**Agenda**

**Annual Meeting of the Society for German Genealogy in Eastern Europe (SGGEE)**

Aug 16, 2019 Holiday Inn Winnipeg Airport West

2520 Portage Ave. Winnipeg, MB, Canada R3J3T6

Door Prize donated by hotel, Earl Schultz

Called to order at : 4:00PM

1. **Approval of minutes of 2018 Annual General Meeting:**

* Motion to approve minutes by David Neumann
* Second by Rose Ingram
* Motion carried

1. **Business arising from the 2018 minutes:**

* None

1. **Committee reports:**

* Convention (Bill Tucholke)
* Research/Library (Rose Ingram)
* Treasury (Arnold Badke)
* Journal (Ray Bloch, read by Arnold Badke)
* Databases (Gary Warner)
* Publicity (Helen Gillespie)
* Membership (Renate Dilk, read by Helen Gillespie)
* DNA (Earl Schultz)
* Motion to accept committee Reports by: David Neumann
* Second by: Ruth Boettcher
* Motion carried

1. **New business**

* Edie has updates on Kostiuk book project and IGGP conference

**2019 convention report: SGGEE and International German Genealogy Partnership**

SGGEE joined the IGGP as a partner society in 2016 and combined its annual convention with the IGGP’s inaugural conference in 2017 in Minneapolis. The IGGP is an international network of societies and other organizations focused on German genealogy and history whose goal is to connect people and groups researching their German roots.

It is incorporated in Minnesota as a non-profit organization and recently approved its first bylaws. In 2019, partner societies were asked to contribute dues toward operating expenses based on their membership numbers. SGGEE donated $125 US for the year. There is no information available yet on requested dues for the 2020 year.

Members of partners societies received a significant discount on the cost of attending the biennial conference. The most recent conference was held in June on Sacramento. At least 4 SGGEE members attended. The conference offered more than 80 presentations over three days by some of the field’s most experience researchers. Connection sessions, small-group meetings, were held to allow people to meet and speak with people with similar interests. One group, focused on Germans in Poland, Russia and the Baltics attracted at least 40 people and generated a lot of discussion.

The IGGP has announced that the 2021 conference will be held in July in Cincinnati, Ohio. Information on the IGGP activities is available on Facebook, its website, an emailed newsletter and an email subscription list. SGGEE members may subscribe to receive information directly from the IGGP as well as through announcements on our own Facebook group.

*Report written by Edie Adam, who is also the elected secretary of IGGP*

* Kostiuk book translation update –
* Gary Warner asked if SGGEE would pay for DNA for testing for board to consider
* Reduce payment fees until numbers increase for board to consider
* Victor Gess – obituary in journal of members for board to consider
* Bill Tucholke – will the SGGEE do a follow-up to see why memberships are not renewed for board to consider
* Helen members that have passed away or not renewed, is there a way to keep their info in our data base? Board to look into this
* Possible subject for next convention – getting under 60 people involved
* Mentoring team for those getting started in SGGEE

1. **Appointment of auditor**

* Move to nominate - Board to seek out a volunteer(s)

1. **Election of Directors: 2 – three-year terms. Edie will introduce nominees**

* Move to nominate – Ruth Boettcher by Rose Ingram. Second by Bill Tucholke, Carried
* Move to nominate – Mauricio Norenberg by Hellen Giillespie. Second by Sigrid Pohl, Carried

1. **Announcement of 2020 convention site**

* 2020 convention is to be announced at a later date. Portland, Oregon

1. **Adjournment** @ 5:05 PM