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FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES ANNOUNCES 2015 ELECTION RESULTS

December 1, 2015 – Austin, TX. The [Federation of Genealogical Societies](#) (FGS) announces results of its recent election for FGS board members. The election was conducted online October 23 – November 23, 2015, with all FGS delegates eligible to vote. Office terms for those elected will begin on January 1, 2016.

With the recent election results, FGS President D. Joshua Taylor states, "I am looking forward to welcoming these old and new faces to the FGS Leadership team. FGS would not be able to fulfill its mission without its terrific volunteers who give so much of their time and energy to the organization."

Re-Elected FGS Board Members

The following officers and directors were re-elected to their positions:

- **Ed Donakey** (Utah) — Vice-President of Development
- **Janice A. Fritsch** (Illinois) — Director

New FGS Board Members

The following officers and directors were newly elected to their positions:

- **Caroline M. Pointer*** (Texas) — Vice-President of Membership
- **Shellee A. Moorehead** (Rhode Island) — Treasurer
- **Richard L. Cassell** (Washington) — Director
- **Mark Olsen** (Utah) — Director
- **Cari A. Taplin** (Texas) — Director

*Pointer was first appointed to the FGS board as director in early 2013 to fill a vacant position; appointed Vice-President of Membership in mid-2015 to fill the vacant position; and elected Vice-President of Membership in this recent election.

About the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS)

The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) was founded in 1976 and represents the members of hundreds of genealogical societies. FGS links the genealogical community by helping genealogical societies and family history enthusiasts strengthen and grow through online resources, *FGS FORUM* magazine, and through its annual [national conference](#) which provides four days of excellent learning opportunities for both societies and family history enthusiasts. To learn more about FGS visit [fgs.org](#). To learn more about the next annual conference to be held in Springfield, IL, visit [fgsconference.org](#). Also, find FGS on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/FGSgenealogy>, on Twitter [@FGSgenealogy](#) and on the FGS Voice blog at <http://voice.fgs.org>.

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