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The founding meeting of the Slovak Studies Association was held on Saturday, October 15, 1977, at 3:30 P.M. in the lobby of the Capital Hilton, in Washington during the National Conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies.

The following attended the meeting: Thaddeus Gromada, Richard Liba, Thomas Marzik, Jozef Mikus, Renee Mikus, Mark Stolarik, Anthony Sutherland and Edward Tuleya.

Mark Stolarik opened the meeting. He presented arguments for the creation of the Slovak Studies Association and dealt with reservations made by various people with whom he had previously corresponded. Those present accepted his remarks.

Stolarik then asked the members to comment on a proposed Constitution. They did so and then empowered the future nominated secretary-treasurer to draft an amended form of the Constitution.

The founding members then nominated the following for office in the SSA:

President- Michael Novak
Vice-President- Thomas Marzik
Secretary-Treasurer- Mark Stolarik
Officers -At-Large- Stanley Pech, Edward Tuleya, Suzanna Mikula
(only 2 are to be elected)

The founding members empowered the nominated secretary-treasurer to correspond with potential members, to draft a ballot and to accept the votes of all those who enclose a \$2.00 membership fee.

Those who return their ballot, along with a \$2.00 remittance, payable to the nominated secretary-treasurer, before January 1, 1978, will be added to the list of founding members. They may also suggest officers other than the ones nominated.

All members are urged to contact friends or colleagues who might be willing to join. Have them write the nominated secretary-treasurer at the following address:

1081 Ambleside Drive, Apt. 1802
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K2B 8C8

Or, simply send their names to Mark Stolarik and he will contact them.

Please start thinking about future activities for the SSA, especially papers and panels that we might have at future meetings of the AAASS.

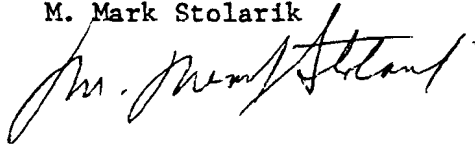
After the elections are over (January 1, 1978), the secretary-treasurer will contact the AAASS and ask them to accept the SSA as an affiliated organization. Note that officers of affiliated organizations are to be dues-paying members of the AAASS, as is a "substantial percentage" of the membership of the affiliated organization. We also have to

supply them with our Constitution and membership list.

Please send the nominated secretary-treasurer your 'curriculum vitae' and/or a short note on present or future activities. He will use these to prepare short biographical sketches of all members for future issues of the Newsletter. You will all receive our master membership list in order to enable you to correspond directly with each other.

If you have any questions, please address them to the nominated secretary-treasurer.

Yours Sincerely,
M. Mark Stolarik

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. Mark Stolarik", written in dark ink.