

What is SARgene?

It is a website intended to help

- new Chapter Registrars work with Prospects to prepare simple applications easily
- all Chapter Registrars work with Prospects to find the documentation needed for complex cases with obscure relationships. #

<http://mylomd.org/SARgene/>

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PRESENTATION PREVIEW (SLIDES, THEN WEBSITE)

- Novice CRs need this website
- Examples and tasks for five stages
- Note three types of application
- Direct links to free resources
- Goal is membership, not perfection
- Unacceptable sources have value
- Tips for organization and evaluation
- Spreadsheet maps the locations of data
- How to fit the application to the page #

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RATIONALE AND INCENTIVE

- The SAR depends on members to deliver its programs.
- Members leave after a while or die.
- If the SAR gains no new members, it will die.
- Prospects apply with help from Chapter Registrars.
- Prospects have no ability to do research or to follow SAR protocols for writing applications.
- Chapter Registrars play a vital role in sustaining the SAR.
- We need more helpful material and fewer policies. #

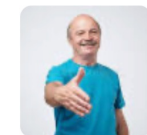
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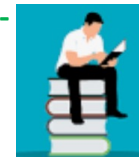
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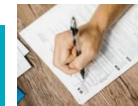
Through the 5 stages of the application process, the CR has many chances for mentoring the Prospect -



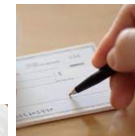
1-Welcome



2-Research



3-Write



4-Sign



5-Rejoice

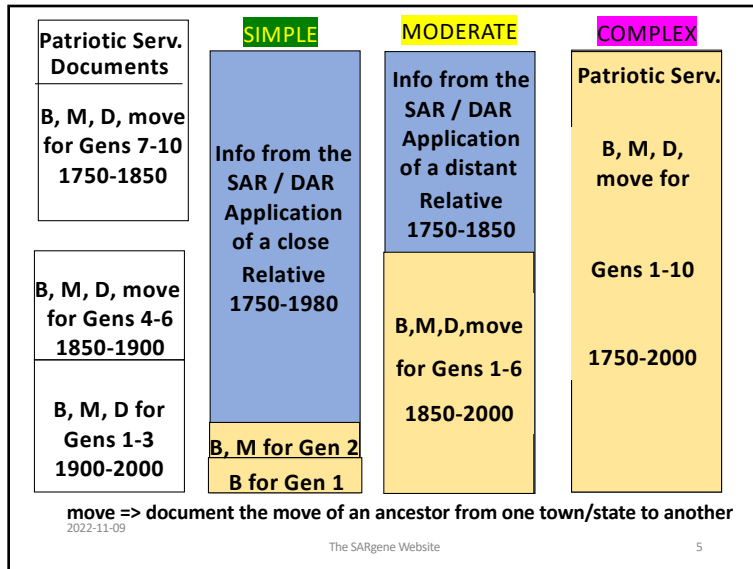
to build interest in, knowledge of, and commitment to the Chapter's programs and the SAR's goals.

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HOW DO WE HELP PROSPECTS? NATIONAL SAR RESOURCES

- Application Preparation Guide (Sept 2022)
- Genealogy Committee Policies (Sept 2022)
- Instructions within the Online Application
- National SAR Genealogy Resources (over 20)
- SAR Genealogy Helpers #

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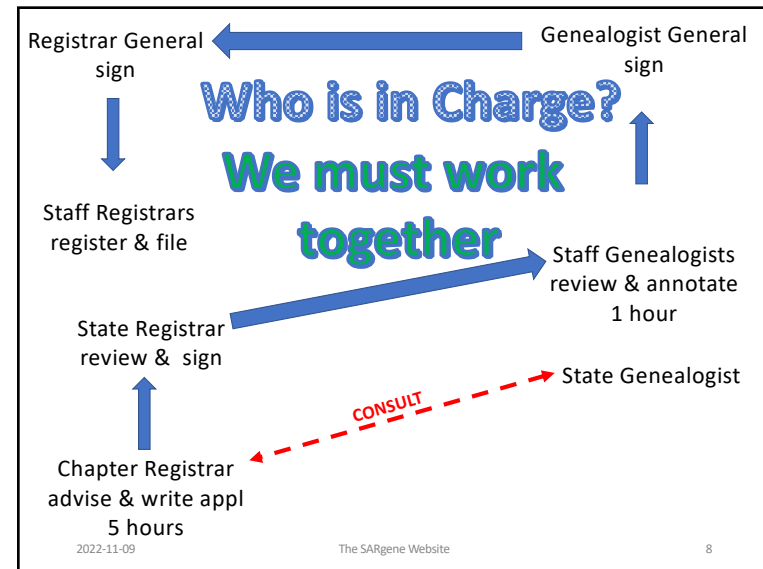
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LOCAL RESOURCES

- The Prospect
- The Family Historian
- Relatives who have posted material online
- Previous Chapter Registrars
- Fellow Chapter Registrars
- State Registrar, State Genealogist
- Local DAR Registrars
- Local Genealogical Societies #

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ISN'T THAT ENOUGH?

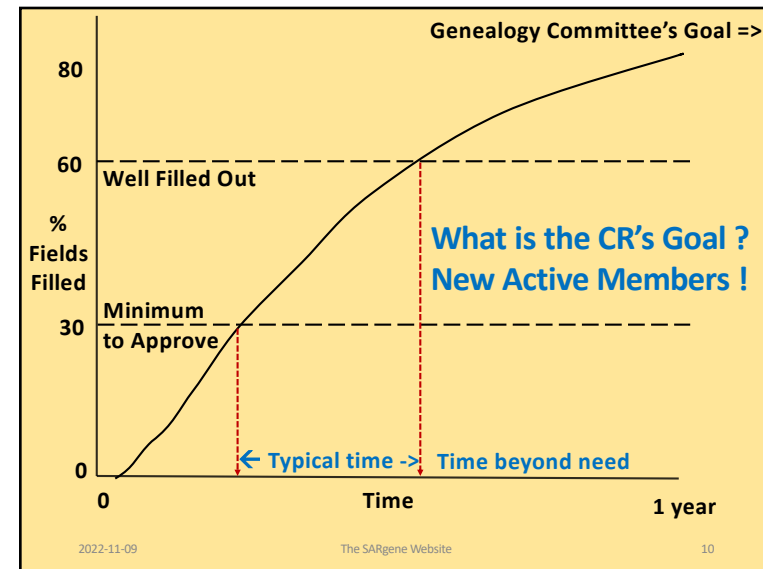
- No. We need a sense of flow, start to end.
- We should understand the tension with a a prospect who wants to submit his whole family history or to save money by not buying documents.
- We should recognize the fuzzy decision about when an application has adequate documentation to be accepted.
- We should welcome unacceptable doc which can provide leads to acceptable doc. #

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SARGENE PROVIDES (1)

- Guidance and resources that you can access quickly when you need it / them.
- Clickable links to many sources of documents at both the national and state level.
- Tasks for the CR and the Prospect during each step.
- Example Emails to keep the Prospect informed, engaged, and motivated.
- A scheme to link to state resources on state SAR websites. #

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SARGENE PROVIDES (2)

- A scheme to map the data located in various documents so that you can select the best documents to submit.
- A procedure to defer filling application fields until the best documentation is selected.
- Suggestions for adjusting the application to fit on two sides and to have the page break come after a complete Reference section.
- Example Emails to the applicant about review, summary of fees and dues for check, and the signing process. #

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