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Ancient Trails to Super Highways...Discover your Roots **GSHA Annual Meeting and Conference in Ontario California: A Great Success**

Dear Members:

The annual meeting and conference has come and gone but the memories stay with us. I have attended twenty-five of our conferences out of twenty-nine. Each conference is different but special no matter where it is held. Friday is my favorite day when everyone starts arriving and we see people we haven't seen for a year or longer. We also meet new people who help us get over genealogical road blocks, or we link up with a new cousin or network with many fellow genealogists.

The conference is very hard to coordinate. This year, we owe a debt of gratitude to the Southern California chapter for making it seem so easy. Those of us in the audience enjoy every aspect. Those behind the scenes don't relax until Sunday afternoon. Kudos to all of you in the forefront and those volunteers in the background. Special thanks to Gloria Trujillo, conference chair.

I was happy to meet many people from California who I only knew about through our membership roster. The person who stands out in my mind was Paul Cochet, one of the volunteers. He was all over the place helping with the raffle and he still had time to attend some of the presentations and buy his own raffle tickets. There were so many others who helped and we have them listed on page four of this newsletter.

My favorite memory was seeing a long-time colleague and friend, Marrietta Gonzales, who gave a presentation on the Vigil's. In 1998 when the last conference was held in California, Marietta and Donie had spearheaded our efforts to legally make GSHA a national organization and it was at that conference the process was finalized. There are so many memories to look back on for those of us who have been around since the beginning of this organization.

The next location of our conference will be announced in the next month. I hope many of you will attend and join us in adding to the memories that we take back home with us.

Charlene Garcia Simms, Editor

GSHA NOMINATIONS

Nominations are open for the vice-president and secretarial position on the national board. We are at an important cross-roads with GSHA in the direction we will be taking our organization in the near future. At this time two people have shown interest in being nominated for each position but there is still time to nominate other people or express interest yourself. Patsy Vasquez Chavez and Mary Ellen Burciago are leading the nominations committee. Contact either one if you are interested at: patsyvasquez@yahoo.com and mburciago@gmail.com

The deadline to accept nominations is November 7. If no one else is nominated besides the two candidates we now have, they will each win by acclamation and will be appointed by the GSHA Board of Directors.

If you think you can make a difference and have ideas to offer, join our leadership team as we go forward or volunteer at your local chapter or the national level.

Thank you.



Utah Chapter

The formation of a Utah Chapter is about to become a reality. Those members who are working on this have met most criteria of becoming a chapter and only have one more step to go. Stay tuned for the day when we can say that we have three chapters. Those who attended the conference from Utah were: Rocio Anderson, Maria Tello, Martha Gomez, Evan Christensen, Magdalena and Arturo Cuellar.

It was great meeting the Utah members and witness their passion for genealogy and going forward as a Utah Chapter.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



September 2017

Dear GSHA Members,

Using a Hollywood term, the Annual Genealogical Conference is a “wrap”. By all measures: attendance—155, quality of speakers and subjects, and hotel accommodations, the event was a success. Even the weather cooperated.

I want to thank the Conference Planning Committee, and numerous volunteers, for their hard work, that ensured success. A shout out to its members: Gloria Trujillo, Chair, Karen Cordova, Bob Craig, Doug Daniels, Colleen Greene, Mona Hernandez, Cathy Romero, Lenny Trujillo, Patsy Vasquez, and Kevin Williams. Gratitude to the Host Chapter, Southern California, its board and members, for their participation. Special recognition for our society brothers and sisters from the Fray Angélico Chávez Chapter and the Utah group who traveled to Ontario, California.

At the Annual Business Meeting, the society's ballot measures voting system was a subject of discussion. The item was referred to the Rules Committee for review of the present voting system and appropriate recommendations.

As with almost every organization, one of the major concerns of its leadership, is planning and implementing measures and practices that ensures its fiscal health. Ultimately, it's all our responsibility. You will be hearing more on this subject, as we move forward, with the aim of increasing membership, and continuing and improving benefits. In the meantime, I implore you to step forward, to provide your “**time, talent, and treasure**”. These factors remain the cornerstone of success for an organization. I urge you to reflect on the three “T’s” and act upon them in whichever way you choose in the interest of the society and it's mission and purpose.

You are encouraged as always, to share your ideas, thoughts, and suggestions, by email, pgomez177@roadrunner.com, or by phone, 909-238-6444.

Best Wishes,
Paul Gomez

Vice President Frank Dominguez' Report:



As of September 4 our membership was as follows:

Total GSHA members—479
Southern California member count - 226
Member at large count—22
FACC member count—231

We hope to increase our membership next year. We are especially looking forward to welcoming a Utah Chapter.

Summary of Annual Minutes Meeting

Your Board in Action: 19 August 2017 By Donie Nelson, Member at Large Representative

The 2017 Annual Meeting of GSHA was held on Saturday 19 August 2017 from 5-6 pm at the Ontario Airport Hotel & Conference Center. This annual meeting was presided by President Paul Gomez. Board members in attendance were: Treasurer Bob Craig; GSHA-SC Chapter Rep. Patsy Vasquez; Member at Large Rep Donie Nelson; in the absence of Mary Ellen Burciago, Abel Santistevan was the Acting GSHA-FACC Pueblo Chapter Rep. Also absent was VP & Membership Chair Frank Dominguez. Also in attendance were GSHA members.

In the absence of the Vice President, members in good standing and eligible to vote were asked to stand and the President did a head count and determined that the quorum of 30 members was present and the meeting could continue.

Secretary Isabel Perez submitted her resignation prior to the Annual Meeting. Donie Nelson, Member at Large Representative, was appointed as secretary for this meeting. The minutes of the Annual Business Meeting held on Saturday, August 6, 2016 at the Drury Plaza Hotel in Santa Fe, New Mexico were approved. The agenda was adopted and distributed with written reports from all board members and Standing Committees to all attendees, plus verbal reports from those in attendance.

Reports from Standing Committees

- 2017 GSHA Annual Meeting & Genealogical Conference Committee – Gloria Trujillo, Chair: written & verbal; Publicity & Marketing – Colleen Greene, Chair: written report presented

Journal report by Donie Nelson and Newsletter report by Charlene Simms, written & verbal

- Rules Committee – Chair Abel Santistevan - In the absence of the Teller Committee: written and verbal report submitted. An amendment to the GSHA Bylaws, Policies and Procedures was proposed and voted on by the members using an email ballot. This amendment affects Article III-D Membership Categories. Of the over 340 GSHA household members eligible to vote, only 38 ballots were returned and the amendment passed. This amendment eliminates all membership categories, so that there is no distinction in dues for libraries/archives, seniors, students or regular members—all pay the same fee. At the same time, only the household vote is counted, i.e. if more than one person is part of the household, only one vote is cast for an election or bylaw change.

- Serious discussion was initiated by members regarding the small number of members who voted on the amendment to the GSHA Bylaws, Policies and Procedures to change Article III-D Membership Categories. Many members did not receive the email ballot and were not notified by email that a ballot had been emailed, etc. Questions were raised about the procedure, comments stated that many of the Society's older members either do not have computers and/or do not use email or have difficulty downloading and printing documents if they are using a library or other computer. Questions were also raised about the future handling of membership forms and dues payments online via the GSHA website.

A motion was made and carried asking the board of directors to instruct the Rules Committee to make recommendations to improve the email communication for voting on the bylaws, elections, and or handling membership and dues.

Suggestions for the 2018 GSHA Annual Meeting & Genealogical Conference included the following sites: Glorieta, New Mexico; Salt Lake City, Utah; Alamosa, Colorado; and Tucson, Arizona.

Note from editor: *Members who do not have email access are mailed the newsletter. We have forty people who were mailed the newsletter and had the information to vote. Of those who have email there were only a few emails returned as not able to contact. The process is convoluted and the motion passed will help the process but as in all elections, your vote is your voice. This is a dual process. The process to vote must be made as easy as possible and the member(s) must be proactive. Take time to read the newsletters and go on our website (gsha.net) to keep current on what's happening at GSHA. Make suggestions to your board if you have issues. The board will listen to your concerns. You may also write to them and mail your letter to GSHA, P. O. Box 3040, Pueblo, Colorado 81005.*

With Much Appreciation

Once Again, we have completed the GSHA Annual Meeting and Conference in beautiful Ontario, California. The weather was perfect and the people attending were fantastic. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves, made new friends and discovered new family members.

A conference cannot be held without the dedicated help of our volunteers. They are truly the backbone of a conference and without their help a conference is only a plan. We would like to recognize the following people who gave of their time and hard work to this conference.

<u>Conference Chair</u>	<u>Registration Committee</u>	<u>Raffle Committee</u>	<u>Speaker Committee</u>
Gloria Trujillo	Cef Aheuro-Baca Rita Cardenas Teri Chavez Pat Dileski Paul Cochet Ruth Martinez David Rios Patsy Vasquez Marie Velazco Marietta Watkins	Cef Aheuro-Baca Cecilia Brewart Paul Cochet Jeanette Martinez Ronald Rocha Raul Rodriquez – the “VOICE” Angie Torrez	Doug Daniels Mona Hernandez
<u>Entertainment</u>	<u>Hospitality</u>	<u>Tours</u>	<u>GSHA-SC table</u>
Patsy Vasquez	Cef Aheuro-Baca Leroy Martinez Joyce Sanchez Reyes Lenny Trujillo Marie Velazco	Cecilia Brewart Phil Duran Paul Gomez Jeanette Martinez David Rios Patsy Vasquez	Rose Martinez Donna Perez Cathy Romero Patsy Vasquez Carlos Yturalde
<u>Printing Program</u>	<u>Program Production</u>	<u>Graphic/Art Work</u>	<u>Marketing & Publicity</u>
Pueblo County/City Library	Karen Cordova	Cathy Romero	Colleen Greene
<u>Placards</u>	<u>Business Meeting</u>	<u>Speaker Hand-outs</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>
Karen Cordova	Paul Gomez	Mona Hernandez	Patsy Vasquez
<u>Photos</u>	<u>Story Telling Contest</u>	<u>Meal tickets</u>	
Donna Page Oldenkamp	Charlene Garcia-Simms	Anthony Castillo, Denise Castillo and Joyce Sanchez Reyes	

Thanks to our sponsors for their generous donations: Evelyn Baca Hulse, Lydia Corona, Denise and Anthony Castillo, Bob Craig, Phil Duran, Paul Gomez, Joyce Estella Reyes, Consuelo and Raul Rodriguez, Marie Velazco, and Susie Ybarra whose sponsorships totaled almost \$600 and the Pueblo City-County Library’s in-kind donation for printing of the conference program had an estimated value of \$800.

Thanks also to those who introduced our speakers.. A special thanks to the Ontario Airport Hotel for providing an enjoyable stay and nice facilities. And, of course, to all the members and non-members for attending this year’s Annual Meeting and Conference, you all made it possible.

Bob Craig
GSHA Treasurer

MEMORIES

This is a call-out for any images or stories you would like to share about the conference in Ontario. Please email them to charlenegsimms@yahoo.com. A good example is what Colleen Greene has shared with us at the bottom of this page. All memories are welcome: from meeting new cousins, breaking down a brick wall, the hospitality at the hotel, the good food, the wonderful shuttle service with “Emmett,” who gave us a history lesson of the area and was always polite and punctual as he took us from place to place.

The speakers were all informative. Did you have a favorite speaker? Did you learn something new? Did you go out to dinner with a group on Saturday? A group of about twenty of us went to an Italian restaurant where we had the opportunity to get to know the Utah contingency. I learned a lot from all the presentations. I did not know there were so many hot sauce companies that started in California through the early migrations of Hispanics into California. I thought the entertainment on Friday night was exquisite. The dresses from Spain the dancers wore were beautiful and I can still hear the castanets. The parties hosted by Leroy Martinez and Lenny Trujillo made us all feel at home and gave an opportunity for more networking. Thank you Southern California chapter.



An Emotional Meeting of Primos at GSHA 2017

By: Colleen Greene (SC Chapter, national volunteer)

(Photos: Right—Maria Aurelia Compean Sanches Left—Three branches and generations of Aurelia’s descendants: L-R, Great-granddaughter Roberta, 2nd great granddaughter Rose, 2nd great-granddaughter Coleen. (Seated) Grandson, Greg.

The GSHA 2017 conference will forever hold a very special place in my heart. For it was there that I met for the very first time two branches of my family with roots from the rural municipio of Armadillo in San Luis Potosí, Mexico. They came to hear the life story of our common ancestor. Our branches lost touch a couple generations ago. We recently re-found each other via Ancestry Member Trees, AncestryDNA, and Facebook, and had only communicated online up to this point.

I was scheduled to present a case study about our common ancestor, my 2nd great grandmother Maria Aurelia Compean Sanches (1864-1963) titled “The Suspect Centenarian: Using a Common Source to Connect to Mexican Origins” the final afternoon presentation of the conference. When local Southern California cousins from these two different newly found branches of Aurelia’s descendants learned that I would give this talk in nearby Ontario, they registered to attend for that Sunday of the conference. I speak frequently at genealogy conferences and society programs. Presenting stories from my own family history is always emotional. But knowing these cousins would be in attendance intensified that emotion.

At the start of my presentation, I explained to the audience that three different branches (including mine) were in attendance for this talk, and that we had all just met during lunch for the first time. Introducing these cousins, especially my grandfather’s 88-year-old first cousin Greg (Aurelia’s grandson), choked me up.

Words cannot express how incredibly grateful I am for the touching reception my GSHA family gave to my own family.

Income Statement
Genealogical Society of Hispanic America for the Month ended September 30, 2017

	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	3rd Qtr	YTD
Revenue					
Membership					
FACC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,745.66
SC	\$ 82.00	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 107.00	\$ 2,250.20
MAL	\$ 72.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 72.00	\$ 97.00
GSHA Journal purchases	\$ 48.00	\$ -	\$ 170.00	\$ 218.00	\$ 333.10
Donation GSHA	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 400.00
Conference registrations	\$ 8,895.00	\$ 3,947.00	\$ -	\$ 12,842.00	\$ 18,157.00
Conference exhibitor	\$ 300.00	\$ 35.00	\$ -	\$ 335.00	\$ 660.00
Conference Program Ad	\$ 325.00	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 350.00	\$ 500.00
Conference Donation	\$ 60.00	\$ 115.00	\$ -	\$ 175.00	\$ 465.00
Conference Raffle items	\$ -	\$ 828.00	\$ -	\$ 828.00	\$ 828.00
Conference 50/50 Raffle	\$ -	\$ 710.00	\$ -	\$ 710.00	\$ 710.00
Conference Silent Auction	\$ -	\$ 534.00	\$ -	\$ 534.00	\$ 534.00
Conference Reception	\$ -	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
Returned deposit-Radisson	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Website refund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 59.96
Misc	\$ -	\$ 40.04	\$ -	\$ 67.99	\$ 102.39
Total Revenue	\$ 9,832.00	\$ 6,834.04	\$ 170.00	\$ 16,863.99	\$ 27,417.31
Operating Income/(Loss)	\$ 9,832.00	\$ 6,834.04	\$ 170.00	\$ 16,863.99	\$ 27,417.31
Total Other Income and Expenses	\$1775.79	\$27,511.15	\$250.34	\$29,537.38	\$28,183.39
Net Income	\$ 8,056.21	\$ (20,677.11)	\$ (80.34)	\$ (12,673.39)	\$ (766.08)

The GSHA Bylaws state that when there is a conference profit it is shared as follows: GSHA gets 50% across the board. If there is a host chapter they get 25% after GSHA has subtracted half the profit. The remaining amount is divided in half and given to each chapter. When there is no host chapter the amount left over is divided equally for each chapter. When a chapter agrees to be a host chapter for the conference they are responsible for management of the conference. Page 8 has a breakdown of income and expenses for the 2017 GSHA Conference.

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2017 GSHA Conference Income and Expense**Income**

Speaker Appropriation	\$ 5,000.00
Speaker Appropriation unused	\$ (2,594.02)
Conference donations	\$ 465.00
Raffle items	\$ 828.00
Raffle-50/50	\$ 710.00
Silent Auction	\$ 534.00
Conference registrations	\$ 18,157.00
Reception	\$ 75.00
Vendor tables	\$ 660.00
Program Ad	\$ 500.00
Returned Deposit - Radisson Hotel	\$ 500.00
Total Income	\$ 24,834.98

Expenses

Hotel deposit	\$ (1,000.00)
Printing	\$ (775.78)
Supplies	\$ (173.75)
Postage	\$ (28.17)
Shipping	\$ (57.51)
Audio/Visual	\$ (3,332.57)
Meeting and vendor rooms	\$ (2,550.00)
Catering	\$ (7,429.82)
President reception	\$ (1,714.00)
Gratuity	\$ (2,104.37)
Food/Room tax	\$ (1,058.34)
Entertainment	\$ (500.00)
50/50 raffle	\$ (355.00)
Storytelling Contest	\$ (50.00)
Speaker travel-Flight	\$ (870.80)
Speaking fee	\$ (1,100.00)
Lodging for speaker	\$ -
Speaker Dining	\$ (435.18)
Square surcharge	\$ (38.99)
Refunds	\$ (145.00)
Total Expenses	\$ (23,719.28)
Profit/(Loss)	\$ 1,115.70

The next newsletter will have an end of year income and expense statement. As President Gomez states in his letter from the president, "As with almost every organization, one of the major concerns of its leadership, is planning and implementing measures and practices that ensures its fiscal health. Ultimately, it's all our responsibility. You will be hearing more on this subject, as we move forward, with the aim of increasing membership, and continuing and improving benefits."

We will also be looking at ways to cut costs at the conferences so they are profitable and keep us fiscally sound.

Your Board in Action: 3 October 2017

By Donie Nelson, Member at Large Representative

The GSHA board of directors met by telephone conference call on Tuesday evening, 3 October 2017 and presided by President Paul Gomez. Voting members in attendance were: VP Membership Chair Frank Dominguez; Secretary VACANT; Treasurer Bob Craig; GSHA-FACC Pueblo Chapter Rep. Mary Ellen Burciago; GSHA-SC Chapter Rep. Patsy Vasquez; Member at Large Rep Donie Nelson. Guests: Charlene Garcia Simms, Editor, *Noticias de Nuestras Raices*; Colleen Greene, Publicity & Marketing Chair, Webmaster; Abel Santistevan, Chair, Rules Committee; Arturo Cuellar, FACC member.

Absent: Gloria Trujillo, 2017 GSHA Genealogical Conference Chair sent a written report.

One of the first actions taken by the board was to approve the appointment of Donie Nelson, Member at Large Representative, Editor in Chief & Managing Editor of *Nuestras Raices*, and Co-Coordinator of the Outreach Committee as national Secretary for 2017, serving the remainder of the term vacated by Isabel Perez.

- Reports: Board members submitted updated reports on their spheres of responsibility and/or referred members to their mid-year reports submitted at the Annual Meeting in August.
- Membership: To date there are 479 members and 373 households. Breakdown by category as follows: Members at large: 22 households; FACC: 173 households; and SC: 180 households. Dominguez created a new GSHA membership form, incorporating the dues changes, and it has been approved by the board of directors and will be used for new recruitment of members and 2018 renewals. Chapters will revise their applications accordingly. It was discovered that GSHA has allowed our membership in the Federation of Genealogical Societies to lapse. The board voted unanimously to renew.
- Treasurer: Total revenue for 2017: \$27,417; total expenses for 2017: \$28,183; loss <\$766>. Vasquez recommended and the board approved with a majority of 3-2, with one abstention and the President breaking the tie, that the Treasurer prepare a calendar year-end balance sheet that will show the Society's total assets.
- 2017 GSHA Genealogical Conference (Craig in the absence of Trujillo)

Craig reports that there were 155 total attendees at the conference; income totaled: \$24,835; expenses totaled \$23,719. The chapters would each receive a total of \$209 for their support of the conference, and that GSHA-SC would receive an additional \$139 as host. GSHA would retain \$558 profit. The board granted the committee \$5000 for speakers and entertainment and they spent \$2,406 for speaker fees and accommodations. Constructive comments on the conference included:

- Continue to work at locating the exhibitors so that their space receives maximum "traffic" from attendees; combine exhibitors with space for ticket sales, refreshments, and perhaps add a person or team who will assist with research.

- Recommendation that the Friday evening program focus on opportunities for networking and that the time and events allocated for entertainment be reduced.

- Rules Committee has sent a copy of the Society's Bylaws and Standing Rules of Procedure for review by the board of directors. Members wishing to have a copy should contact Abel Santistevan and/or the Secretary. The committee will send to the board and Greene (experienced with online services), information on how Society members can vote in elections and for revisions to the Society's Bylaws and Standing Rules of Procedure by website-based voting services.
- Changes to the Society's Bylaws and Standing Rules of Procedure. Once again it is time to request the submission of changes to the Society's Bylaws and the Standing Rules of Procedure. Any member in good standing can propose an amendment by petitioning the Rules Committee directly, or through the Executive Committee, no later than February 1, of each year. The petition should include a short explanation or rationale for the proposed change. The Rules Committee will submit its recommendations for Board action no later than March 31. Ballots, with clear instructions for returning them, will be mailed to each member no less than 20 days before the Annual Meeting.

Nominations Committee: Mare Ellen Burciago and Patsy Vasquez will co-chair the five-person Nominations Committee. They are currently seeking nominees for the positions of: Vice President, Secretary, and Member at Large. Each serves a two-year term beginning January 1, 2018. Current VP Dominguez has indicated a desire to continue in this post. Arturo Cuellar has indicated a desire to be nominated as Secretary.

New Chapter: The board of directors has yet to appoint a Charter Committee to handle the admission of a proposed Utah Chapter. Arturo Cuellar, representing a group of GSHA members who are organizing to form a Utah Chapter of GSHA, reports that they have filed incorporation papers in the state of Utah and are proceeding with the submission of the paperwork required by GSHA; five members are required to begin the process and they currently have 22 paid members. They will submit a petition, a proposed name, a record of attendance of at least three organizing meetings, a membership and officer's roster, and two copies of proposed Bylaws and Standing Rules of Procedure. It is anticipated that this chapter will be officially recognized at the 2018 Annual Meeting & Genealogical Conference.

Nuestras Raices: The fall journal is being edited for delivery to the printer by November 1. Treasurer Craig has requested that Santistevan, *Nuestras Raices* Distribution Chair, conduct an inventory of journal back issues that should be targeted for a sales campaign. The goal is to not only raise funds, but also reduce the amount of back issues that are stored in the Society storage unit in Pueblo so that a smaller unit can be rented. Nelson will create a sales campaign.

Duran Initiative: Phil Duran, Charlene Garcia Simms and Douglas Daniels were appointed to take responsibility for the disbursement of the remaining funds (\$1,040.00) available within the grant. The original grant of \$5,000 was made to the Society in 2014 by members of the Duran family to fund the promotion of "youth" involvement in GSHA. Since that time, funds have been distributed to winners of a 2015 writing contest and to both FACC and SC chapters to fund chapter-based activities. The committee was inactive in 2016 and this was questioned at the 2017 Annual Meeting. The committee will meet and report to the board on recommendations for the remaining funds.

GSHA Logo: The original GSHA logo was difficult to read (see accompanying artwork). At the request of Nelson, GSHA-SC member and professional graphic designer Catherine Romero incorporated the GSHA logo into a more visually appealing design. A version of this design was used on GSHA brochures printed in the fall of 2014. Romero used the artwork she designed to promote the 2014 Annual Meeting & Genealogical Conference as a starting point. The current version is as follows:



Nelson proposed that this artwork be used on official GSHA stationery, the GSHA Membership Form, and incorporated onto the GSHA website, *Nuestras Raices* journal and *Noticias de Nuestras Raices* newsletter. Greene objected to its use as a logo on the website and did not support the suggestion that the members be polled about the use of this artwork to visually represent the goals of GSHA. It was requested that Greene submit to the board samples of logos, branding artwork, etc. so that the board of directors understands what these symbols are and how they are used by other organizations. Due to her workload, Greene will submit this material after January 1, 2018. The board voted unanimous to table this agenda item for January 2018.

We're on the web!

gsha.net



2017 Officers



Paul Gomez, *President*

Frank Dominguez, *Vice-president*

Donie Nelson *Secretary*

Bob Craig, *Treasurer*

Donie Nelson, *Member-at-Large Representative*

Patsy Vasquez Chavez, *Southern California Representative*

Mary Ellen Burciago, *Fray Angelico Chavez Chapter Representative*

Donie Nelson, *Editor-in-Chief and Managing Editor, Nuestras Raices Journal*

Charlene Garcia Simms, *Editor, Noticias de Nuestras Raices Newsletter*

Front photos: Left—A migrant worker shown using a short-handled hoe which Cesar Chavez helped to ban because of the back injuries and debilitation it caused.

Right: Jose Ramos Valdez, post-master in San Luis between 1900-1945. he also owned the *Heraldo* newspaper, precursor to the modern *Free Press*.

Amendments to By-laws and Standing Rules of Procedure

Actions taken by GSHA are guided by the bylaws. Please become familiar with them. They can be found on our website at gsha.net. We will continue operating under the bylaws as they read. However, sometimes parts of the bylaws become outdated and need to be changed for one reason or another. Each year we have the opportunity to change the bylaws by amending them. The following is how this is done.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED