

GENERAL MEETING

By Art Corey

The 2004 meeting was presided over by President Fred Corey and began with those in attendance introducing themselves and describing their background and occupations. After a brief discussion of developments during the 2002 meeting, and reading the treasurer's report for 2003-2004 prepared by James M. Corey, we had a discussion concerning vacancies for society officers. There was no possibility of electing new officers during this meeting since no volunteers were in attendance.

Art Corey, temporary editor, said he is anxious to find a replacement because we need a younger person for this job. Our current president, Fred Corey, said that he is too busy running his engineering firm to give the job of president the attention he would like. He said that he would entertain an offer to be relieved until his retirement from his engineering firm. At that time he feels he could give more time to the Society.

Art Corey, as well as Jean Hayes, editor of the English newsletter, said that producing newsletters and mailing them to all members is the biggest expense for their societies. Art asked the members how they would respond to receiving newsletters by internet if they were able to do so. The reaction was mixed, although most said receiving the newsletter by e-mail would be satisfactory for them.

Jean Hayes suggested that it might be better if we followed the English example of producing three newsletters annually instead of trying to produce four. No decision was made about newsletter policy during the meeting, but we might consider adopting the English policy next year.

Vice President and Webmaster, Earl Corey, gave a report on progress with our website. Ida Birch did the same for the English Cory website. We were told that while some people were agreeable to having their names on society databases and on our website, others object to having their names on lists available to the public. We all agree, however, that functioning websites have made a substantial contribution by creating interest in our societies.

Jean Hayes gave a report on the general meeting of the English Cory Family Society that had taken place on June 12th at the University of London. The meeting was presided over by Mark Hassell, President of the English Cory Society.

Art Corey attended the meeting as a representative of the American Corey Society. One of the subjects discussed was progress on the DNA project undertaken jointly with the American Society.

Mark announced that Margaret Goffin is now coordinating the English contribution to the project and will be co-coordinator of the joint project with Art Corey. Margaret stated that the biggest obstacle for the English Society is finding suitable participants willing to part with \$155 for the analysis of their Y - chromosome.

The English Cory Family Society agreed that finding funds to subsidize key participants would greatly facilitate progress in unraveling relationships between Cory family lines in Britain and America. The English Cory Society earmarked four hundred pounds for this purpose.

Art Corey announced to the American Cory Family Society that 30 Cory males have now participated in the project, and that folks continue to participate to discover which Cory line they

are from. Art said that DNA analysis is a relatively inexpensive way to begin researching one's Cory ancestry, and greatly reduces the research needed to determine paternal ancestry.

It was agreed that the American Cory Society also would contribute to subsidizing key English DNA donors, to the extent our funds will permit.

Art announced that William H. Corey, an American with a well-documented pedigree back to John Corey of Roxbury, MA, had contacted him and was persuaded to participate in our DNA project. William's Y-chromosome profile proved that William, and consequently John of Roxbury, were from the John of Long Island line.

Members of our society, especially Joan Guilford, have been researching the ancestry of John of Roxbury for a long time. They had found circumstantial evidence that John was from the Long Island Cory line, and they were delighted to have this supposition confirmed.

The last topic discussed was the question of where and when to hold our next meeting. We would like to interest as many English members, as well as Americans, to attend as possible. We first discussed a place. It appeared that the most popular site would be near Salem, MA.

Those who had attended the last meeting in Salem, both English and Americans, would like to go there again. We believe many new members, who have not yet learned the full story of the famous or "infamous" Giles Corey will also find a trip to Salem fascinating.

We next discussed the best time for a meeting in New England. Many would enjoy a meeting there in October when the leaves are colorful, and the temperature would be cool enough to suit our English cousins. However, October would be unsuitable for members with children in school. For a variety of other considerations, it was soon determined that the only practical time was in June, shortly after school lets out all over the USA.

Our next project will be to find someone, preferably with knowledge of Cory/Corey history, who lives in New England, to serve as host and plan the program.