

SGGEE  
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2000-2001  
To July 25th, 2001

As of August 8, 2000, after discussion by email, the executive committee directed John Marsch to thank Tom Strangl for his proposal, but to decline it if we cannot post the information on our website for our members.

As of August 9, 2000, after discussion by email, the executive committee authorized a mailing to the former subscribers of Wandering Volhynians, inviting them to join SGGEE. The membership committee, after email discussion of the directors, may determine the contents of the mailing and proceed with the mailing.

As of August 15, 2000, after discussion by email, the executive committee approved of the proposed operating guidelines of the publicity committee, and directed the website committee to add them to the website.

As of August 19, 2000, after discussion by email, the executive committee decided that, effective July 23, 2000, it would advise the officers on issues relating to the day-to-day operation of SGGEE. The executive committee decided that it would make its decisions by consensus, utilizing exchanged email messages. For purposes of executive committee decisions, the executive committee determined that "consensus" means the agreement of at least a majority of the executive committee to a decision or action of the executive committee, provided that all of the directors receive email notification, and an opportunity for email discussion, of the proposed decision or action of the executive committee. Agreement of an executive committee member shall be stated by an email message sent to all of the directors.

As of August 19, 2000, after discussion by email, the executive committee made certain recommendations to the convention committee concerning the contents of its proposed operating guideline (particularly payment or reimbursement of expenses to convention speakers), authorized the convention committee to finalize the operating guidelines, and directed the website committee to include the operating guidelines in the website.

As of August 29, 2000, after discussion by email, the executive committee decided that the 2000-2001 research budget should include an amount for acquisition of research materials that will place the research committee in a financial position to take advantage of any unexpected opportunities to acquire research materials, in an amount determined by the research committee.

As of September 2, 2000, after discussion by email, the executive committee decided to defer conversion of the website to a bilingual (english and german) format. The executive committee directed the website committee to expand the list of searchable keywords to include certain german language terms, and to include a german language "welcome" message in the website home page.

As of October 13, 2000, the executive committee decided to offer Ewald Wuschke, founder and publisher of Wandering Volhynians, an honorary membership in the society for a 10 year period. John Marsch was asked to make the offer to Ewald, with the society's appreciation for his efforts and achievements in Volhynian genealogy.

As of October 31, 2000, the executive committee adopted the following procedure for email consideration of issues, and for email voting:

1. Any board member can raise an issue for discussion and consideration. The email raising the issue must have a descriptive subject. The subject must also have the initials of the board member raising the issue, and a sequential issue number (ABC1, ABD2, ABC3, and so on). All responses on the issue must use the same subject heading.
2. Only one issue may be discussed in an email message.
3. Except for emergencies, the executive committee intends to follow a 2- week decision cycle for matters brought before it. Issues must be raised on Mondays, beginning on November 6, 2000, and on every other Monday after that.
4. There will be open discussion by the entire board of the issue through the first Friday of the cycle. On or before the second Tuesday of the cycle, the president will frame the issue into a specific question or questions or proposed resolution or resolutions, specific enough that a vote is either for or against, yes or no, or a selection from a list of options. Alternatively, the president may offer a resolution to table an issue or refer it to the entire board and/or the members.
5. On or before the second Friday of the cycle, the executive committee shall consider and vote. If there is not a majority vote for or against, the issue is tabled, and the originating board member may resubmit it. A resubmitted issue is treated like a new issue under this procedure, except its identifying number is the original issue number with an "R" added to it (RABC1, RABC2, and so on).
6. The recording secretary shall within 1 week tally and report the vote results to the board by email. The recording secretary shall include the actions taken by the executive committee in the minutes of the society.
7. This procedure does not apply to matters that the president determines are emergencies. In emergencies, the executive committee or officers may proceed in any manner determined by the president. It also does not apply to limit the authority of a majority of the executive committee to approve or disapprove of a resolution at any time during the decision cycle of the issue.
8. This procedure is an attempt to provide a workable, common sense framework for decision making by the executive committee by email. Any part of this procedure and its deadlines may be waived or modified for the consideration of an issue by the president or a majority of the executive committee. It does not limit the right of any board member to email the board on any matter, but if an email message is for general discussion or sent for informational purposes (not for executive committee action), the board member will include at the top of the message "for general discussion" or "informational". No board member is liable to the society or any of its members or directors for not following this procedure in some respect.
9. All board members are strongly encouraged to participate in the discussions. All executive committee members are strongly encouraged to vote.
10. E-mail between the executive committee will not be forwarded to persons other than board members unless the executive committee has been advised of this intention and has an opportunity to object.

On December 1, 2000 Dale Mattis tendered his resignation as a Director of the Society and of his positions as Recording Secretary and Publicity Chairman.

On December 19, 2000. The Executive Committee, in recognition of her significant contribution to Volhynian research, approved a 10 year Honorary membership in the society for Marcia Momose.

December 19, 2000. It was agreed to ask Rose Ingram if she would fill the vacant position on the Directorate. Rose agreed and has been appointed interim Recording Secretary and Publicity Chairperson until a formal vote is taken by the Directors to confirm the appointment.

December 22, 2000. It was agreed to grant Michael Hucal of Poland a gratuitous one year membership in SGGEE.

January 9, 2001. The Executive Committee, approved a ten year Honorary Membership in SGGEE for Al Muth for his exceptional contribution to SGGEE in extracting huge numbers of Parish records and donating same to SGGEE.

January 15, 2001. After discussing the society dues by e-mail, the executive committee decided there would be no change at present.

January 15, 2001. By way of e-mail discussion the matter of a more permanent place for the Library was discussed and the general feeling was that, at the moment, it would be best kept in a private residence on a long term basis, where it could be looked after and lending to members would be possible. Jan and Howard offered to look after the library on a long terms basis. To be discussed further.

January 19, 2001. Nelson Itterman tendered his resignation as a Director of the Society and of his position as Library Chairman.

January 30, 2001. After e-mail discussion the Executive Committee approved that the society will exchange, at no charge, newsletters with other societies with a similar interest. Where another society wishes to purchase our newsletters, the cost will be CDN\$20.00 per year or US\$16.00 per year for addresses outside of Canada.

February 8, 2001. The Research Guidelines as posted have been approved by the Executive Committee.

February 17, 2001. It was agreed to ask Karl Lenz if he would fill the vacant position on the Directorate, and Karl agreed to fill the vacant position until a formal vote is taken by the Directors to confirm the appointment.

March 10, 2001. Renewal notice received from FEEFHS and we paid \$35 USD for one year membership renewal.

March 27, 2001. After receiving requests to have the by-laws and the proposed amendments as forwarded to the membership with the March Journal, vetted by a lawyer, the President polled the Directors on the matter and then advised he would seek legal advice as requested.

April 4, 2001. It was agreed that to keep the members better informed on the activities of the Society, a Bulletin would be e-mailed to the members between issues of the Journal, and for non Internet members, a copy of the Bulletin would be included with the regular Journal mailing.

May 18, 2001. Bill Fife received a report from the Lawyer that was retained, and familiar with Canadian Corporate matters and Societies. The lawyer did indicate that, although our present by-laws are awkward in places, they will work just fine and are acceptable. He suggested some minor wording changes in Articles 4 and 5, and these revisions will appear in the amended proposed by-law changes and will be sent out with the June Journal. He also indicated 1) that the

clause regarding debentures should not be removed as it may be needed in the future; 2) that Directors Liability Insurance should be carried; and 3) that there is no need to notify Industry Canada that the Executive committee is operating via e-mail, "if it is not prohibited, just do it".

June 6, 2001. 7:05 (Pacific DS)

Meeting of Executive Committee of SGGEE via Telephone Conference Call.

Present: Bill Fife, Irwin Feldcher, Howard Krushel, Rose Ingram.

Absent: Jan Butler.

Meeting was called to order by Bill Fife.

It was moved by Irwin Feldcher and seconded by Howard Krushel to approve the actions and decisions of the Executive Committee for the year to date, as shown in the Executive Committee Minutes posted on our website. Carried Unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned.

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July 25, 2001. After e-mail discussion the following motion was approved unanimously:-

"The Executive Committee recommends to the Directors that the Annual Limit for Expense Reimbursement in the Research Committee Guidelines, e.1, be increased from CDN\$500.00 per fiscal year to CDN\$1,500.00 per fiscal year."

July 25, 2001. After e-mail discussion the following motion was approved:-

"The Executive Committee recommends to the Directors that they authorize the reimbursement of Al Muth's total research expenses of US\$1,700.00 for this fiscal year, as shown in the July 1, 2001 report from the Research Committee."

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