

# Special Edition SGGEE Electronic Newsletter

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## **From the SGGEE President;**

I am pleased to announce that we now have the SGGEE three year convention plan. Thanks for all your input to the process via your survey response. We have tried to implement that in our plan with three venues (AB, BC, and SK) in the next three years. So here is our plan for Conventions over the next three years. My thanks to each of these people for their willingness to help SGGEE to have great conventions.

Calgary August 10-12, 2007

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Program Chair: Jerry Frank

Abbotsford BC August 2008

General Chair: Clifford Holtz <[clifford@holtz.ca](mailto:clifford@holtz.ca)>

Program Chair: Rose Ingram

(Might involve others like the Mennonite Genealogical Society)

(This location is just across the border from WA at a less frequented border crossing point so can serve those in WA too)

Regina SK August 2009

General Chair: John Marsch <[gpvjem@sasktel.net](mailto:gpvjem@sasktel.net)>

Program Chair: Karl Kruger

(Might involve others like the SK Genealogical Society)

In each case the convention management work will be split between a General Chair and a Program Chair. The General Chair has overall responsibility for all aspects of the Convention although the program planning including topics and speaker selection fall to the Program Chair. The General Chair can freely involve others and delegate portions of the necessary tasks. So if you can help, I have included the General Chair's email address so you can contact them directly (even years in advance!).

You might note that in the last two we may have a cooperating Genealogical Society with us. That will help to share the work, provide a larger audience and provide interesting

variety in the presentations.

Also, it is important to note that the above is a plan and subject to change.

Regards Bill Remus SGGEE President

## **Website - Jerry Frank;**

Microsoft recently released its new Internet Explorer 7.0. Since that time, we have begun to receive reports about people who are having trouble accessing the databases on our website. We are also hearing reports of similar problems at other websites and with other online databases.

This is a problem inherent with IE7 and NOT our website. It will take some time for web designers and Microsoft to figure out the cause of this problem and presumably for Microsoft to fix it. Until that occurs, we cannot offer any advice on how to make IE7 work.

If you are using IE7 and are experiencing problems accessing our site databases, we suggest the following.

1. Report the problem to Microsoft. If they tell you that it is a site problem rather than an IE problem, do not believe them.
2. Keep an older version of IE or a recent version of Netscape, Firefox, or Opera on your computer and use that to access the databases. All of those browsers work correctly.

Aside from the databases, it is also possible that IE7 may not correctly interpret our regular web pages. So far we have not heard of such a problem. If you do experience a problem with display, dropdowns, or other issues while using IE7, please report those to me so that we can determine if a change in the page code will fix the problem. Please report such issues to me personally rather than through the list.

Since there is nothing we can do at this time about the databases, there is no point in reporting such problems to us. We will let you know if we hear about any fixes. Please also let us know if hear that Microsoft has (or supposedly has) fixed its problem.

Jerry Frank

## **The SGGEE Journal;**

A few weeks ago the Journal editor, Earl Schultz, made an appeal to those who are receiving their Journal by postal mail.

In view of the increasing cost of printing and postage, he requested those members to review their need for postal service, particularly if they have the technical ability to download the Journal from the website. Printing after downloading does take a few minutes but most printers can easily cope.

Several members honored the editor's request however recently there have been almost as many requests for postal mail service, offsetting the gains made earlier.

If you are presently receiving the Journal by postal mail, please consider the possibility of down loading and printing it at your leisure at home.

### **The Membership Committee;**

I have received some concerned inquiries recently regarding the year date on the website Membership Renewal form. A revised Renewal form will be posted to the website as soon as time permits, in the meantime, please use the old version.