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MINUTES OF THE FIRST ANNUAL MEETING
EDMONTON, AB. CANADA JULY 24, 1999

There were 78 members in attendance and 15 represented by proxy for a total of 93 voting members. In addition 24 guests were present.

Steering Committee Chairman Gary Warner chaired the meeting, calling it to order at 1:40 pm. The Chairman stated that we needed to appoint a minimum of two members as Auditors of the Society's books for the past year. Mylo Forsyth, Victor Gess and Jerry Frank agreed to be the auditors. It was moved, seconded and carried that they be the auditors of the Society's books for the past year.

Bill Fife gave the secretary's report.

It was moved by Nelson Itterman, seconded by Barbara MacDonald and carried that the minutes of the Steering committee to July 24, 1999 be approved.

Some discussion took place on the Constitution and By-Laws. The Chairman stated that these may be changed by the membership if done in accordance with the by-laws and asked if there were any notices of motion for change. There were none.

It was moved by Nelson Itterman, seconded by Earl Schultz and carried by the general membership that the Constitution, By-Laws and the name of the society be approved.

Jerry Frank called for a standing thank-you for all the work the Steering Committee had done in forming the society.

The Chairman then discussed the ongoing extraction project that the Society has underway and called for volunteers to help with the project. He stated we have about 20,000 names from the Polish Parish indices and that there are lots more to do.

The Chairman stated that we needed to elect four directors for a two year term and four for a one year term and that in future years we would be electing four directors each year for a two year term, resulting in half of the eight directors being elected each year so that there would be continuity on the Board.

The Chairman went on to describe the committees and called for volunteers for each of the committees.
(List of volunteers attached to the minutes)

Nominations were called for. Gary Warner, John Marsch, Bill Fife and Fritz Kiessling offered to let their names stand for two year terms of office. Irwin Feldcher, Howard Krushel, Nelson Itterman and Lawrence Penno offered to let their names stand for one year terms.

The Chairman called for further nominations. As there were no further nominations he declared the above persons elected by acclamation.

Discussion took place on the location of next years conference. Several places such as Seattle, Milwaukee, Winnipeg, Portland, Vancouver and Kelowna were suggested as was combining our conference with the GRHS conference in North Dakota next year. The consensus is that we should hold our own conference, that the place be left to the conference committee and that the committee consider a three day conference rather than the two days held this year.

The meeting adjourned at 3:31 pm.

Recording Secretary

Volunteers for committees:

Finance Committe

Irwin Feldcher
Ed Koeppen

Research & Publications Committee

Earl Schultz	Ken Schmidt	Janet Butler
Bev Crompton	Karl Lenz	Mathilda Forsyth (library interest)
Dick Stein	Al Muth	Ben Abel
Howard Krushel	Gary Warner	Virginia Braun
Jerry Frank	Art Kuhn (Ottawa Archives)	
Barbara MacDonald	Eldon Butler	

Information Services Committee

Gary Warner
Adrienne Kusch
Matt Warner

Newsletter Committee

Ian Fife
Richard Benert
Jan Butler

Membership Committee

Irwin Feldcher

Publicity Committee

Victor Gess

Convention Committee

Barbara MacDonald
Carol Castleman (registrations)
Adrienne Kusch (registrations)
Ron Braun