

2014 Convention Committee Report

Calgary, Alberta was once again chosen as the site for the 16th SGGEE convention and annual membership meeting with the theme "*Gathering our Ancestors*". Special thanks and recognition go out to Mabel Kiessling for selecting and making arrangements with the Coast Plaza Hotel & Conference Centre; to Rose Ingram for her Opening remarks as Past SGGEE President and her diligence in working out numerous planning details with our speakers, hotel and library; to John Marsch who served as our convention MC and to Edie Adam, Sigrid Pohl-Perry and the many members and volunteers who provided assistance throughout the convention. They were friendly, helpful and supportive. The sharing of genealogical expertise was once again well received by those in attendance and as in previous years was cited as one of the highlights of the convention along with being able to interact with other members in attendance.

Finally, the Convention committee is always in need of fresh ideas and input from our members. We encourage you to join the committee if you would like to become more involved in planning our future conventions. We cannot emphasize enough the importance of member suggestions. This includes: Selecting locations; identifying meaningful workshop topics; and finding knowledgeable speakers.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Tucholke, Convention chair

The following is a listing of the 2014 presentations:

Getting Started Again in family history research---Carol Hutchinson

The "Holy Ghost" in Poland---Earl Schultz

Legacy Family Tree: An overview and what's new---Geoff Rasmussen

Legacy Family Tree: Beyond the Basics---Geoff Rasmussen

Cite that Citation made easy for the family historian---Brenda Smith

Right Forest Wrong Tree: Interpret your findings---Brenda Smith

Researching Family and Recounting it's story---Kathleen Kufeldt

The German Footprint in Northwest Territories and Alberta ---Lorraine Yackulic

SGGEE On-line databases: How to get the most out of them ---Gary Warner

A Place by any other name won't merge---Gary Warner & Sigrid Pohl-Perry

On the Move: Migration themes in the German-Russian experience --Edie Adam

Author's Corner presenter: Rachael Patterson on her book "Homeland Lost"

Banquet Speaker: Peter Von Lipinsky