

# ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR NSAA BUSINESS MEETING

Adapted from ARTICLE XI

**Meeting Date: October 3, 2018 @ 12:00pm**

**Location: Concourse Hotel, 1 W Dayton St., Madison WI**

## **1. Roll call of officers by the Recording Secretary**

*Attendees:*

*Roger Buhr-Past President*

*David Judisch-Director-in-Chief*

*Richard Leake-Recording Secretary*

*Gary Hendrickson-Marshal*

*Don Berg-Corresponding Secretary*

*Herb Nelson-Veteran's Chorus*

*Richard Bjorlo-Treasurer*

*Jon Lewis-Wisconsin State Vice-President*

*Paul Larson-NSAA President*

*Unable to Attend:*

*Jonathan Schroerlucke-Associate Director-in-Chief*

*Thor Fjell-Vice-President at Large*

*Jim Slostad-Assistant Marshal*

## **2. Action on the minutes of previous business meetings**

Dispensed with reading of minutes as printed in May-June 2018 SangerHilsen. Moved, Seconded, and Passed to accept minutes.

## **3. Director-in-Chief report**

Discussing repertoire for Sangerfest 2020 with Directors at this time.

## **4. President's report**

Thanks to Luren for hosting Sangerfest 2018. Reported on preparations for Sangerfest 2020. Focusing on better coordination with men's and women's activities. Themes being considered are 2020 See Clearly and Midsommer (as Sangerfest is taking place at the summer solstice). Contracts for venues completed. Using both Orchestra Hall and Orpheum Center along with Concourse Hotel. In discussions with guest artists, visiting choruses, and orchestra. Fundraising is underway.

## **5. Vice-Presidents' reports**

No report.

## **6. Corresponding Secretary's report**

Reported on current inventory of medals available.

## **7. Committee and Website reports**

No special committees at this time. R. Leake fielded questions on website usage and reminded Officers to send information to webmaster for posting.

## **8. Treasurer's report**

Reviewed printed report. Discussed cash and CD position. R. Bjorlo has set up mobile banking and EFT procedures for convenience. NSAA received \$1535.71 from proceeds of Sangerfest 2018. Alerted members to scam email received by several Officers, including the Treasurer and Recording Secretary. Honoraria, membership dues, subscription rates, etc. not discussed.

## **9. Sanger-Hilsen Editor's report**

Currently reviewing subscription list. Helpful to have individual choruses inform editor of address changes.

## **10. Unfinished business**

### **a. Appointment of Officers not elected at biennial meeting**

Discussed desirability of having a member from the Madison chorus take the Veteran's Chorus VP position.

### **b. Action on applications of new choruses -- none received.**

Agreed that it would be nice to have new choruses in new locations. Potential locations discussed.

### **c. Review of Sangerfest 2018**

Policy on refunds would be helpful. Food costs are major expense, and late registration cancellations impact this figure. Important to budget for gratuity and taxes. Thanked R. Buhr for thorough report passed along to P. Larson. Copy sent to Center for Western Studies.

### **d. Future Sangerfest suggestions -- Lessons learned / Best Practices**

Continue efforts for better coordination [2018] of men's and women's schedules. Joint activities are possible.

Need to review costs – May be pricing young members out of participating in Sangerfests.

Need to limit time for reports at meetings. Print reports in advance, handouts.

Use of risers difficult for aging singers. Need for aisles and railings. D. Berg raised possibility of having assigned seating although there are difficult issues.

### **e. Location for Sangerfest 2022**

Choruses in Illinois would be next in line to host but have not committed at this time.

Volunteers?

## 11. New business

- a. Proposed change in Article VI and Article VIII -- Composition of Board of Directors  
Constitution change—"Board of Directors shall consist of the NSAA Officers"  
This proposal was discussed but not acted on. Moved and Seconded to recommend clarification to Article VI (3) to read "Board of Directors". Passed. [Note: Changes to Constitution and ByLaws will become items for Biennial Meeting at Sangerfest 2020.]
- b. First time attendees -- Pins?
- c. Veterans -- Medals, Pins, or Certificates?

H. Nelson presented examples of certificates that could be used. Moved and Seconded to refer to Veteran's Organization for recommendation. Discussion. No vote taken.

Moved and Seconded to Adjourn at 1:30 pm in order to take Tour of Sangerfest venues. Passed.

Overture Center (Grand Concert) 1:30pm

Orpheum (Parade of Choruses) 1:45pm

Concourse meeting rooms 2:15pm

Note: the following agenda items were not discussed due to Adjournment and Tours.

- d. Medals -- Price of Diamonds
- e. Subscription service for *SangerHilsen*
- f. Other New Business

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Rich Leake**

**NSAA Recording Secretary**

Proposed change in the NSAA Constitution  
The June 4, 2012 copy of NSAA ByLaws reads:

### ARTICLE VI

- (1) The NSAA officers shall be: President, past President, Vice-President at large, one Vice President for each State or Province represented by one or more choruses, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Director-in-Chief, Associate Director-in-Chief, Marshal, and Assistant Marshal.
- (2) The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice-President at large, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Director-in-Chief, and Associate Director-in-Chief.
- (3) The Board shall fill vacancies of the Association's officers in case of deaths or resignations, select the place for the next Sangerfest in case no invitations are extended to the convention and conduct all urgent business that may arise between Sangerfests.

- (4) The term of office shall be for two years or until successors have been elected and taken office.
- (5) A quorum shall consist of four members of the Board.
- (6) To qualify for office, a candidate must be an active singer belonging to one of the Association's choruses.

#### ARTICLE VIII

- (1) The number of Directors of NSAA shall not be less than three nor more than twenty.

Proposed change to ARTICLE VI:

- (2) The Board of Directors shall consist of the NSAA officers.