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JEAN-FRÉDÉRIC BRUNET

Jean-Frédéric Brunet has been a member of the SSEA ever since there was a local chapter here in Montreal. He recalls that he joined “right there and then” after the Chapter’s very first public lecture in the winter of 2000. He has served on the Montréal Chapter Executive for many years now. In the Chapter’s earlier years, his role was mostly in hospitality. More recently, however, he has become more involved in the Chapter’s publications, becoming the editor of Montreal Chapter’s local newsletter, the Escribe, as well as regularly participating in the national SSEA Newsletter.

Outside the Society, he is currently a Physics teacher at Collège Ahuntsic, holding a PhD in Biophysics. Within my department, he serves on the Pedagogical affairs committee. In the Egyptological world, he says “I fully admit that I am simply an Egyptophile, but a most dedicated one, my main interest residing in political history and chronology, mainly of the Third Intermediate Period and Late Period.”

This is his first term as a voting Trustee on the national Board of Trustees. (In 2013-2014 he held a non-voting “adjunct” Trustee position). He says “I think I can contribute on the National Board with the same dedication I have been giving to my Chapter’s executive in the past years, and also bring in a fresh perspective from other areas of Academia.”

CLOÉ CARON, French-Language Editor, JSSEA

Cloé Caron has been an SSEA member since 2010. She is presently a PhD student in Egyptology, under the joint supervision of Dr. Jean Revez (History dept., Université du Québec à Montréal and Dr. Bernard Mathieu (Egyptology dept., Université Montpellier III), as per the co-tutelle agreement between the two universities. She is also a SSHRC grant holder. Her current work on the Heliopolitan cosmogony has brought her to reflect upon the relationship between the creator god and the primeval ocean.

Since 2012, she has been advisor and project manager for the SSEA’s Montreal chapter. In this capacity, she helps organise and host events in order to raise funds and to make the society known to a larger public. In 2013, she was promoted to general coordinator of the Revue le Manuscrit, a digital...
history periodical which publishes articles written by history students, a position she occupies to this day. She is thus familiar with the editorial process and has developed skills in article revision. During the summer of 2013, she participated in the epigraphic mission in the Great Hypostyle Hall of Karnak, a project directed by Dr Peter Brand (U. Memphis) & Dr Jean Revez (UQAM). She is passionate about Egypt and Mesopotamia History is determined to achieve the goals she sets for herself and complete every project she undertakes.

Succeeding Jean Revez, Cloé is now the French-Language Editor of the JSSEA.

JOHN GEE, Chair, Scholars’ Colloquium Committee/Symposium Committee

John Gee has been a member of the Board of the SSEA since 2007. He is the former Editor of the Journal and is co-chair and co-coordinator of both the Scholars’ Colloquium and Symposium Committees. He is Senior Research Fellow, William (Bill) Gay Research Professor, Neal A. Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship, Brigham Young University. He will be offering his technical experience in typesetting to the new Editors of the Journal of the SEA.

LYN GREEN, President

Dr. Lyn Green has been a member of the Board of Trustees since 1991, and national President of the SEA/SEEA since 2006. She was the sole coordinator of the SEA Symposium from 1991-1995, and has been co-coordinator of the event since 1997, working with a variety of other coordinators’ she is responsible for overseeing Symposium publicity, scheduling and speaker contacts. She has also been involved in coordinating the Scholars’ Colloquium since the 1990s, and at one time or another has been a member of almost every committee. Currently she is also a member of the Education, Membership, Publications (both on the JSSEA Book Review Committee and the Production Sub-Committee, and the Newsletter committee) Bylaw and Policy Committee, Fundraising and Speakers’ Committees and Assistant Webmaster.

She was a member of the Executive of Toronto Chapter from its formation in 2007-8 until 2014, serving as Vice-President several times; she has helped organize lectures, courses and other events for the Chapter, and spent several years in charge of Publicity, as well as maintaining the Chapter’s social media presence on Facebook and Twitter. She still assists in maintaining the social media presence of all 4 Chapters, and moderates the SSEA’s Facebook groups.

Her other board work includes 10 years as a member of the Board of Directors of DanceWorks, several years as a member of the Athletic Centre committee of U of Toronto and and many years of involvement in various committees and organizations of the Ontario Gymnastics Federation. She has also been on the Board of the Canadian Society for Coptic Studies since 2011.

Lyn Green received her doctorate in Egyptology from the University of Toronto for a dissertation entitled “Queens and Princesses of the Amarna Period” and aMasters in Museum Studies for a thesis on museum education. She has taught at York and Brock Universities and at the University of Toronto at Scarborough, as well as working in the Education and Programs Depts of the Royal Ontario Museum, and offering courses for a number of different organizations.

DON HALL, Assistant Treasurer

Don Hall has been a member of the SSEA for 5 years but he has been passionate about Ancient Egypt for 45 years. Don says that one highlight of his life was his visit to Egypt in 1991. He has been a regular volunteer at the mailings.

Don was a founding board member of the computer user’s group /usr/Canada. He has worked 30 years for Canadian Tire Corporation in various senior team lead, supervisory and management roles (including annual budgets). At Canadian Tire, Don was heavily involved in their Staff Association. Activities involved contacting vendors to get discount tickets for our members, advertising the event,
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distributing the tickets and doing the payroll deduction. An annual event, which takes a year to plan, is the Staff Association Kid’s Christmas Party. Don was on the organizing committee for 10 years. Don hopes to use his experience in making budgets, supervising staff and volunteers, and organizing events to help the SSEA Head Office keep active and on track.

REXINE HUMMEL

Rexine Hummel has been a member of the SSEA for thirty-five years and a Trustee on its board since 2006. In the past she has been a member of the Hospitality and Fundraising Committees and, at present, is a member of the Member and Volunteer Recognition Committee and the Fundraising Committee, where she helps organize the Souq held at the Annual General Meeting. She is also a regular contributor to the SSEA Newsletter.

Rexine received her Masters in Egyptology from the University of Toronto in 1981. She has worked on many archaeological projects as a ceramicist, and published more than a few articles on the excavated ceramics. She also volunteers at the ROM where she uses her experience as a ceramicist to help her enter data about the pottery in the storage area into the database.

JACQUELINE E. JAY, Editor, JSSEA

Jackie Jay grew up in Oshawa and joined the SSEA in 1991 at the ripe age of 13. During the course of an undergraduate degree specializing in Ancient Near Eastern Studies at the University of Toronto, she assisted then-secretary Pat Paice with the Society’s finances. She went on to her doctoral studies at the University of Chicago in 2001 and completed her PhD in the fall of 2008. Since then, she has been the “ancient” person in the history department at Eastern Kentucky University, just south of Lexington. Jackie has been a trustee since 2012 and is a member of the Symposium and Colloquium planning committees and the Journal’s Book Review committee, contacting symposium speakers, vetting colloquium abstracts, and proofing book reviews.

Beginning with volume 40, Jackie will be co-Editor of the JSSEA. She is also a member of the Symposium and Scholars’ Colloquium Committees.

ARLETTE LONDES, Treasurer

Mme. Arlette Londes has been a member of the SSEA for 19 years, and for the last 8 years, Treasurer of the national SSEA/SEEA, doing the head office book-keeping and supervising the financial records of all the Chapters, in order that our dealings with our auditors will go as smoothly as possible. Arlette is also our Hospitality Committee Chair, a job which now includes not only the reception at the AGM, but helping out of town members with their visits to Toronto on the AGM Weekend. She has also taken on the job of helping to coordinate the Symposium, being responsible or arranging for the flights and accommodation of our symposium speakers. When helping the speakers, or working as national Treasurer, she draws upon 15 years experience in book-keeping , and doing flight and hotel bookings for the reporters of Agence France-Presse in Johannesburg.

Arlette is also active at the Chapter level, as part of the Toronto Chapter Executive, where she has been Hospitality Coordinator for the last 8 years, almost never missing a lecture or event. She also helps in the social calendar of the Chapter, organizing the annual Egyptian New Year’s dinner and special events. Her other board experience is as member-at-large for the Board/Executive of AIA Toronto Society and she was a member of the nominating committee of the Canadian Society for Coptic Studies. She is a former member of the board of Alliance Française in Toronto, Montreal and Johannesburg and of U.F.E. ( Union des Français de l'Étranger) in the same capacity. She was recently nominated for the board of The Canadian Society for Mesopotamian Studies.
JEAN MCGRADY, Chair, Member and Volunteer Recognition Committee/Fundraising Committee

Jean McGrady has been a member of SSEA for 17 years, and a member of the Board since 2007. She is currently on the HR Committee and Fundraising Committees and Chair of the Member and Volunteer Recognition Committee.

Of her love of Egypt, Jean says “Although I do not have a degree in archaeology I have loved Egypt since I was a child. I am so fortunate to know Rexine Hummel... who told me about the SSEA and got me to attend my first lecture. I have now been a member of the SSEA for 15 years. Due to my interest in the Society it reinforced my interest in visiting Egypt and now, fortuitously, I have visited Egypt twice. It was not too long after joining the SSEA that I became interested in the how the Society ran and wanted to help.

For many years, she and her husband have been on the board of The Kew Beach Couples Club. This is a church organization which has been in operation for over 60 years. They have been the Secretary/Treasurers, Host and Hostess, and as Presidents.

Jean was elected to the Executive of newly formed Toronto Chapter in 2007 and became the secretary for Toronto and Chapter representative. She was elected to the Board of Trustees in 2008-2009. Since then, she has helped out in many other areas in the Society, including helping to create job descriptions for Secretaries and becoming a member of the Fundraising Committee. Jean has over 30 years experience working in a bank, and feels that this has been useful in some of the duties she does for national, including fundraising and creating job descriptions and her new position as Chair of the “HR” Committee.

Jean continues her national involvement by working on fundraising and member and donor recognition. She is proud of the record of the Fundraising Committee, “we raised a lot of money for The [SSEA], especially with our sales of the donated book collection of Pat Paice. This could not have been accomplished without the countless hours put in by [former Vice Presidents and Fundraising Committee members] Mark Trumpor and Kei Yamamoto”. While on the Executive of Toronto Chapter, Jean has helped the Chapter by screening applications to teach courses for the Chapter, helping to run the raffles and other Chapter activities.

ZOE MCQUINN, Toronto Chapter Representative

Zoe McQuinn joined the SSEA as a student Member in 1998 and has been a member of the SSEA- Toronto Chapter Board since its creation. She has served SSEA in a variety of positions including President- Toronto Chapter, Vice President- Toronto Chapter and as the Toronto Chapter Representative on the National Board. Beginning with volume 40, Zoe will be taking on the responsibility of Assistant Editor of the Journal of the SSEA.

Zoe’s passion for archaeology started at a young age an her studies took her first to Wilfrid Laurier University and then to University of Toronto. She has excavated in Jordan and Egypt at a number of different sites, is a published academic author as well as a Sessional Lecture at the University of Toronto and Wilfrid Laurier University, teaching a variety of subjects including Introduction to the Ancient Near East, Egyptian Archaeology, Egyptian History, and the Ancient Egyptian Religion.

Zoe began working for the Royal Ontario Museum within weeks of arriving in Toronto, and now works for the Learning and Programs Department. It was through her work at the ROM that Zoe realized the importance of not just research in the field but engaging the public in that research, allowing everyone to be part of the amazing discoveries made every day.
EDMUND S. MELTZER Editor, JSSEA

Dr. Edmund S. Meltzer was born in Brooklyn, NY. He received his BA from the University of Chicago (1972), and his MA and PhD from the University of Toronto (1973 and 1980 respectively). He joined the SSEA in 1972 and served as Chair of the Special Projects Committee in the 1970s and 1980s, during which time two projects reached publication: The Readingbook of 2nd Intermediate Period Historical Texts (Terry Miosi), and Privately-Owned Antiquities in Ontario (Fascicle 1, Joyce Haynes). The Privately-Owned Antiquities project included an exhibition in the ROM, where Meltzer was a Research and Library Assistant. During his resident years as a student in Toronto, he was centrally involved in the production of the Newsletter (precursor to the Journal of the SSEA). He participated in the Symposium in the 1970s and was part of the Akhenaten Temple Project/East Karnak Excavation. In recent years, Dr. Meltzer has continued his Society involvement. In 2006, he presented a talk on “Gender Issues in Ancient Egypt” in the SSEA lecture series. He is a member of the Book Review Committee and has edited and proofread a number of reviews and articles. He has frequently published in the Newsletter and Journal.

Dr. Meltzer taught as a Graduate Assistant at University of Toronto and has taught at several other universities including UNC-Chapel Hill, The Claremont Graduate School, and Northeast Normal University in the People’s Republic of China; currently he is Adjunct Faculty in Mythological Studies at the Pacifica Graduate Institute in Carpinteria, CA. At Claremont he was Associate Chair of the Department of Religion, in which capacity he gained extensive supervisory experience, also serving on several University committees and as Faculty Secretary. He was also a representative on the Council on Graduate Studies in Religion. He has been a member of several editorial and advisory boards including Writings from the Ancient World, Institute for Antiquity and Christianity, and Journal of Ancient Civilizations (China). He served on the Program Committee of ARCE in 1986. Dr. Meltzer has reviewed both book and article manuscripts for JSSEA, Visible Language, JARCE and Princeton University Press, as well as grant proposals for the National Endowment for the Humanities. He was an ARCE Fellow in 1979-80. Dr. Meltzer is a certified teacher of German and Spanish and completed a course in Editorial Skills from the USDA Graduate School. He is the author of numerous Egyptological publications including recently The Edwin Smith Papyrus, co-authored with Dr. Gonzalo M. Sanchez MD (Lockwood Press 2012).

Beginning with volume 40, he will be co-Editor of the JSSEA with Jackie Jay. He is also a member of the Bylaw and Policy Committee.

KERRY MUHLESTEIN, Vice-President

Prof. Kerry Muhlestein has been a member of the SSEA for eight years, and has presented at both the Scholar’s Colloquium and the SSEA Symposium. He has been part of the Poster Session and Symposium Committees for the past year, helping to organize the events and vet the poster proposals. He has served as the chairman for the Annual Meeting of ARCE, and represents his institution as one of ARCE’s research supporting members. He is the associate chair of the Ancient Scripture Department and is an associate professor of Ancient Scripture and Ancient Near Eastern Studies at Brigham Young University. He directs an excavation in Egypt. Having earned his Ph.D. in Egyptology at UCLA, he has published on religious violence in Egypt, Egyptian literature, intercultural and interreligious interconnections between Egypt and her neighbors, as well as on archaeological topics. He has organized and hosted international Egyptological conferences and edited Egyptological publications.

I believe I could be of help both because of my experience in working with conferences and publications, as well as my archaeological experience. I can help with many of the SSEA’s missions. I can provide some degree of vision in how to meet the SSEA’s objectives, and can be part of doing the administrative and clerical work that falls to any governing board.
Kerry is currently Vice-President of the Society, and a member of the Bylaw and Policy Committee, as well as continuing his duties with the Poster Session and Symposium Committees.

**BRIGITTE OUELLET,** Vice-President/Montreal Chapter Representative

Dr. Brigitte Ouellet, has been national Vice-President of The SSEA/SEEA since 2008, and the President of the Montreal Chapter since its creation in 1999. She has been a member of the SSEA since late 80’s.

In 2005, she obtained her Ph.D. in the History of Religions at the University of Montreal. She is a member of the Bylaw and Policy Committee, the Chapter Speakers’ Liaison Committee and the Membership Committee. She is one of the founders of *In Search of Ancient Egypt in Canada.*

Her passionate interest in ancient Egypt directed her studies toward finding a methodology to translate and interpret wisdom texts of the Middle Kingdom. Driven by her studies, she has attained proficiency in Egyptian language at St. Mary's University (Halifax) under the co-direction of Dr. Vincent Tobin, with whom she did her doctoral dissertation, entitled “*Le Désillusionné et son ba du Papyrus Berlin 3024. L’herméneutique d’une expérience ontphanique.*” She has given courses at the University of Montreal, McGill University and Concordia University and also for the Université du Troisième Âge at Sherbrooke University.

Brigitte is a member of the Bylaw and Policy Committee, and of the Symposium Committee.

**PETER ROBINSON,** Webmaster/Newsletter Editor

Of his interest in ancient Egypt, Peter Robinson says “Although I’ve been a member of the SSEA since 2004, I’ve had a long history in Egyptology, having first encountered ‘Ginger’ at the British Museum in the mid-60s as a 7 year old child on a family holiday in London, UK”. He has presented and published a number of papers at ‘Current Research in Egyptology’ conferences, presented to the SSEA Scholars’ Colloquium, and has also excavated at Hierakonpolis with Renee Friedman.

As a Business Analyst by profession, he is well acquainted with computers and what they are capable of, and uses his skills not only in managing the [www.thessea.org](http://www.thessea.org) but also in working on volumes of *JSSEA*, including helping in the typesetting of volume 37.

Peter also has a Masters in Geography and is trained as a professional cartographer. He offers this skill to various scholars and publications dealing with ancient Egypt. He is involved with a number of Egyptological organisations in north-west UK, and is a regular member of the Manchester Ancient Egypt Society, and treasurer of the Poynton Egypt Group, also based in the Manchester area.

Peter Robinson is has been a trustee of the SSEA since 2006, and a webmaster since around 2007. He has turned his hand to whatever the SSEA/SÉÉA has needed done, including editing the abstract booklets and the *Newsletter.*

**PETER SHELDRICK,** Dakhleh Oasis Project/Chair, Bylaws and Policy Committee

Dr. Peter Sheldrick (MD) has been a Life Member of the SSEA since 1978 and a Trustee since about 1984. As such he currently serves as the Chairman of the Research Committee (formerly known as the Exploration Committee), where his principle interest is looking after the affairs of the Dakhleh Oasis Project. The SSEA holds the original concession for archaeological exploration of the Dakhleh Oasis, and Peter has worked on the project annually since 1979. He also also serve as Chairman of the Bylaws and Policy Committees and has served on the Publication Committee, helped with proof reading of the *Journal.* In the past few years, he has overseen the elections and Bylaw updates of the SSEA/SÉÉA, and taken on some of the duties of a Secretary of the Society.
MARYANN WEGNER

Dr. Mary-Ann Pouls Wegner is Associate Professor of Egyptian Archaeology at the University of Toronto and Director of the Abydos Votive Zone Project. She has been an SSEA member since 1999 and has served as a member of the Board of Trustees since 2000. Current activities on the Board include vetting papers for the Colloquium, helping to secure funding for the Symposium from the Department of Near & Middle Eastern Civilizations, reviewing submissions for the Journal, and contributing to the Toronto Chapter lecture series and the SSEA Newsletter. Outreach to the student community is also a priority for Prof. Pouls Wegner. In addition to these roles, past activities on the Board have encompassed selecting presenters for the Toronto Chapter lecture series, co-editing the Newsletter, and helping to organize the Symposium and Colloquium. She is a member of the American Research Center in Egypt and the Archaeological Institute of America, and her research contributions appear in a range of Egyptological journals and books. As a member of the faculty in the Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations at the University of Toronto, she has worked to ensure that the SSEA has access to infrastructure resources such as office space and use of departmental equipment. She has been especially happy to be involved in the opportunities that the SSEA provides to support young scholars in the field of Egyptology through the award of the Missy Eldridge scholarship and the vibrant exchange of ideas that takes place in the annual lecture series to which both students and established researchers contribute. If re-elected to the Board, she expects to continue to pursue these objectives.

This year, she continues in her work with the Editorial Committee, the Scholars’ Colloquium Committee (Larkman Award Committee) and joins the Symposium Committee.

NICHOLAS WERNICK, Calgary Chapter Representative / Associate Webmaster

Nicholas has been an active member of the Calgary Chapter of the SSEA for more than 10 years and has assisted in the Calgary Chapter’s executive for the past 2 years as webmaster. In 2013-2014 he was an adjunct Trustee of the Board of Trustees, and in November 2014 became an active Trustee representing Calgary Chapter.

He has just received his PhD in Egyptology from the Department of Archaeology, Classics and Egyptology at the University of Liverpool. His main research interests are ancient Late Bronze Age cultural exchanges in the Eastern Mediterranean and ancient Near Eastern warfare.

In addition to his active Egyptological interests, Nicholas also has an extensive background in website development and online resources. He holds diplomas in computer application development and database administration. He is the creator of an interactive website, AEO – Ancient Egypt Online, and the Web Manager of the Garstang Egyptology Network and Egyptology North. He is Web Manager for the Calgary Chapter blog, http://www.calgaryssea.ca/ and Associate webmaster of the main SSEA sites. He created the symposium website http://symposium.thessea.org/