

SGGEE 2017-18 Inaugural Board Meeting
July 31, 2017

Present in person: Edie Adam, Helen Gillespie, Marnie McCall
By phone: Arnold Badke, John Abraham, Dave Neumann, Virginia Braun

1. Appointment of Officers

President: Dave Neumann

Treasurer: Virginia Braun

Secretary: Marnie McCall

Vice-President: Helen Gillespie

Past-President (automatic): Edie Adam

1. Confirmation of email for SGGEE business.

Reminder to Reply All so everyone has same information.

2. Liaison Directors for Committees

Convention -- Edie

Journal -- Arnold

Membership – Helen

Website and Database – John

Research -- Dave

Library -- Marnie

Publicity – Helen

New Business

1. Partner Representative for IGGP

Edie would like to continue for the next year. None opposed.

1. Membership Survey

Need to identify new generation of volunteers, ideas for research projects. Arnold -- succession planning? EA -- has lost several senior members in last couple of years and serious illnesses. We do want to identify new people.

1. New contact group

Members in South America don't speak English. We have a member who is fluent in Spanish and can manage in Portuguese. Bernie Gunther has volunteered to translate as required. Proposing to create a contact address for South America like for German-speakers.

Information Items

directors@sggee.org – for Board business. Don't forward to those not on the Board. Reply all.

Directors Only section of website – AGM meeting minutes, Executive minutes, etc. Stored. New directors will be added. Test it out when notified.

7. New signing officer: President to be back-up signing officer to Treasurer.

MOVED (Helen/Arnold) that Dave Neumann be a signing officer for the Society. CARRIED.

EA – Hoping that transition will be quiet this year. Two projects have been put on the back burner, but may come up this year.

Library – Howard Krushner was librarian until becoming ill. The holdings have been moved to Kamloops and stored with Rose Ingram. We began exploring whether they could be moved to another library.

Translation from Ukrainian to English Professor M. Kostyuk's book. We had contact with a woman in Russia who was interested, but we stalled on a contract with her. This may come back.

Dave – of possible interest to the South Americans might be a family who went from Volhynia to South American by way of Harbin, China.

Edie – several people have commented that SSGGE is recognized as a very good research organization and our work is well respected. We've had a very successful few days in the Research Room. Several people are walking on clouds. Sigrid found their people in our database and they rushed off and joined up.

Next year is our 20th anniversary conference in Calgary the last week of July. Bill Tucholke, Conference chair, is already collecting ideas for it.

Prepared by:
Marnie McCall
Secretary

Date	Discussion	Vote
3-Aug-17	Updating banking docs for new treasurer and president;	no vote; part of the change process from new board elected
13-Oct-17	Moving mail list and generic e-mail addresses to Google as groups; part of the previously approved move of sggee.org to being hosted in the cloud	No vote; notification only
23-Oct-17	Moving sggee.org to the cloud; project approved and budgeted in 2016 year. Process now being completed about Nov. 1, 2017	No vote; notification only
21-Nov-17	Motion to approve content of letters of agreement with the author, translator and editor for the translation of Kostiuk's book to English. Agreements to be stored in BOD area of website once signed.	Helen so moved; second by Virginia; motion approved
7-Dec-17	Dave has appointed Edie to sign of behalf of SGGEE letters of agreement for the Kostiuk book project	No vote; notification only

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| 15-Dec-17 | Create new DNA committee. Its goal will be to identify and implement a DNA project among members of SGEE that will allow our society to identify trends and relationships among ourselves. Marcia, Earl Schultz and Willi Wiesner, the latter two have presented on the topic at conventions, have all agreed to be on the committee. I've reached out to Matt Warner and Gary Warner to ask this involvement to ensure technical and database technology is best used. | no vote needed; directors in favor of having this committee and seeing where it goes |
| 29-Dec-17 | SGEE Facebook pages. Having two Facebook pages was becoming a bit cumbersome. The Closed group was not widely used, having less than 90 members and not very active. The open group, was an "organization group" rather than a "public group" and, although reasonably well "liked" and "followed", was limited in its functionality, being restricted to contributions by the administrators (Renate and me) and occasionally to messages which then had to be copy-pasted to the page. It also meant additional research to find items of interest for our followers. Helen Gillepsie and Renate Dilk, who have been administering Facebook, felt the Facebook pages should reunite again, become a Public group and require membership so followers could also contribute, share items and seek help in their research thus broadening the scope. This is the case with almost all other genealogy groups. Of course, we expect our readers and contributors to be respectful to others on the page, but this is also standard etiquette. Implemented 1-8-18. | No vote needed; comments from directors were in favor |

15-Jan-18	<p>Motion to approve list of honorary memberships for 2018. Brzhezytskyy, Alex ... Zhitomir UKR Mueller, Irmgard ... Mittelpolen.de GER Marufke, Brigitte ... Mittelpolen.de GER Stewner, Frank ... works on gazetteer GER Harbich-Schoenert, Beate ... AGoFF GER Warner, Matthew J. technical guru USA Rodney Frank ... for transition of Jerry's materials/information on the website Dieter Pechner and Juergen Frantz AGoFF Olena Grybok ... from Lutzk, Ukraine (she traveled with Kostiuk to convention 2016, speaks, writes English and may be resource in record efforts) St Louis County library ... USA. They paid a membership for 2017 that was missed and did not receive their Journal. We're offering this membership for 2018 as compensation for our mistake.</p>	Edie so moved; Helen seconded. Motion approved.
24-Feb-18	<p>MOTION: That SGGEE enter into an agreement with Stuart Gietel-Basten to share relevant pedigree data for a demographic study of villages in the area SGGEE covers. Karl Krueger will be the primary contact with Stuart. We request a written agreement that spells out what data will be provided with particular attention to maintaining privacy where appropriate. We also expect that the results of his study will be reported for our members in the Journal and and/or at a future convention and that SGGEE will receive credit whenever or wherever his study is presented or published.</p>	Edie moved; Helen seconded. Vote: approved
2-Mar-18	<p>MOTION: That SGGEE reimburse Emily Aulicino up to 400.00 USD for round-trip air travel from Portland, OR to Calgary for the convention. Also, that SGGEE pay for both</p>	Arnold second. Vote approved.

16-Apr-18	her hotel bill for three nights in addition to the usual compensation of \$200.00 for presenting two workshops. our agreement with the translator working on Kostiuk's book provides for change of delivery date with approval. The estimated date in the agreement was the end of March; she now expects to complete her work by the end of July after having been ill for some time.	informational
3-Jun-18	Board agreed to renew our D & O liability insurance coverage with a three-year policy under same terms as previous policy..	
June 11 2018	Motion to approve 2018-19 budget for SGEE as presented by treasurer Virginia Braun	Virginia moved; Edie seconded. Motion approved