, so you may have met him. Anyway, we're here to ahh, be open for nominations for any of the Offices.

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Janet - Can you give us any ideas about what may be happening or not happening regarding replacing or not replacing the Genealogist and the Editor?

Suzanna - We are going to the ends of the earth to do so. Ummm, I think that ahh, we would love to find a certified Genealogist who may not be, necessarily, a family member. And who, once they go through the genealogy, will be paid directly from the person inquiring about their genealogy. We were going to do this, this is, we have not voted on this, but this is something that's coming up, so that we have a Genealogist who will be paid directly from the member who, or the wanna-be member, who is seeking out their genealogical background. And that generally is about \$25 for their work. So it's pretty reasonable from the ones that we've spoken to.

Dwight - We've also, ahhh, sent out a notice requesting, I know ah, Allan put it together, requesting through the email system, ahh, the fact that this position is open. And, with hopes, of trying to get someone from within the organization that wants to become involved, because what's happened with Dorothy and Barbara, ahh, becoming ill and having to resign has left ahh, us all, ahh, with quite a bit of burden and weight to carry and ahh, and you know, right on the heels of a Reunion, it all fell primarily on Suzanna and Ron, who have just pulled off a great, ahh, great job this year. And we want to thank them. (applause)

Dwight - Yeah, you definitely, we saw Lee leave a little earlier, and I know how big a, a role he played and ah, the folks from the Buffalo Bill, um, Museum, ah, who came out here especially to support us and ah, jeeze, you know, what can you, what can you say? But we need to pull in a lot more folks from the ranks, you know, to try to, ahh, diversify, to try to, ahh, lighten the load, and ahh, try to expand these roots, you know, that we speak of and you know, ahh, being able to analyze in the past, but we need to create new roots, you know, and that's all in the recruitment of younger, younger people all the time. Of which we're fortunate to have had, ahh, Collen and ahh, Christopher and their two beautiful kids show up and ah, give us that kind of example, you know, and I'm sure there are a couple others I might have not seen.

Suzanna - Thank you. Umm, one of the things that we would like to do umm, you can be a Cody member or a non-Cody member to be on the Executive Board, we can, our vision is that we're going to branch off into Circles for example, Terry is the President of the Ohio Circle...

Terry - Vice-president.

Suzanna - Vice-president of Ohio Circle we have, ummm, a new Northern California Circle member, but this is a group, we also have Judith and Rick who are going to do an Ontario Circle. (applause) Stand up Judith, and we need you guys, and a...

Ron - Also, Suzanna, there is an Arizona Circle...

Suzanna - Is that still functioning? There is an Arizona Circle still functioning, ummm, what we'd like to do is have all, Pardon? This would be for the family, this is not a family and friends, this would be family and spouses, ahh, for the smaller circles and it's usually one day a year, and it's a picnic somewhere. We're having ah, the Northern California one, ah, up by Sacramento next year that Susan Okey will be doing. So we encourage you, get together, even if you're just getting together with your kids and grandkids, that's a circle.

Dwight - Call it a Cody Reunion!

Suzanna - Call it a Cody Reunion, call it whatever you want, but take pictures and send them in, we'll get them on the website, and we'll let people know these circles are growing.

Ron - I think the Arizona Circle centered around Dorothy and her family and it just kind of grew from there.

Suzanna - It did.

Ron - It just started out kind of being a family group and their friends.

Terry - And Gerald and Marilyn were somewhat involved...

Suzanna - And Gerald and Marilyn...

Ron - And Gerald and Marilyn.

Suzanna - So we would love to see as many circles connect as possible, and then ah, some things for the future, ummm, some of our ideas for engaging younger people is, we're going to be starting a Cody Kids Camp, and... Meghan, are you still here?

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Floor - They went to look at the car show, I think...

Suzanna - Oh, ok, I wanted them to say a few words. Meghan Smith is the Educator Outreach person at the Museum in umm, Cody, WY and ummm, my brain just blanked out, ahh, we have another person who is very interested, ahh, in, as an educator, in bringing, we're going to start developing a curriculum for the Cody Kids Camp. Which will be based on, you know, pretty, you know, informal stuff, but ummm, so that's, that's a future vision.

Dwight - Can I say one thing? Yeah, that in essence, ahh, the, the idea of that, um, fits into, you know, something that we've talked about a little bit, and I think are all in agreement on, and that is that to try to do a national, ahh, family reunion every, every couple years is quite a bit to bite off, ah, for a group this size, we don't have a hundred or two hundred or three hundred, you know, we got a smaller group and, and the feeling was is that if we pull our smaller groups together, throughout the country in a more practical way, affordable way for people to get together, a little less formal, a little bit more fun, a little bit easier going, that, once we, ahh, get those little, smaller groups healthy, introducing a national family reunion is going to be a lot easier, ah, because we can say to each one of those leaders of those areas, hey, you know, this is the date, get the word out to your people, ah, personally, right? it's going to be electronically displayed, you know and informed for everyone but personally reach out and give us an account of how many people you can recruit from your area. Then, when we get together on a national basis I bet we'll have better numbers. Once we have better numbers, we're gonna have more kids, once we have more kids, we wanna, you know, really cultivate those kids to stick with it, and that's the ah, essence of what the camp will do. So the chicken, you know, the egg, first the egg, then the chicken, and then dinner, you know, right? (laughter)

Suzanna - Thank you Dwight. So that is a major vision for our future. Another vision for our future is that the Cody Family not just get together and chit-chat for the whole time, that we're going to be requesting, ah, from all of you, that we have a focus that is going to be bigger than just the family. The Circles will be just the family, but the vision will be that we have something that we're committing to... some charity, some organization, some something that we are committing to that the whole family can get together in support of, so we want all of your ideas as to what that could be and what that would look like, so when we do come together, we're there for a reason bigger than just ourselves. The...

Ron - The Jamestown thing is kinda like that, it turned out.

Suzanna - The Jamestown is our first experiment in doing that, in bringing communities together, bringing museums together, bringing Codys together, bringing um, museum people from all over the country together and we have Bob Skiffe here from Iowa, we had, you know, we were really blessed with the number of people who contributed to the art show and we want to have more of that, of the community spirit and then the third umm, the third realization is to have a reunion around something else, our biggest and best reunion was the Stampede in Calgary and people, you know it's the Calgary Stampede and the Codys got to be a part of it. Like this is a Jamestown parade, we got to be a part of it. That in Cody WY, we go on the 4th of July, Codys get to be a part of it. So something that we're not going to have to, you know, re-invent the wheel, that we can join with a group that's having a National Day of the Cowboy, or having something, that, that, doesn't have to have anything to do with cowboys...

Dwight - A car show.

Suzanna - Whatever, a car show, exactly. So ummm, we're really excited that, ah, Terry is going to be in charge of our next reunion in Cincinnati that's in 2016, ummm, we don't have a date yet, do we?

Janet - Maybe. We all, we have to talk to the rest of the Codys.

Suzanna - Oh, ok.

Dwight - It's a potential site.

Suzanna - They're having a circle, this is a potential site.

Janet - So far, it's just the 2 of us.

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Suzanna - Very wise of you. No, it wasn't the 2 of us, we all worked together. So umm, anyway, ah, that's the possibility and we will be advertising that as soon as we get the word from, I think October is your...

Terry - October, right.

Suzanna - October is when they're having their Ohio Circle so, You'll be receiving news as to what's going on ummm, at that time. Okay! Comments, questions, 'cause we're gonna do a vote here.

Dwight - Just one of the little things, that I think, one of the other ahh, important things that, that addresses that same idea of the potential site in Cincinnati in a couple years, but also the conversation we had where we're thinking that it might be a little more practical to have the duration thereafter be something in the 4 to 5 year kind of span, as opposed to every 2 years, because again, we're trying to, ah, increase the numbers so that the economics of getting together on a national basis is a, is a successful one, not, you know. as much as possible and I think that the, the fewer reunions there are, the more likely people are to attend them, because there's not gonna be as many chances. If we had one every year, it'd be "Oh, we'll go next year," you know, or we'll, that kind of a thing, so ahhh, we wanna know how you feel about that. Ah, we've discussed it a little amongst ourselves but it is a big, it is a big change that may ahhh, you know, take place after our next reunion, which again...

Suzanna - Which may or may not happen...

Dwight - In 2 years and is in a potential location, not a definite one, okay?

Suzanna - As soon as Terry and Janet know, we'll get the message out to all of you.

Dwight - Yeah, they gotta be certain of the support system, which is a very wise thing and need to re, ahh, refurbish the contacts that they had once made a couple years back, when they were prepared to deliver that reunion and, and graciously, ahh, you know, stepped aside, so to speak, and let the reunion happen in Cody and down in Tucson and so forth.

Suzanna - You know, one of the reasons this site was selected is because I've been here many times, I was part of the, ah, Buffalo Bill poster restoration and got lots of people to send money in to help restore the poster, it was before we were electronic so it was like telephoning everyone, "Hey, would you like to help with the poster?" Hiram Cody and I worked on that and I got to meet the people of Jamestown and fell in love with them, ahh, it's been Cody Family tradition from Lindus and, ahh, Amelia to come to Chautauqua Institution in the summers and I think that's why Buffalo Bill had the Wild West Show here so often, 'cause this is where his family was, this is his Cleveland family and Ontario family were here. Ahh, stand up Christopher for one minute. Guess who was married here?... and his beautiful wife Colleen (applause) Colleen stand up, take a bow, she's the bride, the beautiful bride. And these are, this is Elizabeth Cody and William Shea.

Dwight - Ah, these are our youngest attendees, Lizzie and William.

Stuart - And Wild Willy.

Suzanna - Wild Willy.

Dwight - And we're glad you came.

Suzanna - Yeah, so we are. And, and so during those times we made relationships here, during their marriage and during the Buffalo Bill poster we created relationships here, we felt comfortable coming here, Lee Harkness had been on my back for 10 years. "When are you coming, Cody to see the poster?" And I said, I don't know. So anyway, we did it and we thank all of you for being here. So anybody have an interest in putting yourself or someone you know who would like to come forth... Oh, Spencer and Meghan are back. Would you 2 stand up for a minute and, and just say a few words about, ahh, our involvement with you guys?

Spencer - I don't know, what would you like us to talk about?

Suzanna - We've already said that Meghan was going to help with the Cody Kids Camp with Kelly Edwards.

Meghan - Oh, umm, something I was talking to Ron about, since you mentioned, is that we have a new initiative in our Education Department called Skyping Classrooms, because we're in WY and it is such a rural area, we can't match the number of poor kids who can get into the Center, which is about 4 or 5000 per year, now with Virtual Field Trips with kids all over the country, through Skype, and they get to learn about the West, we've Skyped to England, we've Skyped to China, we've Skyped with schools in 34 states in the United States, um, we're not leaving out the Western schools, we're bringing it to them. (applause)

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Spencer - What would you like me to talk about?

Suzanna - About, you know, your work with our databases and how you isolated, umm, errata and how you really helped us work with getting our act together.



Spencer - So, ahh... I helped to put the Cody Family database into what we have in our system, see how many people were also connected with us, we were able to find about 40-50 connections, umm, so if any of you want to stay connected with the Center in Cody, you can be a member, or you can sign up for our e-newsletter or anything like that.

Suzanna - Well, we had a nice donation today, to the umm, International Cody Family Foundation Fund, umm, that will go directly to Tom Robison.

Spencer - All right, that's super, great! (applause)

Ron - One thing, it was an interesting conversation with Meghan here, because they're, with the Skype, they're going all around the world and it's saying hey, here's the Cody Museum, here's all the different aspects of it, so people around the world are using the Cody Museum as a classroom so you can be in England, Germany, anywhere and you're connected right in and what, 45-minute sessions and you've got a skilled teacher's, ah, connections and that sort of thing, so it's a flourishing thing.

Suzanna - We can do it with ICFA.

Ron - Then I was suggesting to her that if they do the Jamestown thing here next year, that they ought to set up something to show what the Buffalo Bill Center is doing with the Skyping and educational tools. I think it'd be great, especially for schoolteachers, to see what all is going on.

Dwight - It's also a great thing if you have grandkids. You might be able to link up with one of her classes possibly, I would think, or you can tell the grandkids' teacher, if you ever go to one of their ah, open houses kind of thing that that's a service that they're, ahh, offering, which...

Meghan - And it's free!

Ron - Yeah, it's free.

Suzanna - That's the best thing!

Dwight - It's a little expensive, at zero...

Suzanna - Thank you so much, thank you for coming all the way from Cody to be here. (applause)

Suzanna - We're loving your being here. Okay, back to the elections, if we don't get through this, we're gonna be here all day, and nobody gets to see the cars. Ummm, ahh, the floor is open for nominations for any post.

Dwight - Anybody feel any inspiration?

Suzanna - Otherwise, what we're going to do is re-elect the umm, well, the 4 officers who are here plus Kevin, who was here and had to leave. We will, uh, all in favor of re-election of the officers, who are here...



Ron - You've got one addition.

Dwight - What about the additional Vice-president? Afterwards?

Suzanna - Afterwards, yeah. We have a couple people interested in the Vice-Presidency, ah, we don't have ahh, as firm a commitment from them as we would like before we take a vote on that, but at least we've got 5 who are standing, sort of, and if you would like to re-elect, everybody stand up.

Dwight - And the one missing is Kevin.

Allan - I'm appointed...

Suzanna - You're, you're going to be elected.

Allan - Oh.

Ron - Yeah.

Suzanna - Okay, so if you choose to elect the 4 of us plus Kevin, who will be your Executive Board, say "Aye."

Floor - Aye!

Suzanna - Opposed? "Nay."

(none opposed)

Ron - One thing that should go along with this...

Suzanna - We have a Nay here, you're...

Ron - You're the Nay?

Floor - No, I'm out of order.

Ron - He's out of order. One thing that we want to do, is to rotate people through these positions too. I've been Treasurer for a long time and at some time, you know, we would like to...

Suzanna - We're gettin' old.

Ron - And we can also, the way we did the Bylaws, we can, any of us can, have assistants, and then work into it. So, if somebody would like to help on the Treasury, Genealogy or any of these areas, just let us know, then, ahh, you know, we can work...

Dwight - A little crossover there, a little crossover, little...

Suzanna - We can convince you to...

Ron - We'd love to do it.

Suzanna - You don't have to be definitely on board, but you could be an Associate, you could be an, you know assist us in our Historical and Genealogical work, we would love for you to be with us.

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Floor - Discuss it over martinis.

Suzanna - Okay, we're discussing it over martinis, is that what he said?

Dwight - Yeah, it's all... that's right, there's a lot to talk about.

Janet - Suzanna, can you tell us who the ahh, potential people are for the Vice-presidency?

Suzanna - I'd rather not because then they'll be solicited and I don't think they want to, they don't want to be. So, I would, I may whisper it in your ear.

Ron - I thought you had a committment in your ear.

Suzanna - She doesn't know and she doesn't want to be mentioned, so let's leave that alone.

Stuart - That eliminates half the people.

Ron - Pardon?

Stuart - "She"

Suzanna - That does.

Stuart - She gave away 50%...

Suzanna - Okay, so, are there any comments, questions, anything? (pause) Okay, I'm going to have to take off my boot again...

Dwight - So how, umm, if, if... I have a question. So there's a vacancy in the ah, Vice-Presidency, there's a vacancy in the Genealogist, technically, even though Allan's really doing a good job, and there's a vacancy in the, umm, ahh, Editor and Allan again has pulled that thing and is doin' a great job, how are these positions are gonna be ahh...

Suzanna - Just be in touch with us, they're gonna be on the website...

Dwight - Technically, how are these positions are filled, are they not filled until the next Reunion?, technically and legally, or can they be filled on approval of us, or...

Suzanna - No, they will be filled, they will be appointed and then elected at the next reunion by the general membership.

Dwight - Okay.

Suzanna - And we'll have to find out another way if we're going to meet every 4 years, we're going to have to find another way of doing it each year and we'll probably do that by e-conferencing.

Dwight - Okay.

Suzanna - Okay?

Suzanna - Because...

Floor - Ratified by the membership?

Dwight - So, so what we'll have

Suzanna - We have been doing e-conferencing by the membership because we can't...

Suzanna - ...and we forgot to tell you, ahh, meanwhile we've re-written the Bylaws for it, so we've been, we've had a busy year and a half, let's put it that way. So, ahh, we hope that some of you will be interested in joining us in helping keep the, the, uh, you know, our legacy alive and well and uh, walk forth into the future together, thank you.

Dwight - Yeah, and especially within those smaller circles, again that's gonna be our goal in the next couple of years is to develop those smaller, help, to help with those circles throughout the country.

Suzanna - And the young people. Okay, the meeting is hereby adjourned (gavels the meeting to a close).

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