

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.

2. 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.

3. 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](mailto: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. Kostiuk'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 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference in Calgary the last week of July. Bill Tucholke, Conference chair, is already collecting ideas for it.

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Secretary