



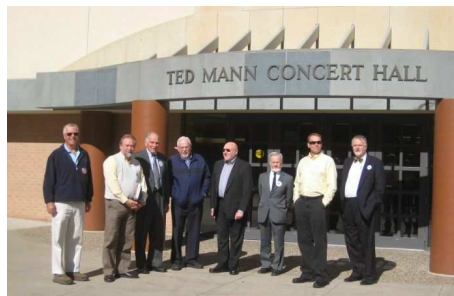
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Sangerfest 2014 headquarters hotel.



NSAA officers at 2014 concert venue.



Sangerfest 2014 concert hall.

From the NSAA President

Greetings Ladies and Gentlemen of the Norwegian Singers Association of America,

Another season of sharing our Scandinavian Heritage in song has begun and I hope your schedules are full of sharing opportunities.

Sangerfest 2014 planning continues full speed ahead. A block of rooms has been reserved at our host hotel **Courtyard Minneapolis Downtown**, 1500 Washington Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55454. The cost of a room is \$121.00/night plus tax and the Executive Suites are \$181.00/night plus tax. Arrivals as early as three days prior to June 12, 2014 and departures up to three days after June 14, 2014 may be reserved at the same rate of \$121.00 plus tax or \$181.00 plus tax, providing rooms are available. The hotel has been completely renovated in 2013.

You may begin **making your advanced reservations** by calling [1-888-236-2427](tel:1-888-236-2427). The reference name is: "Sangerfest 2014". Also be prepared to use the Booking Codes below that describe the rooms.

If you prefer to use an **online reservation**, go to the website www.marriott.com/mspdc.

Here is quick on-line reservations procedure;

1. Go to: www.marriott.com/mspdc
2. Enter Check In and Check Out Dates
3. Number of Rooms and Number of Guests
4. Click on Special Rates & Rewards “+” box
5. Check ‘Group Code’
6. Enter your choice of Booking Codes
 - 1 Double Queen Rooms SGFSGFA
 2. King Rooms SGFSGFB
 3. Executive Queen Suite SGFSGFG
 4. Executive King Suite SGFSGFF
7. Continue to enter credit card information, etc.

The host hotel is near downtown Minneapolis, not in downtown. The area is called “Seven Corners” and across the street is the West Bank of the University of Minnesota. Within walking distance of the hotel, in the U of M West Bank area, is the Ted Mann Concert Hall where all rehearsals, Memorial Service, Parade of Choruses, Afterglows, and Grand Concert will be held. (All other events will be at the host hotel). There is a parking structure next to the hotel that is operated independently from the hotel. Arrangements can be made when you register at the hotel to have the daily rate charged to your hotel bill and the hotel will provide a “in and out” pass to be used during your stay that will allow unlimited entries and exits each day.

A couple of Sangerfest 2014 highlights: 1) Friday outing for the ladies will be a luncheon cruise aboard a paddle boat on the Mississippi River. 2) We will be joined by a 16 voice male chorus from Norway. 3) Tentative plans are being

considered to have “mini” tours on Friday and Saturday mornings pending signup interest on Thursday June 12, for those who are not otherwise involved in meetings or other organized outings. 4) A special room for Vendors which we will call the Nordic Butikk will be open for business. 5) Also there will be a raffle for special, collectible, one of kind items. Hmmm, I said just a couple of highlights.....you can readily see that we are excited about planning a “good time” for our Brothers and Sisters of the NSAA!

Enjoy the beautiful fall colors, and fill your lives with good friends in front of a roaring fire until we see you next June at the 60th Biennial - Sangerfest 2014.

The officers of the NSAA held a board meeting at the Sangerfest 2014 host hotel in Minneapolis on Sunday October 13. Minutes of that meeting can be found elsewhere in your Sanger Hilsen copy.



President Herb Nelson

NORWEGIAN GLEE CLUB Minneapolis MN

WOW!! Many of us singers and spouses had the opportunity to tour Sangerfest 2014 headquarters hotel the Marriott Courtyard Hotel, and the wonderful Ted Mann Concert Hall, only four blocks away from the hotel. Hotel management has been so very gracious and supportive of our event. The rooms are great. The breakout spaces for rehearsals by each chorus are wonderful and convenient, as are the rooms for the various meetings.

There is a shuttle available from the hotel to the Ted Mann facility and, of course, getting to the hotel and the campus area by car, bus or light rail is quite easy. All singers and spouses will be most pleased with the accommodations and the concert facilities. Oh yes, for all the shoppers, light rail is available from the campus to the Mall of America. We are going to have a great Sangerfest.

Well, our short summer is coming to an end, and we are busily involved in many Fall activities. Our first concert was at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in St. Paul Sunday, Sept. 23rd. This was a Nordic service, reaching back to some old and revered customs.

On Friday, Oct. 4th, many of our members attended an awe-inspiring concert by the Uranienborg Choir of Oslo, Norway at *Mindekirken*. This was one of the wonderful events during the Fall Leiv Eriksson International Festival (LEIF).

Our hard-pressed Gate Keeper Earl Evanstad reports, at this writing, three weeks ahead of the event, our 4:00 p.m. seating is already filled, and the other two will no doubt be the same soon. Lutefisk lovers look forward to our dinners; their loyalty to the Glee Club is gratifying, making us accepting of the huge amount of work, particularly for some of us rather mature Club members.

Other concerts scheduled are at the Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church Oct. 27, All Saints Sunday Nov. 3rd at *Mindekirken*, and then of course the Christmas concerts.

Our dear former singer, Clarence Hansen, still remains in limbo as specialists decide how to proceed with his heart repair. His system can't

handle most antiseptics. He is at home awaiting their decision. Bob Berndt continues to recuperate at home. As I look around our practise room, all other singers look robust and eager. In our next report, we will introduce two fine new singers. We continue to grow.

For a smile: "I don't like to tell you this, Sadie, but there is a rumor going around that your husband is chasing women, and he is over 80 years old." Sadie said, "So he is 82. So what? Let him chase girls. Dogs can chase cars, but when they catch one, can they drive it?"



Charles Engh ,Corr. Sec.

BJORNSON MALE CHORUS Chicago IL

Dear Singers:

As you might expect, there are speed bumps in everyone's life. Our director, Ed Kramer, "Captain Speed Bump," had undergone non-threatening surgery last spring. Upon his return we had our annual Spring concert in June and then we were off for the summer.

After Labor Day we had our first fall outing, Sunday, Sept. 8th, at Vasa Park's Scandinavian Fest picnic in South Elgin IL. After singing six songs for the large crowd, we spent the rest of the day visiting old friends as we enjoyed the Nordic delicacies.

The next two weeks, Sept. 10-17 went well. Ed had been scheduled for a similar surgery on Sept. 19th. He would miss a fun time that had been

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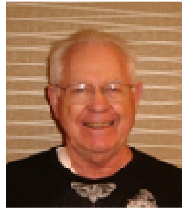
**DEADLINE FOR
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Dec 2, 2013.

planned for Sept. 21st at the home of our President John Lee in Elgin. The Auxiliary provided the delicious food, and John supplied the liquids (soda pop, ha!) Who could ask for anything more?

It seems that Ed was released from the hospital the next day, Sept. 22nd, and was advised to stay home and recuperate. Instead, he went to his church that morning, as he is the organist and choir director, and he proceeded to put himself right back in the hospital. It's been three weeks. We're hoping to get him back by Oct. 15th, so we can work on our Holiday programs coming up. We will go marching on.

Leve sängen!



George Michals, Corr. Sec.

NORDIC MALE CHORUS Sioux City IA

Popcorn time again! The traditional post-rehearsal treat of the Nordic Male Chorus resumed Sept. 30th, with Gary Munson, President of the Chorus, serving as chief "corn-popper."

The Nordics joined with spouses and friends a week earlier for a steak fry, and now are looking to the year ahead, singing with Chuck Schuett, 36-year veteran director of the group. Christmas programs at six retirement homes will again be scheduled, and a Yuletide party is the expected season closure.

As the Chorus members tune up their voices again following the summer recess, work will begin also

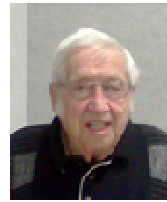
on the music for Sangerfest next June. And there will be some early attention given to the Sioux Valley Singers Sangerfest in 2015, to be hosted by the Sioux City organization.

"Why SENIORS STILL NEED NEWSPAPERS:

I was visiting my daughter last night, when I asked if I could borrow a newspaper.

"This is the 21st Century, dad. We don't waste money on newspapers. Here use my iPad."

That fly never knew what hit him!



Bob Hansen, Corr. Sec.

LUREN SINGING SOCIETY Decorah IA

Our first rehearsal of the new singing season was Sept. 9th. We had to get a head start on preparing for the fall tour in just a few weeks. We had some new faces and voices too; more about a few of them later and in future issues.

About 40 singers plus spouses and a few families spent the weekend of Sept. 27-29 enjoying the sights, especially the fall color changes in the leaves, in Northern Wisconsin. Our first concert was in Stevens Point on Friday evening, and we had a good crowd - even when competing with high school football games. After an overnight in nearby Plover, we headed for the Spooner-Rice Lake area.

Most of the group took part in the Dinner Train at Spooner that Saturday evening. We joined the

Presbyterian congregation for Sunday morning worship and had our morning refreshments before getting a brunch at Norsk Nook in Rice Lake.

The Sunday afternoon concert was at First Lutheran Church in Eau Claire. Again competing with professional football, we had a good audience and time for afternoon coffee, etc. before the final leg of our journey back home to Decorah.

We ratified the election results for officers. There were a few changes. The biggest was that we chose a successor to Dean Hagen, long-time treasurer. Jim Lage, with a background in banking, takes over for Dean. Richard Bjorlo is the new Secretary, replacing Tom Buresh.

We were pleasantly surprised and pleased when Peter Peterson, who comes all the way from his paternal farm at Cashton WI, told us that he had arranged for a concert for Sunday, Oct. 27th, at the Westby-Coon Prairie Lutheran Church, Westby WI. We agreed quickly with his proposal. Since, he has saturated the area with his publicity efforts, so we anticipate a full house. (The Packers play that evening, against the Vikings!)

Our companion group, Nordlys, has invited us to join them Sunday, Nov. 24th, for a 3 p.m. concert at Decorah Lutheran, with goodies to follow.

This year's caroling will be Dec. 8th, beginning at Vesterheim at 1, then visiting three area care facilities, and concluding with a party hosted by our directors and their spouses at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at 4 p.m.

We go out of town this year for our pre-Christmas concert, Sunday, Dec. 15th at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Caledonia MN, followed by a supper and party.

Both West Union and Decorah communities are doing presentations of portions of *Messiah* this year. There are rehearsals set for different days of the week, Sundays in West Union and Wednesdays in Decorah, so it is possible to sing in both! The actual presentations are Sunday, Dec. 15th, in West Union at 7 p.m. and Wednesday, Dec. 18th in Decorah.

Would you believe it? We already have an unofficial invitation for next fall, to sing at Spring Grove.



Luren fall 2013 Foliage Tour.



Dinner train ride near Spooner WI.



Luren tour concert in Eau Claire WI.

David Hinz was born at Bozeman MT, where his father was serving as a Lutheran pastor. His mother stayed at home with the seven children, five boys and two girls. David is third.



David Hinz

The family moved to Shiocton WI (near Green Bay), where he attended Grade and High School, then went on to UW-Green Bay. He did not do much singing, but played trombone in college. He has sung in church choirs, but was not pressured to join.

David went on to attend the Northwest College of Chiropractic in the Twin Cities. It was there he met his wife, Lynn (Humble) as the result of a car accident! She was from Rushford MN, so they moved to her home community, where he has his practice. They have two daughters, Erika, a freshman at Luther, and Kjersta, a 7th grader.

Rich Bjarlo invited him. David sings Second Tenor. His first impressions: He enjoys singing, and had heard Luren at a church concert and wanted to join the group. We're glad to have you with us.

We'll have more profiles in future reports.

A late report that Mrs. Art Amundson (Norma) died Oct. 25th. Also, Ed Kramer's father-in-law, Carl Oyloe, died Oct. 23.



Don Berg, Corr. Sec.

EDVARD GRIEG CHORUS

Madison, WI

Members of the Edvard Grieg Chorus were saddened to learn of the death of Chorus member, Allen Wollenzien. Al died unexpectedly of cardiac arrest on September 28. He had been a member of the Chorus for the past seven years. Al graduated from UW-Platteville in 1963 and subsequently received a master's degree in meat and animal science from UW-Madison.



Allen Wollenzien

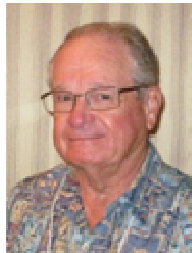
He served as a County 4-H agent in Langlade and Green Lake Counties and as a Dairy and Livestock Agent in Sheboygan and Dane Counties. Al, his wife Gail, son Eric and daughters Ellen and Elise moved to Stoughton in 1980 and became active members of the community and First Lutheran Church. The Chorus was honored to sing at Al's funeral on Thursday, October 3. Al will be remembered for his ever-present smile and quick wit.

We began the 2013-14 year with our traditional picnic on August 27. It was a hot night, but a gentle breeze helped make it more tolerable. It gave members an opportunity to socialize and discuss the year ahead. After only three practices we sang our first concert of the year on Tuesday, October 1 at Oakwood Village West in Madison. Jim Pettersen and his wife Gloria recently moved to the

retirement community, and he made the arrangements for our performance. We sang for a large crowd, and following the concert enjoyed an Afterglow in the Community Room.

The Chorus is pleased to welcome new member Tom Beatty to our first bass section. Tom and his wife Sheila live in Stoughton where they are members of First Lutheran Church. Tom served as an officer with the U.S. Army in Germany from 1966 -1969 before returning to school at UW-Madison.

Tom worked in facilities management for the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration for 33 years prior to his retirement. Tom and Sheila have two children, son Sean who lives in Oakland CA and daughter Amanda in Atlanta GA. In addition to singing with our Chorus, Tom is a member of the First Lutheran Church Choir and the Country Chordsmen, a men's chorus in Deerfield.



Dick Johnston, Corr. Sec.

NORSE GLEE CLUB Sioux Falls SD

This Fall has started for us with several performance opportunities in the fore, and thereby, the related rehearsals and preparations. First, on Saturday, September 28th, we welcomed a touring group of 50 Norwegian farmers and their spouses, as we did last year, as they visited the Olsen-Oines farm just outside Volga

SD. This replicated our effort of last year at the farm of our departed member, Stan Hesby.

We sang the Norwegian national anthem as they arrived, and led everyone in the "Table Prayer," in Norwegian and in English, before the meal. Afterwards we offered the Frederic Wick arrangement of *Nidelven*. The weather was quite brisk, having been 70 degrees the day before, but 51 degrees that day. Yet in the words of one guest from Harstad (north of the Arctic Circle and the birthplace of my grandmother), it was just another "northern Norway summer day."

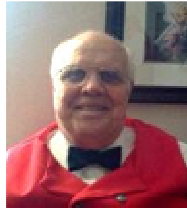
Moving on to future events as we know them now, we are in rehearsal to sing again this year in the "Festival of Men's Voices" at the O'Gorman Performance Arts Center in Sioux Falls. The performance will be Sunday, November 3rd, with a joint rehearsal the Thursday prior. A liturgical theme has been set. Each of the five choruses will offer individual selections. We will perform "In the Rifted Rock I'm Resting", "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken", and "*Fader i Himlen*." Then, the 100-plus chorus will close with the Roy Ringwald arrangement of "God Bless America." Proceeds of a good-will offering will go to "The Banquet," a local charity.

Following the "Festival," our musical focus shifts to the holidays. Several performance engagements are being discussed, with none locked in yet until some conflicts can be resolved. Included in our rehearsals though, is one song we are readying to sing at the Sangerfest in June 2014.

On the business and social side of things we are planning the observance

of the 85th anniversary of our charter of November 1928 at a dinner on Monday, November 4th. The following Friday, November 8th we will host our annual LUTEFISK supper. Ticket sales are underway and jobs are being taken up. Generally we serve 500-600 appreciative patrons at this event.

On Monday, December 9th, we will have a Christmas dinner for ourselves and our families. Santa always makes an appearance. As many of you know we have a very special "in" with that kindly old gentleman. And in fact if you haven't seen his new RED "sleigh" (Chrysler), appropriately trimmed and adorned, it's almost worth a trip to Sioux Falls to see him and it.



Gail Kristensen, Corr. Secy.

**NORMENNENES SINGING
SOCIETY
Chicago IL**

The Chorus has been busy with its rehearsals since Sept. 3rd, and the results of hard work are evident. We are sounding good! Besides our anniversary concert (report following), we have scheduled our Christmas party on Dec. 7th, and a performance at Norge Ski Jump at Fox River Grove on Jan. 26, 2014.

Saturday, Oct. 26th, we celebrated our 143rd Anniversary at the Crowe Plaza Hotel in Northbrook IL. The Chorus sounded great with director Chuck Kessell and accompanist Una Stroda.

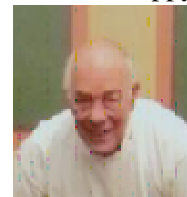
As an added attraction we were treated to a special performance by Ken Michaels of Bjornson, which proved to be very entertaining.

After the concert we were served a wonderful meal, and concluded with great sociability and dancing. A great time was had by all.

Our selections for the concert were: *Sangerhilsen; You Raise Me Up; Hil Dig Norge, Å Kjøre Vatten Å Kjøre Ved; Astri, mi Astri; Patriotic Fantasy; Do You Hear the People Sing?; Naar Fjordene Blaaner; How can I Keep from Singing;* and *Rett Som Ørnen Stiger.*

NSS has reserved a block of rooms at the hotel for Sangerfest 2014. This is, of course, always a memorable event, and we are all anxiously looking forward to a great event. A special *Tusen Takk* to the Norwegian Glee Club for their outstanding organizational skills to date. I myself could not attend the NSAA Board meeting Oct. 12th, but Frank Potempa, our Illinois State Vice President, was there and reported great results.

We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
Leve Sangen,



Thor Fjell, President

**GRIEG MALE CHORUS
Canton SD**

Greetings to all our brother singers of the NSAA, with hopes you and your families had a great summer and are enjoying your return to the fall chorus schedules.

Members of the Grieg male Chorus gathered for our annual family picnic

at Moe Parish Park Aug. 12th. It was a beautiful Monday evening for our picnic, enhanced with an abundance of delicious food and great fellowship.

This year the picnic atmosphere was very different; everyone was thinking of our director Lane Karli and his family because shortly before the picnic was to begin Lane's father, Palmer, died. He was a long-time member of Norse Glee Club of Sioux Falls, but ever since Lane began directing our chorus, "Bud" and his late wife Wanda had been attending many of our chorus' events. So it seemed as if he was a part of our chorus family as well.

Many of our members felt we should postpone the picnic, but Lane encouraged us to go on as planned. So, as families do at such times, we gathered, ate, shared events of the summer, and reflected on and remembered "Bud" and shared our feelings of sympathy and support for Lane and his family. Our sympathy to the entire Karli family and to the Norse Glee Club on loss of a long-time active member.

The first Monday after Labor Day we resumed rehearsals. A concert invitation had been received from the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills MN, so music was distributed with that event in mind as well as the 2014 NSAA Sangerfest.

On Oct. 3rd, our chorus as saddened by the loss of long-time member Donald Sandness. Health issues had prevented Don from being an active participant the last few years, but we could always count on his presence and support at all our local concerts and social events. Even after Don was unable to sing in our group he still attended all the SVSA Sangerfests

and, until the last two, registered and attended the NSAA Sangerfests. We will miss Don, and extend our sympathy to the family.



Jerry Holter, Corr. Sec.

Obituary -Karli

Palmer "Bud" Karli was born July 26, 1918 on the family farm near Garretson SD, a son of Adolph and Emily (Johnson) Karli. He married Wanda Scott Aug. 26, 1943 at Beaver Valley Lutheran



Palmer Karli

They farmed for 10 years; then he worked in farm-related positions until retirement. Bud and Wanda moved to Bethany Meadows in Brandon in 2006. She died in 2008.

Bud sang with the Karli Brothers' Quartet, in his church choir and the Norse Glee Club.

Bud died Aug. 12th. He was preceded by his parents, wife Wanda, three brothers and one sister.

He is survived by sons Wade and Lane, daughter Kerry Fisher, seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Obituary - Sandness

Donald K. Sandness was born July 25, 1927 on the family farm south of Canton and died Oct. 3, 2013.

He married Marcella Reiff Jan. 30, 1949 at the Dell Rapids Methodist Church. They lived and farmed north of Canton, where they raised two daughters.

He was a member of Canton Lutheran Church. He was proud of his Norwegian heritage, with many trips



Donald Sandness

to Norway and visitors from Norway, activities with Sons of Norway and singing with the Grieg Male Chorus.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, one sister and three brothers.

He is survived by daughters JoAnn Fitzpatrick and Donna (Jim) Crowl of Faribault MN; three grandchildren and three great grand children; two sisters-in-law and several nieces and nephews.

MINUTES OF NSAA's BOARD MEETING

October 13, 2013

Courtyard Minneapolis Downtown Meeting called to order President Herb Nelson at 11:11am. A tour of the Courtyard facilities preceded the meeting [10:00-11:10]. This newly (2013) remodeled facility will serve as our host hotel for Sangerfest 2014.

Roll call of NSAA Officers (R. Leake)

Officers present: Herb Nelson, Richard Leake, Don Berg, Francis Peterson, James

Slostad, Frank Potempa, Dr. David Judisch, Carsten Slostad. Absent: Thor Fjell, Roger Stavnem

Action on the minutes of previous business meeting (H. Nelson)

Reviewed and received update of actions reported in minutes for May 4, 2013. MSP to accept minutes as printed in May-June 2013 issue of SangerHilsen.

Director-in-Chief report (D. Judisch)

Some questions raised about when to use the Grethe Myhre Skottene/Carl-Andreas Naess piece to be performed in celebration of the Norwegian constitution. MSP to include this piece in our events with Directors deciding when to sing it. It was noted that it might be possible to use at banquet rather than Grand Concert or both. Translation available online.

Assistant Director in Chief report (C. Slostad)

Orchestra and Brass Quintet have been arranged for concert with details still being worked on. There was some discussion about singing of different arrangements of the national anthems.

President's report (H. Nelson)

President Nelson reported on trips to Canton SD and Tacoma WA for their Sangerfests. It was well received to have NSAA President in attendance. Discussed some of events and venues used at PCNSA Sangerfest. Looking at possible ideas for more joint activity. Nelson encouraged NSAA to recognize NSAA members over age 90 at Sangerfest. Recognized need to look at NSAA positions and salaries at next NSAA business meeting at Sangerfest 2014.

Vice-Presidents' reports (VP T.Fjell & State VP's)

No reports given or submitted.

Corresponding Secretary's report (D. Berg)

Current medal inventory numbers reported. Berg noted the need to order some additional medals. Will need to get numbers of NSAA members eligible for medals at Sangerfest 2014 including the

two new groups; 25 and 30 Sangerfests plus members 90 years or older.

Committee and Web-Site reports (R. Leake)

No special committees at this time; website activity has been typical of years between Sangerfests with still lots of international traffic to website-approx 20k hits/month. Updating of website continues as requests for posting announcements, notices, and translations occur.

Treasurer's report (F. Peterson)

Balances reported in Checking Account approx. 10k; Savings Account approx. 15k in CDs and 1k in savings; SangerHilsen expenses have been reviewed and the distribution list pared substantially [Balance in SangerHilsen account approx. \$2500]. Peterson expressed concern that profits from future Sangerfests may be difficult. Treasurer's report MSP.

Sanger-Hilsen Editor's report (D. Berg)

Discussion of print copy and online copy. Currently 350 copies printed for each issue. Index is popular; therefore it is important to keep up to date with changes. Look for collage of pictures in future issues. Berg always looking for ideas for future articles; history articles seem to be especially popular.

Marshal and Assistant Marshal (J. Slostad and F. Potempa)

The NSAA officers took a tour of Ted Mann Concert Hall on the U. of Minn. West Bank Campus from 1-2pm. It is an easy walk to these wonderful facilities. Questions about logistics were addressed while on this tour.

Unfinished business (H. Nelson)

a. PCNSA Norway tour 2013 review (T. Fjell ?)

PCNSA had a small but successful tour. There was no official NSAA participation.

b. New chorus interest No interest expressed yet.

c. Future sites for Sangerfests 2016 & 2018 Sioux Falls and Decorah respectively.

d. Sangerfest 2014 update [includes tour of Sangerfest 2014 facilities]

Lots of scheduling and logistical issues addressed. MSP to have Photographer available for 3 days. MSP to explore more details with photography services. Will also have videographer available for many of events and activities [Sangerfest expense]. Nelson noted need to identify number of individuals eligible for gold medals. There was discussion of whether translations should be included in the Program or projected on a screen. Orchestra and Brass quintet have been arranged. Memorial service and Parade of Choruses discussed. Reviewed a handout for Schedule of Events; some changes continue to be made. Options to assist participants between venues were discussed with added costs a primary concern. Mini-tour options will be included dependent on interest and sign up on Thursday at the Registration tables. More time is needed to identify all the expenses with an earnest attempt to keep Registration Fees reasonable. Sangerfest Registration Fees will be provided to choruses as soon as possible (hopefully by December 1).

New business (H. Nelson)

a. Nordisk Sangerforbund

NSAA President Herb Nelson's and PCNSA President Jeff Highland's synopsis of the meeting held in Tacoma was shared. No action taken.

b. Sunday Morning after Sangerfest at Mindekirken--

Discussion about a volunteer mass choir for church. Others welcome to join Norwegian Glee Club in performing at the morning service. Will include this question/option in the Registration sign up documents.

c. Additional Sangerfest suggestions???

None offered

d. Other new business items. None brought forward at this time.

Meeting was declared adjourned at 2:50pm by President Nelson.

Respectively submitted,

Richard Leake, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the 48th Biennial Sioux Valley Sangerfest

The business meeting of the 48th Biennial meeting of the Sioux Valley Singers Association was held on June 15th, 2013 at the Bethany Reformed Church in Canton, South Dakota with President Curt Hepner presiding. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

Roll call of officers		President	Curt Hepner
Vice President	Ed Stone	Marshal	Robert Bergren not present
Secretary	Ronald Beck	Director	Lyle Kroon
Treasurer	David Stene	Associate Director	Lane Karli

Credentials for 9 delegates presented

Larry Weil Norse Glee Club	Gary Munson Nordic Male Chorus
Gail Christiansen Norse Glee Club	K. Roger Johnson Nordic Male Chorus
Warren Eitreim Norse Glee Club	Marlan Velgersdyk Minnehaha Mandskor
Bill Kortemeyer Grieg Male Chorus	Ray Ode Minnehaha Mandskor
Lyle Schwartz Grieg Male Chorus	

Reading of minutes of 47th Biennial Sangerfest by Secretary Ronald Beck, M/S/C.

Treasurer's report by David Stene showing a balance forward of \$1006.18 on June 1, 2011 and closing balance on May 31, 2013 of \$903.21. Copy attached to minutes. M/S/C to approve.

Secretary's report

Chorus performed at 47th Biennial Sangerfest in Brandon SD on June 11th, 2011 at Brandon Lutheran Church in Brandon SD. and at the 59th Biennial Sangerfest in St. Charles IL on June 16th, 2012. Plans are being made to perform on June 21st at the Dalesburg Church in Vermillion and the St. Paul Lutheran Church Sesquicentennial in Elk Point SD on July 20th, 2013. Letter of greeting to President Herb Nelson by President Curt Hepner was read to the delegates. Copy attached to minutes.

Election of new members

President Hepner read the names of first time attendees to a Sioux Valley Sangerfest.

Minnehaha Mandskor: Larry Luinenburg, Larry Meyerink, James Pollman, Ray Schnabel, Marlan Velgersdyk, Bob Viet, Derrick McKenna

Grieg Male Chorus: Augie Borchart, Doug Olseth

MSC(Ode/Munson) that these singers be accepted as members of the Sioux Valley Singers Association.

Discussion on the pictorial directory and that each chorus should email Terry Walter at terrywalter@hotmail.com with contact information of new members in their chorus. She will have a picture taken and have their information added to the directory. Ron Beck mentioned the website www.minnehahamandskor.org for information about the Minnehaha Mandskor and links to other sites.

President Hepner informed the delegates that the proposal to have 501 C-3 status for all member choruses was not approved by NSAA.

David Stene mentioned that Bob Bergren was elected as Marshal at the last Sioux Valley Sangerfest in 2011.

The treasurer's report showing a beginning balance on June 1, 2011 of \$1006.18, income of \$897.03, expenses of \$1000, and an ending balance of \$903.21 as of May 31, 2013 was presented by David Stene. Report was audited on 5/15/13 by George W. Regan and found correct. MSC (Larson/Muchow).

(to be continued)

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**ILLINOIS
CHICAGO**

Bjornson Male Chorus

Rehearsals: Each Tuesday 8:00 p.m. at V.F.W. Hall; Camfield and Higgins Road, Park Ridge, IL 60068. President: John Lee, 738 Bent Ridge Lane, Elgin, IL 60120. tel. (847) 741-4210; Secretary: George Michals, 5236 Arlington Drive West, Hanover Park, IL 60103; Director: Edwin Kramer, 32600 East Lane, Grayslake, IL 60030, tel. (847) 546-2050.

Normennes Singing Society

Rehearsal each Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. (except July and August) at the Estonian House, P.O. Box 95, Lincolnshire, IL 60069. tel. (847)537-8016. President: Thor Fjell, 1041 W. Ogden Ave. #118, Naperville, IL 60563. Tel: (630)369-4233, cell: (630) 479-4233, thorfjell@comcast.net. Recording Secretary: Frank Potempa, 1788 W. Sherwood Rd., fcpotempa@sbcglobal.net Director: Charles Kessell, 6042 W. Grace St., Chicago, IL 60634. Tel: (773)481-5941, cell (773)858-5325, perc55@juno.com.

ROCKFORD

Harmony Singing Society

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IOWA

SIOUX CITY

Nordie Male Chorus

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DECORAH

Luren Singing Society

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MINNESOTA

MINNEAPOLIS

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SOUTH DAKOTA

SIOUX FALLS

Minnehaha Mandskor

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CANTON

Grieg Male Chorus

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WISCONSIN

MADISON

Edvard Grieg Chorus

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OREGON

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The Norsemen

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Norwegian Male Chorus

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