



**Dallas Genealogical Society**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**6 May 2023**

President Jim Thornhill opened the meeting at 11:08 am.

**Minutes from the prior meeting** are available on the DGS website.

**Officer Nominations:** The following people have been nominated. Nominations are now closed.

- President – Tony Hanson
- Vice President – Sharon Bowles
- Secretary – Terry Turner

**What Happens Next?**

- The election will be held virtually, and members will receive an email allowing them to vote.
- When the election is over, the New Officers will identify candidates for the remaining Executive Committee (EC) Positions
  - Director of Information Technology
  - Director of Finance
  - The EC will be installed at the September General Meeting

**Presentation:** We had a wonderful presentation by Mamie McCullough, Ph.D. Mamie has been influencing audiences for more than 40 years. She has overcome poverty and many other adversities, including cancer, to become one of the country's most popular motivational speakers.

**Annual Awards:**

Review of DGS accomplishments 2022-2023

- The society donated over \$1600 in books to the library.
- We renewed the maintenance of the Heritage Lab scanner.
- The renewal of History Geo and Newspaper Archive subscriptions were provided for the library.



- We increased our digital presence via our website (including additional digitized records), social media, and Zoom meetings. We also have a more national presence.

#### Awards

- President's Special Award – This year Jim presented the President's Special Award to Todd DeDecker, Tony Hanson, and Susan Rainwater for the exceptional job they did to modernize and update our website.
- Volunteer of the Year – Patti presented the Volunteer of the Year award to Michelle Dwyer Cohen for her help with the newsletter, seminars, and wherever her help was needed.
- Heritage Preservation - Linda Harrison presented the Heritage Preservation award to the Family Search Library Remote Library Services for all the fantastic work they do. This includes the staff in the Heritage Lab at the Dallas library.
- Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award – Jim presented this award to Ari Wilkins for all the work she does across the country to educate and help people find their family history.
- Award of Merit – Tony presented the Award of Merit to Carolyn Davis who is a long-time member and a past board member for her contributions to the society.

End time: 12:08 pm

Following the Awards was lunch.