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Greetings Ladies and Gentlemen of the Norwegian Singers Association of America

Another season of sharing our Scandinavian Heritage in song has come to a close with a few July events that remain on the schedule. (Seems “they” just cannot get enough of those Scandinavian melodies!) Our *Sanger Hilsen* Correspondents provided great stories of new members, concerts, outings and memories of departed members throughout the year. Of course, the best outing of all was Sangerfest 2012.

Sangerfest 2014 planning is well underway. A block of rooms has been reserved at our host hotel, the Hotel Minneapolis Metrodome, 1500 Washington Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55454; “[www.hotelminneapolismetrodom.com](http://www.hotelminneapolismetrodom.com)”. The cost of a room is \$121.00 plus tax per night. 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.

The hotel is being completely renovated and is scheduled for completion by end of August this year (2013). When the renovation is complete, the name of the hotel will change to: Courtyard by Marriott Downtown.

You may begin making your advanced reservations by calling; 612 333-4646. The person who answers will take your reservation request. The reference name to use is; “Sangerfest 2014” or the reserved room “block” code; “SGF”. There is a parking structure next to the hotel that is operated independent from the hotel. Arrangements can be made to pay the daily rate, with unlimited entries and exits each day.

Your President will be attending the Sioux Valley Singers Sangerfest in Canton SD on June 15, 2013 and on June 28, 2013 will fly to Tacoma, Washington to attend the PCNSA Sangerfest 2013.

May your summer barbeque sizzle, your boat be full of good fish, and your lives be filled with good friends.



NSAA President Herb Nelson

**MINNEHAHA MANDSKOR**

**Sioux Falls, SD**

The time remaining until the Sioux Valley Singers Sangerfest on June 15 is very short. Only one joint rehearsal remains. This festival, hosted by the Grieg Male Chorus in Canton, SD, will be held at Bethany Reformed Church in the Norwegian community of Canton.

We have gained another member since the last *Sanger Hilsen*...Derrick McKenna, from Brandon SD. Watch for a Spotlight about Derrick in a future issue.

Bob Stenberg, who was suffering from a recurrence of cancer, as reported in the last issue, passed away on April 18. The chorus was honored to sing at his funeral on April 24, at the Lutheran Church in Dell Rapids.

Phyllis Van Den Hul, wife of Jake, seems to be holding her own; she still sings with her niece and Jake in a gospel trio, and was an enthusiastic fan at the Canaries game on June 6. Norm Braak's wife, Faye, is nearly back to normal after her eye surgery. Roxine (Larry) Luinenburg has undergone serious eye surgery, and is well along with her recovery.

Mandskor has performed on several occasions recently:

- Saturday, April 13, at Orchard Hills Retirement and Assisted Living in Dell Rapids.
- Wednesday, April 24, at Bob Stenberg's funeral.
- Friday, May 17, at the *Syttende Mai* banquet (Our Saviors Lutheran Church).
- Saturday, May 18, at Luther Manor Nursing Home in Sioux Falls.

•Thursday, June 6, sang the national anthem for the opening ceremonies at the Sioux Falls Canaries baseball game with Winnipeg.

Active Generations, where Mandskor rehearses on Monday nights, held its BIG annual fundraiser on Sunday, April 21. Mandskor sponsored one of the booths. Our own Don Cooper, assisted by Jerry Muchow, under the theme of "Choraled Lamb on a Stick," served about 700 bite-sized portions of the delicacy. Don and Jerry deserve a big FOR DEM HURRAH! for their imagination and efforts. See the accompanying photo.



Don Cooper and Jerry Muchow

Plans are taking shape for the Mandskor chislic booth at the Sioux Empire Fair in Sioux Falls from August 2 through August 11.

Mandskor will participate with the other Sioux Valley Singers choruses in hosting the 2016 NSAA Sangerfest. Plans are in the early stages.



Respectfully submitted,

John Rasmusson, Corr. Sec.

**Mandskor New Member Spotlights**

Larry Meyerink is new to Mandskor this year. He was invited by then president Kirk Preheim. Larry is a Platte SD, native, where he attended Dakota Christian High School. After graduating from Southern State Teacher’s College, he taught 3 years in South Dakota and 21 years in Iowa, 18 of which were spent in Pocahontas, Iowa. He directed the Pocahontas Community Chorus for 24 years. From 2010-2012, he directed a 26 voice men’s chorus from the central South Dakota area. Before coming to Sioux Falls, Larry worked for a property management firm in Mitchell, SD. Currently, he works for “Groundwater,” a landscaping business owned by his son.



Larry and Nancy Meyerink

Larry is married to Nancy, who is a sales associate for Riddle’s Jewelry. They have 3 children, Lance, Larissa and Leah. Golfing and fishing are Larry’s hobbies and, as is evidenced by his long involvement with choral music, he wants to keep the art of traditional 4-part harmony alive.

Tyrone “Ty” Hentschel. Singing baritone with the Mandskor since 2012, is Tyrone “Ty” Hentschel. He came at the invitation of fellow baritones Ray Ode and Bruce Duncan, with whom he sings in the choir at Brandon Lutheran Church. Ty and wife Michelle live in Brandon SD, with their 2 sons Zach, 11, and Xander, 10. Ty is self employed in construction management and Michelle is a senior financial analyst for Raven Industries.



Ty and Machelle Hentschel

Born in Havre, Montana, Ty moved to Brandon from Spokane, Washington. He received his BS in Construction Management from Eastern Washington University. Michelle was born in England where her father was stationed in the military. She grew up in Clear Lake SD and received an accounting degree from USD. She and Ty met in Spokane where she received her MBA at Gonzaga University.

Ty says, “Elvis is the King of Rock-n-Roll,” which indicates he is a big fan. He enjoys music, coin collecting and spending time with his family.

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Some days there won’t be a song in your heart. Sing anyway!

Emory Austin

Those who wish to sing will always find a song. Anon.

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 JULY-AUG. ISSUE**

Aug. 5, 2013.

**EDVARD GRIEG CHORUS**

Madison, WI

Our Chorus' spring schedule began with a performance for Sunday services at Peoples United Methodist Church in Oregon, Wisconsin, on April 14. Chorus member Dwayne Berg is an active member of Peoples United and invited us to perform. Karsten Snitker, church choir director and recent Luther College graduate, sang with us and is now seriously considering becoming a member of our Chorus.

*Syttende Mai* is Stoughton's biggest Norwegian celebration of the year. As is our tradition, we sang a full program of Norwegian and English songs at the Stoughton Opera House on Saturday, May 18. The house was full and the audience very responsive. Following the performance, several members of the Chorus and their spouses enjoyed various activities including a quilt show, a rosemaling exhibit, Hardanger embroidery and fiddle exhibits and demonstrations, a performance by the Stoughton Norwegian Dancers, a bunad style show, a parade, and a wide variety of food and refreshment stands.

The Chorus returned to Stoughton on Sunday to sing for two church services. We sang for the early service at First Lutheran Church which is the home church of our director, Mark Everson, and the 2013 *Syttende Mai* King and Queen, John and Darlene Arneson. Both John and Darlene are big fans of the Grieg Chorus so we were pleased to accept their invitation to perform.

After the service at First Lutheran we headed for Christ Lutheran Church where we performed for the annual Norwegian service. The liturgy was a

contemporary worship service written by Norwegian composer Egil Hovland. During the service we sang four songs including *Cry Out and Shout*, *Norge mit Norge*, *I'm Gonna Sing when the Spirit Says Sing*, and *Midtsommerdans*. The worship service ended with the singing of *Ja Vi Elsker Dette Landet*. Following the service, coffee, beverages and a wide variety of Norwegian treats, including meatballs, lefse, and krumkake were enjoyed by the congregation and Chorus in Fellowship Hall.

We have one more performance scheduled at Thunder Valley in Wisconsin Dells on June 30 before we take our summer recess. It appears that we have several performances scheduled for the fall, and we will begin rehearsing the Sangerfest music as soon as practices resume in September.



Dick Johnston, Corr. Sec.

**GRIEG MALE CHORUS****Canton SD**

The Grieg Male Chorus of Canton are busy putting the finishing touches on preparations for the 48<sup>th</sup> Biennial Sioux Valley Singers' Association Sangerfest, which will be held in Canton June 15<sup>th</sup>. Celebrating 100 years, it's been exciting to search for memorabilia. Although documentation and photos seem limited, it's interesting to review the vast membership and number of choruses and events involved in this

organization's history, bringing us to where we are today. Two resounding highlights are the 300 voices of the SVSA Sangerfest held at the base of Mount Rushmore, and the 1963 five-week concert tour through Norway, under the direction of Robert Perkins.

A poster from 1937 entices its readers with "250 male voices assembled to bring the outstanding musical events of the year, featuring such familiar numbers as *Vackra Sky*, *Den Store Hvide Flok*, *Beautiful Savior*, and *Landkjending*." (This was held in Canton, Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 1937.)

Whenever we gather for Sangerfest, be it Sioux Valley or NSAA, we celebrate fellowship with music. We have to admit, though, that at both events, our eyes turn to the schedule of events for the Afterglow times and menus. With that in mind, I also included copies of a couple 1937 Afterglow menus that I thought readers might find inter-esting.

#### MENU

Rømmegrøt & Wafers  
Baked Ham  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
Lefse Brown Bread Rolls  
Pickles  
Lingonberry Tarts  
Fattigmann  
Coffee

#### Menu

Fiskebøller I Hummer Sause  
Potetespure Lefse Flatbrød  
Stegte Kyllinger i brun Sause  
Dampede Poteter Hvete Bøller  
Tyttebær  
Søte Agurker Oliver  
Fattigman  
Berlinerkrandse  
Kaffe  
Is Krem Bon Bons

Our chorus had an opportunity for a special event May 26<sup>th</sup>, when we performed a concert at Trail Ridge in Sioux Falls. Our former accompanist of 22 years, Ruth Beck, has an apartment in this complex, and it was a privilege to sing at this beautiful location. The concert was divided into three parts with our Grieg accompanist Tamela Van Kalsbeek accompanying two parts, and Ruth doing the mid portion of the concert as our special guest accompanist. The entire evening was a special event for all of us.

Our best wishes to all our brother singers and their families as they enjoy the summer months.



Jerry Holter, Corr. Sec.

#### NORWEGIAN GLEE CLUB Minneapolis MN

Stamina is one of the prerequisites to be a Norwegian Glee Club singer. We just concluded our *Syttende Mai* recognition marathon week. Concerts at two Sons of Norway lodges, our annual concert at The Rivers in Burnsville, and then the wonderful service at *Mindekirken* on Sunday to cap the week. At each concert we were honored with a large audience and of course the usual sustenance after singing.

At the SON Lodge in Anoka, they printed on the calendar that a "light" lunch would be served after the concert. If that was a light lunch, I can't imagine what a regular lunch would be. At the other lodge we were

reinforced with a soup supper, followed by an array of wonderful desserts.

We are also pleased to be asked to return to the beautiful Rivers facility; the residents always fill the large room where we sing and are so appreciative. The Norwegian ladies always prepare special treats for us. One of them, a spry 98 year old, petite lady, had a birthday, and we sang to her. She then had her picture taken with Andy Anderson. This 4'6" lady with our 6'3" husky Andy is a picture that deserves to be in our archives.

Our Prelude concert at *Mindekirken* was followed by their fine church choir and two talented horn players from Augsburg College. Julian Ronning, our most-appreciated gift from Bjornson in Chicago, also sings in the mixed *Mindekirken* choir.

Earl Evanstad has his arm out of his sling from his rotator cuff surgery. After all, there is a limit to how long you can milk sympathy.

After our Thursday night rehearsal, we joined the Ladies Auxiliary for their *koldtbord*, which was preceded by recognition of Bjorn Lasserud and Clarence Hansen for their 50 years of singing with the Glee Club. We also celebrated with Sverre and Alice Waagen for their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Bjorn Hagen sang a solo for them, one of their favorite Norwegian songs. Several of the Waagen extended family joined us.

President Herb Nelson reviewed with us the status of planning for 2014 Sangerfest. Everyone is focused on the event, to make it one of the best.

The Auxiliary had a most successful garage sale at the home of Mary Skomsøyvåg to raise money and have several other things in the works

for gifts and activities for the ladies who will be attending this 60<sup>th</sup> NSAA Anniversary event.

We are singing for the Danish Day celebration Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. As you may know, we have two Danish-born singers in the Glee Club: Bent Paulsen and Erik Bruun. So we are honored to participate in their "Day."

Of course, we will also be looking forward to singing at the annual Norway Day celebration at Minnehaha Park in July. Earl and Shirley Evanstad have been key players in that event for several years.

For a smile: An old cowboy walks into a barbershop for a shave, and he tells the barber he can't get all his whiskers off because his cheeks are wrinkled from age. The barber gets a little wooden ball and tells the cowboy to put it in his mouth. It smoothes out his wrinkles and he gets a nice, clean shave. He asks the barber what if he happens to swallow the ball. The barber says, "That's alright. Just bring it back in a couple days."



Charles Engh, Corr. Sec.

## NORDIC MALE CHORUS

### Sioux City IA

The Nordics will head into a summer hiatus after they join with the Sioux Valley Singers in Sangerfest, an outdoor concert at Dalesburg SD and the 150th celebration of St. Paul Lutheran Church, rural Elk Point SD. The rehearsal schedule will take up again in the fall.

A former longtime member of the Chorus, John M. Kvidal, died April 13<sup>th</sup> at a local care facility. He was 79. John sang in the baritone section and served as treasurer of the group for many years. He was also a member of the Sons of Norway. A son of John and E. Marie (Vermundstad) Kvidal, he was born Aug. 18, 1933 in Sioux City and graduated from Central High School in 1951.

He received his B.A. degree from St. Olaf College in 1958 and B.D. from Luther Seminary in 1962. John served in the US Army and retired from his government job as an Army inventory clerk.

John utilized his Norwegian heritage in translating a wealth of Chorus and other written material into English, and also helped in our pronunciation of song texts.

He enjoyed traveling to Norway several times and had a hobby of collecting old radio tapes.



Bob Hansen, Corr. Sec.

**LUREN SINGING SOCIETY  
Decorah IA**

We had a very good turnout of singers for our concert at Zalmona Presbyterian Church, rural Waukon, Sunday, June 2. This was the congregation's Mission Fest with neighboring congregations invited to take part. Zalmona is served by Tom Buresh, one of our members. (By the way, Tom and his wife Connie have purchased a home in Decorah,

currently renting it out until they decide to move in.)

Work schedules are complete for the County Fair food stand, to be in business July 9-13. This is our major source of income, but it is also a wonderful public relations event and provides many contacts for prospective members. Then, after a short respite and recovery time, we have Nordic Fest July 25-27, during which we will sing before the opening on Thursday evening, have our Courthouse Square concert on Friday evening, and take part in the Saturday morning parade.

Regular rehearsals resume on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September, with our tour to Northern Wisconsin coming Sept. 27-29. Another possible event in Des Moines is in mid-October.

We held elections in May with few changes. These will be ratified in Sept.

With sadness we report the death of Dorothy (Judisch)(Gloede) Niemeyer, sister of our director and mother of our member Rich Gloede, on May 27<sup>th</sup> at Sumner IA. She was 76. She had suffered from ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) for several years.

Some of us are taking advantage of more suitable summer weather to rest our voices. Yet, as the hymn-writer asks, "How can we keep from singing?" Enjoy the rest of the summer season. *På gjensyn.*



Don Berg, Corr. Sec.



**BJORNSON MALE CHORUS****Chicago IL**

Dear Brother singers,

After singing Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at *Minnekirken* in Chicago, we had the rest of the month to prepare for our annual Spring Dinner concert at the Avalon Banquets in Elk Grove on Friday, June 14th.

Part I incorporated a couple newer tunes, "Do you hear the people sing," and "Song of the Unsung Hero" along with eight popular songs, such as "*Vackra Sky*" and "*Kjæringa med Staven*."

In Part II three high school students, Matthew Novak, his sister Pauline, and Pascol Paul, all talented trumpet players, opened with the classic "Cantata #79" by J.S. Bach, with Ed Kramer at the piano. Their next selection was their rendition of "The Buglers' Holiday" by Leroy Anderson. When they finished, the applause shook the building. The cheers were endless. Wonderful kids!

Part III. Our illustrious tenor soloist, Ken Michaels, sang for an appreciative audience "Serenade" from "The Student Prince," followed by "This is the Moment" from the musical "Jekyll and Hyde." Great!

In Part IV, we sang five more songs: Our theme song *Leve Sangen*" "*Astri Mi Astri*" "Order My Steps," "Memory" from "Cats," and the finale, "Marching on."

By now the audience was eager to eat. A fine roast beef dinner with all the trimmings was next. Dave Kyrk's Trio provided dinner music and then later continued to play for our guests to dance the night away.

*Leve Sangen*.



George Michals, Corr. Sec.

**Obituary**

Robert Dale Stenberg was born Aug. 22, 1927 at Coleman SD, the third son of seven children born to Ove and Alma Stenberg. He graduated from Egan high school in 1945 and briefly attended Iowa State University at Ames IA.



Bob married Arlene Satre Sept 2, 1948. They raised three daughters, Candace, Roxanne, and Sheryl.

He served in the Air National Guard during the Korean conflict. Bob loved farming, his last farm being at Dell Rapids. He often included his crop reports in his corresponding secretary reports to SangerHilsen.

Bob also loved music, singing in his church choir and in Minnehaha Mandskor, receiving the gold-with-diamond award for Sangerfest participation.

Bob died April 18, 1913 after a long battle with cancer. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, one sister, and his wife Arlene.

He is survived by daughters Candice (Phillips) Trautman, Roxanne (Randal) Heimbuck, and Sheryl (Ronald) Kelso, three brothers, and one sister; eight grandchildren, seven great granddaughters, other relatives and many friends.

**NSAA EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES**

The NSAA Executive Board, with prior notification, held its meeting at the Winneshiek Hotel in Decorah IA Saturday, May 4, 2013. Following a meal arranged by Francis Peterson, the Board was called to order at 12:45 p.m. by the President, Herb Nelson.

In attendance were Herb Nelson, President, Don Berg, Corresponding Secretary; Francis Peterson, Treasurer; David Judisch, Director--in-Chief; and Carsten Slostad, Assistant Director. Absent were: Richard Leake, Recording Secretary, and Thor Fjell, Vice-president at Large.

Minutes of the meeting of Sept. 29, 2012, had been printed in Sanger-Hilsen. MSC(Judisch/Slostad) to approve the minutes.

Dr. Judisch reported that all our choruses should have the full list of selections for Sangerfest 2014, with only one "new" Norwegian selection. He indicated the timing of the selections were 23'45" for the Scandinavian selections, and 23'11" for the English selections. Directors have chosen to reduce the Scandinavian selections, which is reflected in this year's list. There is a concerted effort to shorten the Grand Concert, with a goal of making each of the five sections less than 15 minutes, for a total of one hour 15 minutes. Two full numbers have been cut. Parts II and IV will be ca. 12 minutes each.

Nelson reported the Glee Club's planning is underway, and the Auxiliary is going strong. Medals are to be awarded at the Banquet. Otherwise the schedule is very much the same, with a few extra ideas for the parade of Choruses, etc. Afterglows will also be at the Ted Mann Hall, ca. five blocks from the Hotel. Afterglows will not be at tables, but some seating will be available. Shuttle buses are planned for various times.

Vice-president Fjell had indicated his report was in the recent issue of Sanger-Hilsen.

Berg reported his chief contacts have been with Nelson; he will be sending letters in due time to choruses regarding medals and credentials.

Leake asked choruses to send updates for the Web-page; viewing remains relatively constant.

Peterson presented a printed report, which showed Checking Account balance as of April 15, 2013, of \$14,760.34, and Savings Account balance of \$1,034.03. Two CDs totaled \$14,984.84 as of Jan. 1, 2013. Income from subscriptions and greetings seems to be adequate.

Editor Berg reported he and Barnaal have a very good working relationship. They ask for suitable materials for cover pages. Even though the NSAA Constitution calls for all singers to subscribe to the official publication, some choruses have submitted only partial lists. Some complimentary copies are sent.

Discussion about the \$15 chorus index fee led to consensus that the fee be discontinued. The need to "clean up" the mailing list was discussed at length. Current printing is 600 copies; overrun is sent to Berg; extra copies are used to replace missed issues, fill requests for added copies, etc. Peterson will work with Berg and Barnaal on the "clean-up" process. Berg will include an article in the next issue of S-H to address the problem of unpaid subscribers.

Unfinished business included an update of the Norway Tour by Fjell which he included in the recent issue of S-H.

There are no choruses in the pipeline for NSAA membership.

Nelson had sent a list of items for discussion as New Business: 1. The question of who should be responsible for various expenses. Ensuing discussion led to the following decisions: Memorial Service expenses for flowers, ca. \$150, to be paid by host chorus; Directors' meeting (Fri. a.m.) for 10 attendees, ca. \$250, paid by NSAA; State VPs meeting (Fri. a.m.) ca. 6 people, ca. \$50, paid by NSAA; Corr. Sec meeting (Fri. a.m.)

ca. 12 people, \$60, paid by NSAA; NSAA business meeting Sat. a.m., ca. 50 people, \$1700 to be paid by NSAA. Veterans' brunch on Fri. a.m. would be paid for by individual attendees.

MSC (Judisch/Slostad) to approve this arrangement.

Nelson asked how this 60<sup>th</sup> (Diamond) Biennial Sangerfest should be recognized in special ways. It was agreed to engage a professional photographer for all three days. Sales of pictures and recordings are to be handled by the Glee Club. A professional videographer will do both concerts off the PA system and have copies available for sale during the Sangerfest.

Nelson proposed an updated history of NSAA be prepared for inclusion in the souvenir program booklet, which would add some- what to its cost. If this is to be done, work must begin immediately. The Glee Club will also prepare a separate picture/history album.

Added Medal Award categories were discussed extensively.

MSC (Peterson/Slostad) to authorize Nelson to arrange for a jeweler to set diamonds on the Gold medals in the quantity needed, as determined by the Corr. Sec. Further, in recognition of attendance at 25 Sangerfests, two diamonds would be affixed to the Gold medal; and for 30 Sangerfests, three diamonds would be affixed.

Peterson will work on a proposed revision of Par. 3 regarding the added years (25 and 30) and submit an amendment to be printed in S-H and acted on at the NSAA business meeting.

In recognition of the PCNSA Sangerfest to be held at the end of June, a greeting is to be prepared and sent for inclusion in their Sangerfest booklet. MSC (Peterson/Judisch) to send a ½ page greeting in color at cost of \$500 from NSAA treasury.

*Nordisk Sangerforbund* has been organized among singing groups in Scandinavia. Leake is presently a Board member of this group, which is proposing an American Branch of the organization. Its President will be attending the PCNSA Sangerfest, as will some of our NSAA officers. There could be some financial obligations for membership.

MSC(Berg/Judisch) to authorize NSAA officers to pursue this possibility.

Future sites for Sangerfests: Berg reported Minnehaha Mandskor supports the possibility of the 2016 Sangerfest in the Sioux Falls area. This issue will be discussed at the Sioux Valley Sangerfest in June. If a Sioux Valley chorus were to host in 2016, then Luren would take 2018, its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.

The meeting was declared adjourned by Nelson at 3:15 p.m. A possible follow-up meeting may be held in the Fall of 2014.

Respectfully submitted, Don Berg, Sec. pro tem.

Editor's note:

The Minneapolis Star-Tribune carried the notice of the death of Hazel Hole on May 22, 2013. She was the widow of Guy E. Hole, former NSAA treasurer for a number of years.

**SIoux VALLEY HISTORY**

(In recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sioux Valley Sing-

ers' Association, the following was submitted by Rodney Hoff. Some editing and correcting of spelling was necessary. Thank you, Rodney, for your work on this.)

Hills, Minn.

June 10<sup>th</sup> 1939

The business meeting of the Sioux Valley Singers' Assoc. was called to order by its President, Hon. E. Stone of Corson SD, and then with well chosen words and his usual elegance

welcomed all the singers to this Sangerfest.

After this was done he then turned the rest of the business meeting over to Mr. Fleming, Vice President.

Delegates from each chorus present are following:

**Minnehaha Mandskor**, Sioux Falls:

Dean Davis, C. C. Fleisscher, H. Hack, Chas. Brewster, Helmer Wilkerson, Carl Lodmel;

**Harmony Male Chorus**, Corson SD:

Carl Berdahl, A. L. Olson, Phillip Valgren;

**Nordmendenes Chorus**, Sioux City:

E. Dahl, Martin Dahl, Roy Dahl;

**Grieg Male Chorus**, Canton:

H. E. Iverson, Dr. H. Aker, A. Steen, A. C. Monrad, D. W. Stade;

**Norse Glee Club**, Sioux Falls:

Olaf Pemerson, Arne Nakling, Ingvald Soggy, Andrew Sandness, Carl Mannerud, Erling Stone;

**Rock-Minnehaha Chorus**, Garretson:

Arne Shradren, Nille Eitreim, Helge Bly, Jr.;

**Hills Male Chorus**, Hills MN:

Aslu Skallum, Art Rohrluult, Arnold Qualey;

**Orpheus Male Chorus**, Baltic:

L. E. Aase, Elsworth Brown, Lester Thorston.

Minutes of the business meetings of Sept. 14, 1935 and of June 26<sup>th</sup>, 1937 were read and approved as read.

The Treasurer, Mr. Eagle Lovseth, gave an interesting report of receipts and disbursements, and showed a balance on hand in the amount of \$31.67, which was approved as read.

Applications for members in the Sioux Valley Singers' Association were received from the Rock-Minnehaha Male Chorus and Harmony Male Chorus and upon

motion made and carried they were welcomed into the Association.

Invitations to hold the 1941 Sangerfest were then received (from) Mr. Andrew Sandness of the Norse Glee Club, Sioux Falls.

Another invitation also came from Carl Lodmel of the Minnehaha Mandskor of Sioux Falls. Both of these invitations were independent of each other and much oratory was displayed by the delegates from each chorus why their invitation should be accepted instead of the other.

It appeared that no argument could be made in the Convention Hall, and the delegates of the Minnehaha Mandskor asked to be excused from the Hall for a short time.

After returning to the Convention Hall, Carl Lodmel announced that the Mandskor had decided to withdraw their invitation to entertain the 1941 Sangerfest at Sioux Falls. This then left the Convention with only one invitation, that of the Norse Glee Club and, after a lot of discussion, invitation was accepted by a rising vote of the delegates.

Election of officers was next taken up. Mr. E. Stone of Corson was nominated. There being no further nominations, the Secretary was instructed to cast all votes for Mr. Stone (as President).

(Mr. Lodmel of Sioux Falls was nominated.) There being no further nominations, the Secretary was instructed to cast all votes for Mr. Lodmel for Vice President.

Mr. Fleming of Hills MN was nominated for Secretary. There being no other nominations, the Secretary was instructed to cast all votes for D. M. Fleming for Secretary.

Martin Dahl of Sioux City was nominated for Treasurer. There being no further nominations, the Secretary was instructed to cast all votes for Martin Dahl for Treasurer.

H. E. Iverson of Canton was nominated for Marshal. There being no other nominations, the Secretary was instructed to cast all votes for H. E. Iverson for Marshal.

Prof. Clifford Olson was nominated for Director. There being no further nominations, the Secretary was instructed to cast all votes for Clifford Olson as Director.

Mr. Fikse of Hills MN was nominated for Assistant Director. There being no further nominations, the Secretary was instructed to cast all votes for Mr. Fikse for Assistant Director.

Motion was made and carried that Mr. Lodmel, Roy Dahl and G. O. Lommen draw up a Congratulations telegram and send roses to the Washington High School Bank of Sioux Falls now playing at the World's Fair in New York.

Moved by Roy Dahl; that Congratulatory mention of the Minnehaha Mandskor's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary be carried in the program to be printed for the Rockford IL Sangerfest. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the Convention adjourned.

G. O. Lommen, Secretary

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**1939 Sioux Valley Sangerfest  
Concert  
Hills MN, June 10, 1939.**

Director Prof. Clifford Olson  
Assistant Director M.P. Juel

*Ja Vi Elsker*

Star Spangled Banner

Now Let Every Tongue-----Bach

Beautiful Savior-----arr. by Wick

Hallelujah! Amen!-----Handel

Grand Chorus--Prof. Olson, Dir.

Soldiers' Chorus-----Gounod

Grieg Male Chorus, Canton SD

M.P. Juel, Dir.

*Aftonen*-----Shaeffer

Harmony Male Chorus, Corson SD

Prof. Olson, Dir.

*Sof i Ro*-----Mohring

Hills Male Chorus, Hills MN

Tim E. Fikse, Dir.

Autumn Woods-----Gaines

Minnehaha Mandskor, Sioux Falls SD

Lee Bright, Dir.

Lift Up your Heads-----Pflueger

*Den Store Hvide Flok*-----Grieg

Solo by Prof. Olson

*Suomis Sang*-----Pacius

*Viking Sønner*-----Moller

Grand Chorus--M.P. Juel, Dir.

The Lord's Prayer-----Malotte

Normenneses Singing Society

Sioux City IA. Paul Bowers, Dir.

*Hjemover fra Langreis-*

----Wendelborg

Norse Glee Club, Sioux Falls SD

Prof. Olson, Dir

*Hälsa Dem Darhemma*----Arr. Wick

Orpheus Male Chorus, Baltic SD

L.E. Aase, Dir

Heavens Are Telling-----Beethoven

Rock Minnehaha Male Chorus,

Garretson SD Tim Fikse, Dir.

Jubilae! Amen-----Kjerulf

*Thord Foleson*-----Gomnes

*Vackra Sky*-----Brolen

*Landkjenning*-----Grieg

Grand Chorus--Prof. Olson, Dir.

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**Normennes Singing Society**

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