



## WHITESIDE FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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# ANOTHER COVID VICTIM!!

Even the WFA is feeling the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. The board usually meets twice per year, each time in a different location where there is a cluster of folks bearing the name Whiteside. The spring 2020 meeting was cancelled completely with the hope that we could convene this fall. But this too is not possible for an in-person gathering. So.....our group is following the lead of so many groups and will have a zoom meeting. The details are below:

**WHEN:** October 21 & 22, 2020

**TIME:** The calls will begin at 9:00 AM EDT

**ZOOM LINK:** Watch the WFA website for a link which will be posted a few days ahead

#### TIPS FOR A ZOOM MEETING:

1. Participation is totally free. It only involves downloading the zoom app on your computer, phone, or other device.
2. Once you have the link, simply enter it and join the meeting following the instructions given.
3. All members are welcome to attend and find out about the operations of your organization.
4. Plan to join us without incurring any expenses!!

**MAKE PLANS NOW TO BE PART OF OUR MEETING!!**

**FACEBOOK GROUP**

Whiteside Family Facebook Group continues to be dynamic during the pandemic and certainly the most used resource in our community. Lot's of individual family news and for some just thankful for the opportunity to connect with other Whitesides. Thanks to Cindy, David and others for their support.

**MANY THANKS DAVID**

David Whiteside will be retiring this Fall as Director of the WFA and the representative for UK Whitesides. David has served our organization for many years in an awesome way. We all owe him a huge vote of thanks for his faithful service and commitment to the WFA and all that it stands for.

THANK YOU DAVID!!

Having a direct contact in the UK for North American Whiteside has been a great help for many research projects. If you live in the UK we would like your help to replace David in this position. The minimum requirement would be 2 meetings a year (Spring and Fall) talking with other directors about Whiteside family history in the UK and perhaps responding to odd requests for information. Please send an email to Bill G at [wqwhiteside@gmail.com](mailto:wqwhiteside@gmail.com)

This same article has appeared in several editions of the newsletter, but the same needs still exist and we NEED some individuals to step up and agree to help with some of these tasks. Since everyone has been home for a while looking for things to do, perhaps you have realized that you really do have some time to commit. PLEASE step up and give your family some help! We will continue to ask.....



The vitality of the WFA depends upon volunteers to do some important tasks. There are some critical needs listed below. Please study the list and see if you can support the work in some way—they don't require huge amounts of time or attendance at meetings.

1. **DNA Manager**—work with Bill G. Whiteside to oversee the Whiteside DNA project; recruit individuals to participate in the project
2. **Website Editorial Support**—help to write articles for the website; work in cooperation with Arliss Whiteside, webmaster
3. **Assist with editing** Dan Boucher's work in preparation for placing on the website
4. **Backup treasurer** to support Jim Whiteside and cosign on the bank accounts
5. **Data entry** to create a table of contents for the states with research listed. Contact Arliss Whiteside, webmaster, for further info.

These are positions that the board has recognized, but if you have a skill set not mentioned here that you are willing to share with the organization, please contact William G Whiteside at [wqwhite-side@gmail.com](mailto:wqwhite-side@gmail.com)

## RESEARCH PROJECT LIST

Remember to check the WFA website for the updated list of research projects in which members of the WFA are engaged. Not all of these are being done by the board of directors, but by many of the members. For further information contact Richard Soard at [rsoard@mindspring.com](mailto:rsoard@mindspring.com).

## DNA UPDATE

Our BIG Y 700 community has increased recently with the addition of David and Malcolm, both in the UK. Their terminal SNP is R-FT273608. It appears that Whiteside families that emigrated have more down-stream or more recent mutations as compared to the Whitesides that remained in the UK. Further analysis will be done to determine TMRCA. Here is our blocking chart

