

SGGEE

Electronic Newsletter - April 2004

Registrations for the 2004 convention in Calgary are starting to arrive. Be sure to check out the "2004 Convention News" on the SGGEE web site home page at www.sggee.org where the convention registration form can be downloaded. As an aid to for the convention registrar, please mark your envelope **Convention** when you mail your registration form.

If you are unable to attend the convention, Proxy Vote forms will be found in the June Journal. The Proxy allows you to designate someone attending the convention to cast your vote. There will be two changes to the SGGEE Bylaws presented at the Annual General Meeting. The proposed changes will be in the June Journal. Your Proxy Vote form will allow your opinion to be expressed for the Bylaw changes and it will also allow you to cast your vote(s) for new Board members.

As is always the case, SGGEE's Annual General Meeting will be held at the convention, therefore the election of four Board members will take place. This year Board terms expire for Richard Stein, Ken Schultz, John Marsch and Howard Krushel. Richard Stein and Ken Schultz have graciously agreed to let their names stand for reelection. John Marsch and Howard Krushel will not stand for reelection but will continue to serve SGGEE in other capacities. Directors remaining on the Board until 2005 are Ursula Bachman, Jan Textor, Carol Burns and Earl Schultz.

Nominees are being sought for the four Board vacancies. *If you are willing to help SGGEE to continue to be an innovative internationally recognized genealogical society, please consider serving as a Board member.* The qualifications are a willingness to take part in advancing and improving the objectives of SGGEE, a computer for communicating and of course being an SGGEE member in good standing. A few minutes on some days is all the time it takes for Board affairs. Richard Benert has agreed to serve as the Nominating Committee again this year.

If you decide favorably to be a nominee for the Board, please contact Richard reasonably soon at benovich@montanadsl.net If you would like more information contact John Marsch at gpvjem@sasktel.net

While on the subject of participation, Director Carol Burns chair of the Publicity Committee, would like to establish a pool of volunteers to represent SGGEE at local and SGGEE genealogical events.

SGGEE frequently receives request to participate in national and regional meetings and conventions. Participation may be in the form of a table or booth, or a speaker's

engagement. SGGEE members also attend a variety of conventions and cultural events of interest to them personally and related to the SGGEE mission. As a presenter it is possible you may qualify for reduced Conference fees.

SGGEE will provide volunteers with a basic Power Point and complete script for making presentations. Researchers having their own presentation can be provided with a few introductory slides if they are willing to assist SGGEE in gaining recognition and new members. SGGEE informational brochures are available in electronic form or in print.

Requirements would be a laptop, the willingness and ability to travel occasionally, a knowledge of SGGEE's progress and objectives. Again, an updated Power Point presentation would be made available.

At present SGGEE would like representation at the following events;
FEEFHS Annual International Conference, October 1-3, 2004, Crowne Plaza, Detroit Michigan - Metro Airport, **AND** The Saskatchewan Genealogical Seminar, October 21-23, **2005**

Please contact Carol Burns or John Marsch for details.

Virginia Less is continuing the hunt for short stories on all aspects of life in Volhynia. Favorite family sayings, pictures, foods, work, church and community life are very acceptable topics. Any and all Volhynian village information would be gratefully appreciated also.

Virginia plans on attending the August convention in Calgary with a tape recorder at hand in case writing is not in your interest. It is her intention to have suitable articles published in the Journal and if sufficient in number, a booklet could be printed.

Please mail anything you think suitable to Virginia Less, 503 Ridgewood, Glen Ellyn IL, 60137 USA or email her at GVLess@aol.com