

# MINUTES FOR NSAA BUSINESS MEETING

Adapted from ARTICLE XI

Meeting Date: October 19, 2019 @ 12:30pm

Location: Roadside Grill, 6317 Rostad Drive, Windsor WI.

1. Roll call of officers by the Recording Secretary  
Present: Paul Larson (Pres); Rich Leake (Rec Sec); Don Berg (Corr Sec); Rich BJORLO (Treas); Dr. David E. Judisch (Dir-in-Chief); Jonathan Schroerlucke (Asst Director)  
Via phone: Herb Nelson (Veteran's Pres) & Jim Slostad (Asst Grand Marshal)  
*Although this was formally an Officer's meeting, the State VPs and Veteran Chorus President were invited to attend.*
2. Action on the minutes of previous business meeting [October 3, 2018]  
Dispensed with reading of minutes; Moved, Seconded and Passed to approve the minutes of previous Board meeting as printed Sept-Oct 2018 *Sanger-Hilsen*.
3. Director-in-Chief report  
Schroerlucke reported hiring musicians for Sangerfest and that music will be available soon. Judisch discussed need for prelude music, recommended a singer for parts II & IV of the Grand Concert, and suggested no intermission.
4. President's report  
Larson observed that membership is getting smaller and we are potentially losing choruses. Confirmed that host chorus is attempting to keep costs down for Sangerfest 2020.
5. Vice-Presidents' reports  
None given.
6. Corresponding Secretary's report  
[See *Sanger-Hilsen* report below]
7. Committee and Web-Site reports  
There are no special committees at the present time. On the NSAA website, the *Sanger-Hilsen* and Translation pages are the most frequently visited. Anticipate that viewers will increase and look for Sangerfest information soon. Questions were raised about updating the website. Reminder that NSAA Officers, Member Choruses with key contact information, and Bylaws can all be found online. Please submit changes.

8. Treasurer's report

Current funds available = \$28,545.68 [as of 6/30/2019]

Revenues = \$9,555.71 and Expenses = \$10,449.98 [7/1/201 to 6/30/2019]

*Sanger-Hilsen* ran nearly \$2,000 deficit for last fiscal year. Consensus is that we need to work on controlling costs. [Written report submitted attached to official copy of minutes]

9. *Sanger-Hilsen* Editor's report

There is a need to match the list of members and the list of subscribers.

Questions were raised about the number of subscriptions vs. the number of copies printed. The suggestion was made to coordinate membership with the subscription list and also with the number of printed copies. **Motion moved & seconded that NSAA membership dues include a subscription to *Sanger-Hilsen*. Motion Passed.** *Sanger-Hilsen* Editor and Treasurer will work out details. Question raised whether officers list needs to be included in every issue. PCNSA has been very good about sending interesting information concerning west coast activities.

10. Unfinished business

a. Announcement of Officers not elected at biennial meeting -- Veteran's Chorus VP is Duane Berg (Grieg).

b. Reviewed of honoraria, membership dues, subscription rates, etc. See motion under *Sanger-Hilsen* Report and discussion under New Business [item c].

c. Action on applications of new choruses -- No applications received, but discussed the need to reach out to existing choral groups.

d. Review of Sangerfest 2018 -- continued interest by NSAA members to reduce costs of future Sangerfests.

e. Update for Sangerfest 2020 plans

Reviewed tentative schedule of events. Consensus was that Thursday looks good with the following suggestions or comments made:

- Questions raised whether Corresponding Secretaries and State Vice-Presidents need a luncheon -- perhaps a coffee break together?
- Parade of Chorus needs to allow 2-3 hours, maybe combining Medal Ceremony with the Parade.
- Goal is to have dinner earlier. Suggested possible change in schedule by moving to a buffet dinner with the Parade of Choruses following.
- Need to allow time for changing clothes into Chorus uniforms which may involve reviewing sequencing and location of rehearsals.
- Friday and Saturday schedules looked very good.

## 11. New business

- a. Location for Sangerfest 2022 --  
Chicago and Minneapolis unlikely to host. May need to consider alternate sites and perhaps hire an events coordinator. Previous experience suggests need for local organizers.
- b. Christmas ads for Sanger-Hilsen --  
Ads are purchased by choruses and anybody else so inclined. Question was raised about soliciting corporate ads.
- c. Salaries for directors --  
Salaries currently determined by Sangerfest budget. Also reviewed honoraria for Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and *Sanger-Hilsen* editors. Recommended biennial NSAA meeting consider honoraria for Corresponding Secretary/Webmaster.
- d. Different color ribbon for 25 and 30 year medals [carried over from 10.22.2016]  
Recommended no change in current practice.
- e. Medals and Price of Diamonds [carried over from 10.3.2018]  
Recommended no change in current practice of allowing honorees to keep medals.
- f. Subscription service to *Sanger-Hilsen* [carried over from 10.3.2018]  
Discussed previously under *Sanger-Hilsen* Report. Agreed that non-members of NSAA are able to subscribe individually. It was noted that previous issues are archived on the NSAA website and available to anybody at no cost.
- g. Veteran's Medals [carried over from discussion on 10.3.2018]  
Noted that Veteran's Chorus can choose if they want to have a veteran's medal. A picture of a possible medal/lapel pin/badge, which could be worn on official uniforms, was shown to those in attendance. Question was raised about who should cover the cost. **Moved & Seconded that Herb Nelson should proceed with the purchase of lapel pins and NSAA would cover the cost of such, not to exceed \$450. Motion Passed.** It was suggested that these pins could be awarded at the Veteran's luncheon with acknowledgement given at the Grand Concert.

## 12. Adjournment at 2:20pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Richard Leake, Recording Secretary