

SGGEE
Society for German Genealogy in Eastern Europe

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Minutes of the Board of Directors Meetings
July 25, 1999- July 21, 2000

The Board of Directors are:

Gary Warner
Gig Harbour, WA.

Fritz Kiessling
Calgary, AB.

Irwin Feldcher
Calgary, AB.

Howard Krushel
Calgary, AB.

Bill Fife
Victoria, BC

Lawrence Penno
Regina, SK.

John Marsch
Swift Current, SK.

Nelson Itterman
Edmonton, AB.

Secretary's comments; It is to be noted that the Board of Directors is working on the basis of consensus rather than formal meetings and voting. Virtually all meetings are being conducted via e-mail on the Internet.

The basis of our consensus is that an item is discussed between the Board members until there are no further questions, input, or suggestions for change. At this point it is considered that the matter is agreed upon by the Board.

The 'meetings' of the organization are held electronically and are often held several times a day, and spanning several days. The dates noted below are used to summarize the events and decisions made during the time since the previous summary.

All board members are considered in attendance at all 'meetings' through simultaneous notification.

July- 1999

SGGEE
1999-2000

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The makeup of the 1999-2000 SGGEE organization is noted as follows;

Elected Directors:

***Gary Warner** garynmeg@earthlink.net

***Bill Fife** bfifejr@aol.com

***Fritz Kiessling** kiesslif@cadvision.com

***John Marsch** jmarsch@T2.net

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* Two year term.

Officers Appointed:

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| Gary Warner | President |
| Bill Fife | Vice President |
| Fritz Kiessling | Treasurer |
| Lawrence Penno | Recording Secretary |
| Irwin Feldcher | Corresponding Secretary |

Committees

1. Convention

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| *Fritz Kiessling | Barbara MacDonald |
| Carol Castleman | Adrienne Kusch |
| Ron Braun | |

2. Finance

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| *Irwin Feldcher | Edwin Koeppen |
| *Fritz Kiessling | |

3. Information Services

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| *Gary Warner | Adrienne Kusch |
| Matt Warner | |

4. Library

*Nelson Itterman

5. Membership

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| *John Marsch | *Irwin Feldcher |
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6. Newsletter

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| *Bill Fife | Ian Fife |
| Richard Benert | |

7. Publicity

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| ^*Lawrence Penno | Victor Gess |
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8. Research & Publication

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| Abel, Ben | Braun, Verginia | Butler, Eldon |
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| Butler, Janet | Crompton, Bev | ^Fausak, Lee |
| ^Ferchau, Dave | Forsyth, Mathilda | Frank, Jerry |
| *Krushel, Howard | Kuhn, Art | Lenz, Karl |
| MacDonald, Barbara | *Marsch, John | ^Muth, Al |
| ^Pauling, Linda | ^Riske, Edith | Schmidt, Ken |
| ^Schultz, Earl | ^Stein, Dick | *^Warner, Gary |

*Also Directors ^Previously on Job Central.

9. Auditors

1. Jerry Frank 2. Mylo Forsyth 3. Victor Gess.

Conference News

Bill Fife submitted the context of a newsletter item about the 1999 conference to appear on the News Page for discussion. An expanded article in greater detail to be included in the September 1999 issue of the SGEE Journal.

Web Site

Matt Warner, SGEE Technical Contact has advised that the site has been moved to a new service provider and that searches of the database should be significantly faster.

Original Records Database

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Several issues of access and posting of the original records database being developed by the Society were raised by **Gary Warner**. The database cannot, for the present be posted in the in members or public area as the Polish Lutheran Church and the Polish Archives presently prohibit this action.

IT HAS BEEN AGREED BY THE MAJORITY THAT:

1. Posting the page in the members only section and providing password protection to limit access to those doing original extractions in addition to those members doing lookups and to those answering Discussion Board questions.
2. Information regarding the database and that we will research it for members to be posted in the members area.
3. An appropriate notice to be placed in the newsletter indicating that we have access to this information and that we will research it for them.

Conference 2000

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Early thoughts on the year 2000 convention site were forwarded by **Victor Gess** for consideration by all directors to start thinking about location and purpose of the next conference. Items for consideration;

1. Centralized location.

2. Good airline service.
3. Adequate hotel facilities.
4. Access to entertainment and shopping, sight seeing, etc. does not seem to be an issue.
5. Year 2000 facilities will no doubt be more difficult to schedule. Location and date should be finalized as soon as possible.

August 1999

FEEFHS

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Victor Gess has submitted an informative report on the recent FEEFHS conference and his presence there as both a speaker and as an SGEE spokesman. Victor was able to distribute a number of copies of the March newsletter and brochure.

He reports that he and a number of our members present were approached with questions about our organization. Good interest was noted. Victor also noted that in his discussions the possibility of a joint meeting with FEEFHS came up as a future consideration.

Research Committee

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A comprehensive list of the members of the Research Committee was requested in order to better assess and coordinate the efforts of those volunteers who were doing Polish record extractions prior to the convention with those who signed up at the convention for this and various other projects.

Assignment of the new volunteers from the convention and future volunteers that are willing to do original record extractions also raises the question of repayment for film rentals and photocopy expenses for consideration.

SGGEE Pamphlet

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Fritz Kiessling submitted the contents for a proposed web site posted SGGEE pamphlet for review and comment by the Board. The submission contained instruction for downloading and creation of a foldable pamphlet to be used for local advertising.

Final submission for use forwarded Aug. 28.

October, 1999

Acrobat 4.0

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IT HAS BEEN AGREED BY THE MAJORITY THAT:

Bill Fife is to obtain the program Acrobat 4.0 from the most reasonable source and submit the cost for reimbursement.

The program is required to convert and post the newsletter to the web site. The program would be retained for use by whoever is responsible for the newsletter now and in the future.

Cross Posting

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Gary Warner submitted, for consideration, a request by one of our members to cross post our Discussion Board with the GER-RUS list.

The ensuing discussion pointed out that while the GER-RUS list has good general information it incorporates postings for a number of areas that our society has no interest in. Posting to this list would be detrimental to expansion of our Discussion Board.

IT HAS BEEN AGREED BY THE MAJORITY THAT:

Cross posting to the GER-RUS list would not be pursued.

Operating Guidelines.

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IT WAS REED BY THE MAJORITY THAT:

‘Operating Guidelines’ be established to provide incoming directors, people standing for director and committee members an insight as to what will be expected of them. Guidelines to be established for each category. Initially the document would be prepared with contributions, as time permits, by existing board and committee members. The Guidelines would be posted for member reference but ongoing modifications to the Guideline would be the responsibility of the Board.

Newsletter Mailing List

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A request was received from **Bill Fife** to examine the possibility of combining the information contained in the Newsletter Mailing List and the Membership List that is maintained current for all users. The list is found to be a valuable tool for a number of the Committees.

John Marsch of the Membership Committee agreed to modify the present list to incorporate membership expiry date and mail service requirements and will issue the list periodically.

Membership Renewals

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The Membership Committee requested clarification of the cutoff date for non-renewed memberships.

According to the Bylaws dues are payable January 31 and memberships not paid by January 31 are to be suspended and benefits of the Society withdrawn.

Names of the suspended members are to be retained on the Pedigree Database indefinitely because of the database connection and valid member ease to contact. This also permits reinstatement should the suspended member rejoin.

Before effecting the denial of access the membership is to be notified that dues are to be paid and began with the September issue of the Newsletter.

Meetings

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A reminder was received from **Bill Fife** that the Board of Directors is required to meet at least two times per year and that a time should be scheduled.

Following a round of discussion a tentative time frame of the end of November was suggested, following submission of the budget, to hold the meeting via the internet to review any available reports and decisions made to date.

Finance And Budget

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A status check was requested by **Gary Warner** relating to last years Financial Statement and this years Budget. As presently understood the procedure would be;

- Treasurer to prepare the Financial Statements
 - Financial Statements to be audited according to the Bylaws
 - Report to be furnished to the Board
 - Report to be given to the members at the next Annual General Meeting.
- The year end date is yet to be determined and will have to be set with input from the finance committee. The report to the membership can be given as an interim statement with figures current to date.

The Budget is to be prepared by the Finance Committee with input from the each of the other committees.

Editor

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Information was received that David Obee has requested a replacement for his position as Editor due to previous commitments and his original limited time acceptance of the position.

Bill Fife has agreed continue as interim editor and to advise David Obee of the change.

It was generally agreed that the general membership would be polled for anyone interested in taking on the position. A selection process of interested candidates would be necessary and initially a review authority by the Board implemented to review materials to be printed.

Convention Site.

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Recommendations of the Convention Committee were forwarded by **Fritz Kiessling** naming Calgary as the site for the SGGEE 2000 convention to be held July 21 to 23.

Galicia

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Gary Warner forwarded, for discussion, the content of contact by **Victor Gess** concerning the possibility of our group being joined by a 160 member Galician group. The intent is that we absorb their membership.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of possible merger and agree that the differences of the groups, at least on the surface may pose a problem to SGGEE at present and that much more discussion of this proposal is required before any decision is made.

November 1999

Bank Arrangements

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Fritz Kiessling has acknowledged receipt of signed minutes of the first Directors meeting required for the changes to banking arrangements.

Budget Preliminary

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Irwin Feldcher submitted a revised budget paper for review and comment by the Board. The final paper to be submitted as soon as all committee submissions are received.

Agreement is reported that the Society fiscal year has been established at September 30, and that a computerized accounting program (Simply Accounting ver. 7) will be used for the current and future financial reporting.

Newsletter Exchange

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Newsletters by exchange with other organizations are being received and are to be turned over to the librarian for cataloging. A circulation list with time limit for possession to be established for those wishing to examine them. Additional newsletters exchanged with other relevant groups should be directed to the newsletter editor for review for possible news items of interest.

Site Link

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After discussion, a request by Diana Church, Editor of the German Migration Resource Center, to provide a link to their site was agreed upon and is to be added.

Convention Forecast

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Fritz Kiessling submitted, for Board review and comment, the expense and revenue forecast for the pending year 2000 conference. Three scenarios were presented based on varied attendance numbers.

The ensuing discussions covered a wide range of topics including;

- cost coverage for distant speakers invited to the conference,
- no cost coverage for speakers from Calgary.

- room cost coverage for speakers in close proximity to Calgary but impractical to drive into Calgary for next day events,
- acceptance of donation of cost to the Society,
- the need for and provision of reception accommodation for conference Friday evening,

The forecast as modified under Rev. 2 was accepted as a working base with finalized details added as and when firmed up.

December 1999

Convention 2000

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An approved notice regarding the Convention was forwarded to Irwin Feldcher by **Fritz Kiessling** for mass e-mail issue.

Fritz indicated that he would respond to all questions regarding the Convention directly to the originator without copying the Board. Tracking of speakers and facilities will be reported periodically to the Board.

Reimbursement

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Volhynian Lutheran St. Petersburg film and photocopies.

In a December 9, 1999 message **John Marsch** reconfirmed to the volunteers working on extractions the willingness of SGEE to archive all photocopies of films made in preparation for the extraction process. It is anticipated that future additional work can be done from these copies whether it is confirmation or additional detailed work to be completed and that this might avoid additional costs in recopying.

This would also provide incentive for SGEE to make available a central storage location. Access to all for those who made them and Volhynian researchers is assured if SGEE is permitted to archive the records.

SGEE cannot at this time reimburse the volunteers for the expense of copying the records but would pay the mailing costs.

Last years conference interest and use of both internet and photocopy has proven that researchers would use both if available.

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Treasurer Fritz Kiessling has advised that all claims received to date have been processed.

Charitable Organization

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The value of, and requirements to become, a "Registered Charitable Organization" for income tax purposes were discussed as follow up to the **John Marsch** forwarded message from **Bill Remus** and subsequent discussion relative to providing advantageous tax relief to members and others willing to make significant donations if a receipt for tax purposes were available.

Additional consideration for donations, artifacts such as books, maps, and other historic documents, properly valued, could also fall under this category.

Irwin Feldcher submitted his findings from an earlier investigation on the subject which in short form states:

Advantages of being a Registered Charity;

- Allows issue of official tax receipts.
- Once registered it is exempt from paying income tax.

Standards for registration;

- Organization must be established and operated for charitable purpose and devote resources to charitable activities.
- Must be registered in Canada and cannot have income payable to it's members.
- Must meet public benefit test.
- Activities must be legal and not contrary to public policy.

Charitable Purposes?

- Relief of poverty.
- Advancement of religion.
- Advancement of education.
- or certain other purposes that benefit the community in a way courts have said are charitable.

A permanent repository should be considered for the Society books and artifacts and make it available to the public in order to conform to being for 'public educational purpose'.

A supplementary report into the method used by SGS in their application for 'charitable status' by **Lawrence Penno** indicates that;

A charitable organization once registered in Canada is also recognized in the United States for tax purposes but,

-donations to Canadian registered charities by Americans can only originate from Canadian source income and vice-versa.

The advantage is therefore lost to American members.

A DECISION IN THIS MATTER REQUIRES FURTHER INVESTIGATION AND DISSCUSSION.

Society Banking

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Fritz Kiessling reported that the changes to Society banking arrangements are complete and the account has been moved to a branch of CIBC. In future changes can be initiated closely following the general meeting when a change of office is enacted.

St. Pete Database

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Bill Fife has, on approval by the Board, submitted a request to Marcia Momose, as copyright holder, for permission to publish the St. Petersburg records pertaining to Volhynia in the newsletter for those non internet members.

In reply permission to publish has been withheld pending completion of the project which is anticipated to be June 2000. Access until this time will be restricted to the website. It was pointed out that until the project is complete and updated the site could contain a number of errors.

**Future Journal
Contents.**

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Agreement was reached to include in the newsletter a section devoted to write in letters of inquiry for those members who do not have internet access. Replies are to be directed to the editor and published in subsequent Journals for the benefit of the whole membership.

Also approved was a second suggestion of a yearly acknowledgement of donations to the Society. The acknowledgement would be by name only and perhaps would encourage others to do the same.

January 2000

**Polish Maps on
The Website**

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Polish maps and index have been provided by **Jerry Frank** for posting to the Website. The question of location and access has been put forth by Gary Warner with a request for a decision by Board members.

1. Post the maps to Public area would provide exposure and provide free access to the membership.
2. Post the maps to the 'Members Only' area which leaves them available to download.
3. Post the index only in the 'Members' area and the maps proper in the 'Members' area. Posting in this manner improves quantity and quality of member service content.

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE MAPS WOULD BE POSTED IN THE MEMBERS ONLY AREA:

**Jerry Frank
Copyright**

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SGGEE and the Board wish to thank **Jerry Frank** for his hard work and donation to the Society. Jerry has indicated that should the unforeseeable occur the copyright to book and maps would pass to the Society.

**Calgary Members
Meet**

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Fritz Kiessling forwarded a mini report of his meeting with the Calgary members of SGGEE initiated by the local members to learn more about the progress of the convention planning and to offer their input for topics and events.

In addition to convention topics the members have suggested three main items for consideration by the Board;

1. Additional contact by the Board with members;- information is needed by the members about what is happening at SGGEE in order that they might better understand what is happening with people and groups. More knowledge may lead to better support. A monthly or at least quarterly report.
2. Unanimous support for telephone numbers added to Members Database listings at the SGGEE web site.
3. Modifications to the Discussion Board to include additional topics that can be added by members. This portion accessible to members only.

Research Expenditures

Current Fiscal Year

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In a general report to the Board **John Marsch** has indicated that he has advised people who are engaged in extractions for SGGEE where they stand with respect to financial assistance from the Society. As had been agreed to previously that SGGEE would provide assistance for photocopying and film rental where possible and where it benefits SGGEE. Included in this years budget is the amount of \$3500.00 for this purpose.

Approval is sought for the following offers of assistance:

To Al Muth:

For long term work on detailed extractions of assorted Polish records and expense and providing Gedcom files to SGGEE. \$500.00 (CDN)

To Dick Stein:

Film rentals for Lutheran Belchow records not including photocopying costs. \$126.00 (CDN)

To Monica De Salvio:

Film rentals and photocopying of Pulutsk records. \$91.00 (CDN)

To Earl Shultz:

Film rental and photocopying of Zale records. \$90.00 (CDN)

IT HAS BEEN AGREED BY THE MAJORITY THAT:

Expenditures as noted are approved and payment is to be issued.

February 2000

Convention

Extra Room

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Fritz Kiessling and the Convention Committee submitted a request for approval of an additional room to accommodate research space requirements. A revised cost forecast was provided.

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE COMMITTEE BOOK THE ADDITIONAL SPACE REQUIRED.

Confirmation was received February 4 that space has been procured.

Wandering Volhynian

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With the September 1999 issue of 'Wandering Volhynian' Ewald Wuschke has confirmed that he will no longer publish the magazine after the December 1999 issue.

John Marsch agreed to contact Ewald with the view to mutual co-operation between he and SGGEE but reports very limited success.

It was agreed that the next Newsletter would carry an article about Ewald and his contributions to Polish and Volhynian research.

Membership

Renewals

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John Marsch of the Membership Committee reported an email drive for membership renewals.

Membership renewals at present stands at 80% including the e-mail confirmations.

Web site disablement for those members not confirming renewal will go into effect February 29.

Some members contacted have indicated that they have not been able to access the web site and is a cause for concern for the Board. Consideration is being given to an e-mail survey to pinpoint member access problems.

By-Law

Amendments

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Fritz Kiessling has submitted to the Board for comment, review and approval five proposed amendments to the SGGEE By-Laws. The submission is in preparation for the next Annual General Meeting and as per Article 12 Section 3 of the By-Laws.

The proposed amendments are as follows:

A. Whereas the current Bylaw reads:

Article 1

2. © to receive for the current year, one copy of each issue of any newsletter published by the Society however; if the Member indicates on their annual renewal form that they have access to the internet, such access to the Society's web page shall remove any obligation of the Society to mail a copy of any Society publications or other materials to that Member.

Be it resolved that the paragraph is modified to read:

Article 1

2. © to receive for the current year, one copy of each issue of any newsletter published by the Society. The newsletter will be available to Members via the Society web-site. Access to the Society's web page shall normally remove any obligation of the Society to mail any Society publications or other material to that Member. However, Members can explicitly advise the Society that newsletters or other material be sent to the Member via regular mail.

B – Whereas the current Bylaw reads:

Article 2

Section 2. The first Directors of the Society shall be the seven applicants. Their term of office shall end at the first Annual General Meeting of the Society.

Be it resolved that the paragraph is modified to read:

Article 2

Section 2. The term of office for each Director elected shall be two years. Terms of office shall be staggered, to four Directors each year, to provide continuity.

C – Whereas the current Bylaw reads:

Article 2

Section 3. At the first Annual General Meeting of the Society eight Directors shall be elected, four to serve a two year term and four to serve a one year term. At each subsequent Annual General Meeting, elections shall be held to fill the positions of the retiring Directors. The term of office for each Director elected after the first annual meeting shall be two years.

Be it resolved that the paragraph is modified to read:

Article 2

Section 3. At each Annual General Meeting, elections shall be held to fill the positions of the four retiring Directors.

D – Whereas the current Bylaw reads:

Article 6

Section 7. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys collected and arrange all payments due to or from the Society; properly account for the funds of the Society and keep such books as may be directed and prepare financial reports. It shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer to file the Annual Return with Revenue Canada each year, if required.

Be it resolved that the paragraph is modified to read:

Article 6

Section 7. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys collected and arrange all payments due to or from the Society; properly account for the funds of the Society and keep such books as may be directed and prepare financial reports. It shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer to file the Annual Return with Canada Customs and Revenue Agency each year, if required.

E -- Whereas the current Bylaw reads:

Article 12 By-Laws and Standing Rules

Section 4

The Board may establish, amend and repeal standing rules for the conduct of all business of the Society not specifically provided for in these By-Laws. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the standing rules so established and such records shall be open for inspection by any Member of the Society.

Be it resolved that the article and paragraph are modified to read:

Article 12 By-Laws and Operating Guidelines

Section 4.

The Board may establish, amend and repeal Operating Guidelines for the conduct of all business of the Society not specifically provided for in these By-Laws. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the Operating Guidelines so established and such records shall be open for inspection by any Member of the Society.

IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AS SUBMITTED ARE APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE MEMBERSHIP:

The proposed changes will be published in the next issue of the Journal

March 2000

Impending Volhynian Tour

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John Marsch brought forward the content of earlier discussions with **Howard Krushell** and his impending Volhynian tour with the view to having Howard approach the senior Lutheran Bishop in Poland regarding the Society's aim in publishing the extracts on the SGEE web site. A favorable approval from the Bishop and ultimately from the Archives would make research much easier.

The results of Howard's interview and his impressions would be discussed on his return and if favorable review the next step to be undertaken.

There could be some additional costs incurred by Howard in 'extra day and overnight' time required together with interpreter and 'donations to the church' to smooth the path. The additional costs would be in support of Research and could be paid out of the Research Committee budget as earlier agreed to.

Convention Committee Resignation

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The Board acknowledges, with regret, the resignation of **Fritz Kiessling** from the Convention Committee. Fritz will retain his Board position.

Gary Warner has advised that he will fill Fritz's place on the Convention Committee. **Carol Castleman** will remain as the chairperson of the Committee.

Reimbursement For Research

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The subject of reimbursement for expenses incurred for volunteers doing research was brought forward by **Fritz Kiessling**.

He advised that a check, as previously agreed upon, in the amount of \$500.00 (CDN) has been forwarded to Al Muth to be applied against expenses.

IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT:

1. The check issued to **Al Muth** was to be identified for these fiscal years expenses and is to be paid from the Research Committee budget.
2. All payments to defray costs of researchers to be identified as 'reimbursements for funds expended' for film rental or copying.
3. Payment to **Howard Krushell** for added research time in Poland to be paid, if required, from the Research Committee budget.
4. Budget permitting, an additional check in the amount of \$500.00 (CDN) to be issued to **Al Muth** for expenses incurred for last year.

Convention Schedule

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The first draft of the Convention Schedule received from **Carol Castleman** was forwarded by **Gary Warner** for Board review and comment. Indications from the Board agree that no substantive omissions are evident.

As part of the schedule for the conference the Board of Directors has agreed to a final meeting, in person, Friday, July 21 for lunch at the conference hotel.

Permanent Library

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Initial concerns for a permanent library space was forwarded by **Nelson Itterman** in September last following his contact with Pastor Horst Gutche of Edmonton and the possible donation of part of his Volhynian and Eastern Europe library collection which might be considered if a permanent Canadian site were available.

The question of permanent storage space for the developing library of SGEE was again brought forward by **Gary Warner** in discussions concerning photocopies of extractions forwarded by volunteer researchers. The paper volume is expected to increase in the very near future.

Concerns brought forward were:

1. The library will eventually be too large to house in a home.
 2. Who will administer the collection and who would do lookups.
 3. Will the Society plan on renting space if in an existing facility is found
- John Marsch** has suggested that the library might possibly be housed with an organization such as Saskatchewan Genealogical Society with their extensive library or a similar organization.

Preliminary investigation of this possibility indicates that this is viable but would require prior agreement with both Societies. They do have a similar arrangement with other groups.

FURTHER INVESTIGATION IS REQUIRED IN THIS MATTER.

Financial Report

19

Fritz Kiessling submitted the September 1999 financial report for Board review and comment at the same time as submission to the auditors. Adjustments if required will be made prior to publication.

April 2000

**FEEFHS
Renewal
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IT WAS AGREED BY THE MAJORITY THAT:

Society membership in FE EFHS would be maintained and renewal forms are to be forwarded to **Fritz Kiessling** for process and payment.

**Posting of
Minutes
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IT WAS AGREED BY THE MAJORITY THAT:

Posting of the Minutes for this and future years would be made to the web site accessible to the Board. The Recording Secretary will be responsible for updating the minutes regularly at the site.

The intent is to ensure that agreed to decisions is current and a resource for the Directors.

May 2000

**Fritz Kiessling
23**

Fritz Kiessling has advised the Board that due to job circumstances he will be unable to complete his term of office on the Board and has asked to be replaced. The Board has acknowledged his request with regrets and has agreed to consider his replacement at the convention.

June 2000

**Polish Map and
Index
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Jerry Frank advises us that the anticipated book he is producing will not be available for the convention due to unforeseen delays. He does indicate that he will have available a wall size map as a composite of his page size Polish maps at 1: 500, 000 scale with index.

Jerry has also indicated, that with our approval, from a selling price of \$25 CDN, plus mailing, and including the index he would contribute \$8 to SGEE.

July 2000

**Society Registered
Address Change
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Bill Fife advises us that an address change has been enacted by the Post Office for his residence. In that the Society utilizes Bills address as the 'official' address a modification to the Annual Reporting documents will be required.

The new 'official' address is:

Society for German Genealogy in Eastern Europe.
4140 Granville Ave.,
Victoria, BC, Canada.

**Society
Postal Address
Change**
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The postal address for the Society has been relocated to a more central outlet in order to try to improve delivery time and 'lost mail' occurrences for Society mail. The new mail address is valid beginning July 13, 2000. The new address is:

SGGEE
Box 905, Stn. 'M'
Calgary, AB, Canada.
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Lawrence Penno
Recording Secretary