



Calgary Chapter - Society for the Study of Egyptian Antiquities

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Letter from the President of the Calgary SSEA

September 21, 2007

Dear Members:

I would like to welcome all of you back for the most exciting and important year in our chapters history. As chapter members know, at the May 4, 2007 meeting our president Dr. William (Bill) Glanzman stepped down as president of the chapter. He held elections for the posts of president, vice president treasurer and secretary. The following were elected: Steven James Larkman, president; Julius Szkereny, vice president; Gary Lloyd, treasurer; and James Beattie Morison, secretary.

At the same meeting, one of the members has asked why was it important to be a part of the Society for the Study of the Egyptian Antiquities. The next question was whether it would be better to go independent. Going independent would lose access to the resources of the national organization and the guest lecturers that the national organization send out to our group yearly.

Over this past summer, the chapter lost one of the most important and driving forces in our group. Professor Emeritus Peter Shinnie of the University of Calgary passed away. Members have suggested we create a memorial lecture dedicated to Meoric material and/or a memorial conference to be held in Calgary.

In light of all the changes, the board is planning a full series of lectures. Starting October 5, 2007, Steven J. Larkman will start of the lecture series with a presentation identified "To Die in Style: The Cemetery of Beni Hasan" November 2, 2007, with David George presenting "A Very Special Tour in Egypt" December 7, 2007, Julius Szkereny presents on "The Cemetery of Saqqara." In the new year, we will continue the lecture series with four presentations on various topics on Egypt starting February 1, 2008.

Please find attached pros and con info sheet and the program for our lecture.

Yours truly,

Steven J. Larkman, MA
President, Calgary Chapter

SSEA Membership Benefits

Full Membership \$60.00 (20.00 remains in Calgary & 40.00 goes to National Board)
-get the journal
-newsletter (3 times a year)
-access to SSEA website (thessea.org)

SSEA Membership Benefits (continued)

-access to all lecturers (Calgary Toronto and Montreal)
-vote on all issues in Calgary and at the National AGM

Associate Membership \$40.00 (20.00 remains in Calgary & 20.00 goes to National Board)

-newsletter (3 times a year)
-access to SSEA website
-access to all lecturers (Calgary Toronto and Montreal)
-vote on all issues in Calgary and at the National AGM

Being part of the SSEA also gets us a
-National Speaker presentation paid for by the National Board of SSEA

Lectures are usually held at Mount Royal College Building
East A, Room EA 1031,
Mount Royal College @ 7:00 pm
First Friday of each month from October to May
(excluding January)
Meetings are Free to members,
Guests \$5 and Students with ID \$2
Everyone Welcome

Fall 2007 Presentations

To Die in Style; The Cemetery Site of Beni Hasan
Steven James Larkman - October 5, 2007

The site of Beni Hasan was a cemetery that contained a large collection of burials. This site has been used to create a picture of life that occurred during the early Middle Kingdom. Providing some of the most important information on the lives of the elite and non-elite members of society lived and died. This presentation will look at the history of the site, the internal chronology of the site and the information that the site gives for the time period that it was in use.

Shaw, Ian. 2003. Beni Hasan (c. 2125-1795 B.C.).
Exploring Ancient Egypt. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
p. 117-126.

Baines, John and Jaromir Malek. (1980) Cultural Atlas of
Ancient Egypt. Oxford: Andromeda Oxford Limited.

A Very Special Tour in Egypt
David George - November 2 or 9, 2007

In 1995 intrepid photographer David George and his wife Lea undertook a very special tour in Egypt. Almost accidentally, we found we had our own guide, and a VIP suite on the newest Nile cruise boat. We mostly ignored the standard tourist itinerary, and saw lesser visited places such as El Kab, the Nobles tombs in Aswan,



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Fall 2007 Presentations (continued)

A Very Special Tour in Egypt (continued)

Meidum, Medinet Habu, and Nefertari's tomb on the 7th day of its reopening to the public. This was our third trip to Egypt together, and this presentation will include many images digitized from slides and negatives to recapture some of our excitement on this very special tour.

The Cemetery Site of Saqqara

Julius Szekrenyes - December 7, 2007

Shaw, Ian. 2003. Saqqara (c. 2650 B.C.). Exploring Ancient Egypt. Oxford: Oxford University Press. p. 49-62.

Baines, John and Jaromir Malek. (1980) Cultural Atlas of Ancient Egypt. Oxford: Andromeda Oxford Limited.

Spring 2008 Presentations

Title to be announced

(Peter Shinnie memorial lecture)

Dr. Krzysztof Grazymski - February 1, 2008

Title to be announced

Speaker to be announced - March 7, 2008

Title to be announced

Speaker to be announced - April 4, 2008

Title to be announced

Mary McDonald - May 2, 2008

PROPOSAL FOR AN INDEPENDENT CALGARY
EGYPTOLOGY SOCIETY

(SECOND REVISION - August 16, 2007))

It was suggested at the last meeting that the Calgary SSEA become independent of Toronto SSEA. Such independence could only come about following an affirmative vote by our membership.

We have looked into this and found that there is no problem, either legally or financially, in creating an independent society.

Under the Society Act of Alberta, it would require an application form, a list of elected officers of our society, a constitution or set of by-laws, and a yearly financial report to the Ministry of Service Alberta.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR

1. Members of Calgary SSEA would not be liable for any debts incurred by Toronto SSEA.

2. Incorporation in Alberta protects the officers and members of the Calgary SSEA from any liability for debts incurred by the Calgary SSEA.

3. Our finances would be easier. We would no longer send a portion of our dues and donations to Toronto SSEA (which helps pay for the Toronto speaker). We could collect dues and ask companies for donations.

4. We could still have an arm's-length affiliation with Toronto SSEA if we desired and if they agreed.

CONSIDERATIONS AGAINST

1. We currently receive a newsletter from Toronto. This would stop. Some members receive the yearly Journal and this would also cease. Members who wish to continue their membership in Toronto SSEA could do so but would have to pay separate dues to them.

2. We would lose our once-a-year Toronto speaker.

3. A name change is required from SSEA. Suggestions are Calgary Egyptology Society, Calgary Egypt Society, Calgary Ancient Egypt Society, or ?, preferably including the word 'Calgary' and something with an easy acronym.

Members are asked to consider all this and be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting in October. Those interested in the legal construction of an independent society can look at the following references.

References:

How to incorporate a society:

http://www.servicealberta.ca/incorporating_societies.cfm

Application form:

http://www.servicealberta.ca/cr/forms_societies.cfm

Suggested bylaws:

<http://servicealberta.ca/pdf/reg3028.pdf>

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james_b_morison@hotmail.com, and I will arrange for a copy with larger print. Thank you.