

September 2005

Descendants of Caspar Getman met Saturday August, 20, 2005 at Saltsman's Restaurant, Ephratah, New York.

A total of 17 individuals were present.

A display of historical materials in the possession of Beverly Buddle were on display.

The following are notes of the meeting conducted following lunch at Saltsman's.

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Clyde Getman, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

A motion to formally reorganize the Getman Association of America was made, seconded and carried without dissent.

Mark Buddle submitted a slate of ten individuals for nomination as members of the Board of Directors. Nominees were; Clyde Getman, Wayne Getman, Christopher Getman, Maureen Getman, David Getman, Marty Chase, Monica Dodge, Beverly Buddle, Mark Buddle, Colleen Lill and Linda Thompson.

Following brief discussion concerning the role of Board Members and the nominating process, nominations were closed and the slate of nominees accepted without dissent.

Mark Buddle was asked to organize a meeting of the board for the purpose of electing officers and developing a program for the 2006 meeting of the Getman Association.

A discussion of meeting options followed. Subjects included in the discussion included; possible locations, activities for youth, and possible menu formats (dish-to-pass, restaurant and caterer).

The desirability of increased membership and participation were discussed briefly. All present were encouraged to encourage Getman descendants to participate. Beverly Buddle stressed the importance of developing and expanding a more comprehensive mailing list.

US postal service mailings should be added to the current practice of using Email.

Wayne Getman pointed out that Email effectiveness has been hampered by Email spam filters. Some persons have been getting the notices and attachments, others have only gotten the cover letter, while some have not gotten either. An effort to address this has been discussed by the Web Page Committee and will be implemented as soon as practical.

Chris Getman encouraged everyone to help facilitate the distribution and circulation of the Traveling Journals that were distributed last year. Two were returned and re-circulated during the meeting. He also indicated that the Web Page had been out of commission for a period of approximately a month due to a hardware update.

Clyde Getman encouraged those present to utilize the RootsWeb message board for Getman in addition to the forum on the Getman.org Web Page.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted

Wayne A Getman

## Board Member Responsibilities

Board members are normally elected for a term of two years with one-half (5) being replaced each year. In order to establish a complete board ten were elected in 2005. Term staggering will be established during upcoming elections.

Board members elect officers from the board. Offices to be filled are; President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Historian.

Board members annually establish the date, time, location and program for the upcoming year.