**SGGEE Board of Directors**

**Minutes 2015-2016**

**Part 1**

**Minutes, August 8, 2015**

**Ramada Plaza Hotel Manoir du Casino, 75 Rue d’Edmonton, Gatineau, Quebec**

This meeting of the SGGEE Board of Directors was held after the SGGEE Annual General Meeting on August 7. Sigrid Pohl Perry, President, called the meeting to order at 12:15pm. Present were Richard Benert, Recording Secretary, Ray Bloch, Past President, Melonie Liening, and Elvin Meyers, Vice-President. Sigrid welcomed new Directors David Neumann and Susie Lewis. Ken Kufeldt, Treasurer, was unable to attend.

**Officers for the coming year were approved:**

President: Richard Benert, Bozeman, Montana

Vice-President: Elvin Meyers, New Westminster, BritishColumbia

Treasurer: Susie Lewis, Kitchener, Ontario

Recording Secretary: Melonie Liening, Tacoma, Washington

Past- President: Sigrid Pohl Perry, Evanston, Illinois

Other Directors:

Edie Adam, Fairfax, Virginia

David Neumann, Brantford, Ontario

**Directors accepted appointments to supervise SGGEE Committees as follows:**

Finance & Membership: Susie Lewis

Convention & Publicity: Edie Adam

Journal: David Neumann

Databases: Melonie Liening

Library: Elvin Meyers

Website: Richard Benert

Research:

Sigrid advised the new Board members that their email addresses will be linked to required @sggee.org address lists. Committee chairs will be notified about the changes in Director Liaisons. Richard will send Minutes of the AGM and Directors’ Minutes to both old and new Board members as appropriate and request that Webmaster Karl Krueger post them in the Directors only section of the SGGEE website.

Sigrid announced that the contents of the SGGEE Library would be removed from storage and taken to the home of Rose Ingram in Kamloops, B.C. where its contents will be analyzed and sorted, and unnecessary items disposed of.. Copyright issues need to be explored that might impact plans for making digitized materials available to the membership. A search should be made for volunteers to help find books in the Family History Center which are already digitized and which duplicate materials in the SGGEE Library which then could be disposed of. Two libraries have expressed interest in housing the SGGEE Library, and the Board will continue to deliberate over what should be done in this matter.

Sigrid requested that new Directors send brief bios to Melonie, and mentioned that other matters for the new Board to give attention to include the granting of honorary memberships and possible ending of same, and the completion of the project of revising Committee Guidelines begun last year.

For the benefit of the new Directors, Sigrid summarized the problem of the currency exchange rate which the Board had struggled with in recent months and explained why the Board had come to the conclusion that at this time no great changes to our membership fee structure are really necessary (changes proposed by Ken Kufeldt, Treasurer for last year, which were aimed at increasing our intake of US dollars relative to Canadian dollars). When the subject of paying bills via wire transfer came up, Susie Lewis reported having had good experiences with Encore money transfer services.

Sigrid brought up the problem currently being looked into by Karl Krueger, John Rauchert and Rose Ingram regarding possible copyright problems associated with the acquisition, editing and publication of the late Jerry Frank’s papers, articles, and maps. This will demand the attention of the new Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Benert, President