

**SGGEE**  
**Executive Committee Minutes**  
July 2002 to August 2003

August, 2002

Discussion ensued after receiving a query as to why we don't use Visa for payment of Membership Dues.

Treasurer Irwin Feldcher will look into applying for a Business Visa Account, mainly for overseas members and will report.

There also was discussion on using Internet PayPal but that was not considered feasible at this time.

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September 2, 2002

John Marsch notified the Executive Committee that Jack Milner has tendered his resignation.

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September 20, 2002

John Marsh advised the Executive Committee that Marvin Geske has consented to complete the 2 year term as a Board member of SGGEE, vacated by Jack Milner, despite a heavy personal work load.

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September 28, 2002

Treasurer Irwin Feldcher reported his findings on whether or not using Visa was beneficial to SGGEE. He met with an employee of the Society's Bank who advised "Not to consider it. Visa is not designed for non-profit Organizations". For a non-profit they demand all directors to put up an unlimited personal guarantee. There is a 5% (of actual sales) collateral security fee. There is a set up fee (minimum \$500 for USD), there is a monthly fee (would have to file application to find this cost) and if using internet there is an additional 5% fee. Besides all this there would be a discount fee (will vary from 2 to 5%) on each sale.

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October 2, 2002

After receiving a recommendation from the Membership Committee to include October in the 'grace period' in the yearly membership, the Executive Committee approved the recommendation that membership applications received in that last quarter of the year are automatically applied to the forthcoming year.

The Membership Chairman will ask for a change to be made on the Membership Page on the Website and will attend to updating the Membership Application.

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October 28, 2002

President John Marsch reported receiving a check for Cdn \$2,800.00 from the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society. This sum is SGGEE's share of residual money accrued from the 2002 convention. John Marsch also reported that Laura Hanowski informed him earlier that there would be some federal tax money (GST) rebated also.

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December 5, 2002

Howard Krushel, Library Committee Chairman, informed the Executive Committee of the discovery by Pastor Horst Gutsche of a collection of Volhynian Church Records that were brought to Edmonton by the Lutheran Cantor of Zhitomir, Pastor Siegfried Lemke, now deceased. His son consented to the copying of the records and distributing to various churches and societies.

Howard Krushel suggested that SGGEE should obtain a copy of these records for the Library and, proposed SGGEE cover the costs of photocopying a set for the two Lutheran churches in Zhitomir and one copy for the church in St. Petersburg, the total photocopy cost would be approximately \$300.00. Approval was given for the gratuitous copies for the three churches.

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January 24, 2003

Being prompted by an article in the December 2002 Journal by Don Miller entitled "Files of Those Arrested by the KGB", John Marsch submitted a proposal regarding the provision of a new computer, scanner and printer to facilitate the project Eugene Timirajev and his people at the State Archives in Zhitomir have started, namely the computerization of former KGB records for those arrested, who are presently using antiquated equipment.

After e-mail discussion with Don Miller and in light of his scheduled meeting with Eugene Timirajev in Zhitomir in early February, immediate approval was given to forward \$1,200.00 US funds to Don Miller who in turn would act as agent for SGGEE and assist in purchasing the computer and accessories.

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January 27, 2003

John Marsch advised that he received today a further check for \$357.35 Cdn. re the Convention. This brings to a total of \$3,065.35 Cdn (net) from the 2002 convention.

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January 27, 2003

Marvin Geske notified the Executive Committee with a request to be removed from the Board of Directors because of a busy workload. President John Marsch asked if he would consider staying on the Board until the August convention and the election of new Board members.

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March 16, 2003

A report was received from Don Miller upon his return from Zhitomir Archives. Mr. Timirajev was favourably pleased with SGGEE's offer to purchase new computer equipment and provide immediate instruction on the computer. A copy of the informal agreement re the Donation of Equipment with Mr. Timirajev is attached to these minutes.

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June 14, 2003

Upon receiving inquiries from members about the possibility of posting the entire Membership Roll and Research List in the "Member's Only" section on the Website, it was agreed that this should be done and members could print out these lists. The Membership Roll to be updated regularly. Printed copies of the aforesaid lists were mailed to members with no internet access.

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August 7, 2003 at Edmonton, Alberta

Present: John Marsch, Irwin Feldcher, Howard Krushel, Virginia Less, Victor Gess and Rose Ingram.

Virgina Less moved to approve the actions and decisions of the Executive Committee for the year to date. Seconded by Rose Ingram, carried.

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Rose Ingram, Recording Secretary.

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## **DONATION OF EQUIPMENT**

The following equipment is donated to the Scientific Editorial Collegium of the book "Rehabilitation of History" in Zhitomir, Ukraine by the *Society for German Genealogy in Eastern Europe*, in order to create a data base for repressed Germans from Zhitomir for the purpose of facilitating the input and retrieve of archival information for the benefit of both the archives and SGGEE:

### **New computer, printer and scanner**

In addition, it is the hope of SGGEE that forthcoming publications (books and articles) of the Editorial Collegium will be made available to the Society for purchase or given as a donation.

The equipment will be under the personal authority of Eugene Timirajev, head of the Scientific Editorial Collegium, Zhitomir, Cherniachovskogo Str. 106, Apt. 45, and remains the property of the collegium as long as it is used for the above stated purposes.

Donation made by Donald N. Miller

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