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Marlan Velgersdyk

INTRODUCING OUR NEW NSAA PRESIDENT

Delegates to the business meeting of the Norwegian Singers Association of America took two bold steps during the election process. They honored the nomination by the Minnehaha Mandskor of Sioux Falls of Marlan Velgersdyk, obviously not Norwegian in ancestry, and they elected Terry Walter, Director of Minnehaha Mandskor, as Associate Director of NSAA, the first time a woman has been selected for such a leadership position.

Marlan was born at Hull IA, youngest of four sons. His father immigrated from Rotterdam in The

Netherlands in 1909, while his mother was a farm girl from Northwest Iowa.

Marlan graduated from Hull-Western Christian High School, noted for its sports program, but no music!

His wife, Carol, is from Hospers IA. They have two sons and one daughter, six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

The family moved to Sioux Falls in 1962, where he worked as Sales Manager for a Mobile Homes company. He joined the choir at Trinity Reformed Church, and is also lead singer (baritone) for a church quartet.

Marlan joined the Mandskor in 2011. He says, "I'm happy to be part of a Norwegian organization such as NSAA and Mandskor. It promotes quality music and takes responsibility for support of God, family and country."

Marlan retired from full-time employment at the end of July. He says the retirement of a husband is a wife's full-time job.

From the Director-in-Chief

Dear Brother Singers,

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the 2014 Sangerfest such a huge success! Herb Nelson and Carsten Slostad, particularly, should be acknowledged

for their leadership before and during the Fest. They really know how to throw a great party!

Congratulations to the fine music directors we have across the Association. Their leadership and musical skills were obvious not only for the fine Grand Concert we had, but also for the outstanding Parade of Choruses concert (one of the finest in recent memory). I am so proud of all you singers for your great cooperation and for your mastery of the music that we performed together. Thanks to all the professional-level musicians who played or sang solos for us, as well as the elite group of singers on the Les miz piece.

I look forward to our next gathering in Sioux Falls in 2016.

Best wishes to you all! *Tusen takk!*



Dave Judisch,
Director-in-Chief, NSAA

NORWEGIAN GLEE CLUB Minneapolis MN

The Minnehaha Creek waterfall is spectacular this summer, as seen on Norway Day July 13th. It was the biggest attraction for the visitors to this annual event (of course, next to the regular performance of the Glee Club). We learned that the Swedes want to join us next year for a Scandinavian Day to replace the individual Norway and Sweden Days. That will be interesting.

There isn't the normal Summer weeks of inactivity this year. Sanger-

fest in June, Norway Day followed by participation at the Daughters of Norway Convention, and activity in the Rotunda at the Mall of America, Our Business Manager Ted Anderson has also been building our gig calendar for a quick start before Summer really ends.

We are so grateful for the many compliments we have received from the folks that were in attendance at the Grand Concert in the wonderful Ted Mann Theater, as well as the comments from the other choruses. We hope that it was not only a good time, but a great one to remember. I know it will be for us. The musicians that Carsten arranged for were outstanding, and the Norwegian singers added some light humor along with their singing, which was an audience pleaser.

President Herb Nelson, working full time for months on all the details, and the work of all the Glee Club members and Auxiliary, got the job done in fine style. A special thanks to those lucky people who went home with a *stabbur*. Herb put together the craft men to build the structures, and my bride added the finishes. They are all out of my basement now, so I can find room for whatever project comes next.

The U of M folks were so very helpful in making everything so right for us in the beautiful Ted Mann concert facility. A comment I heard from some was, "Why don't you do this more often?" not realizing the efforts and expense involved.

We hope all the choruses make a major effort to bring more singers on board for the next Sangerfest. We are so grateful for our newer members,

and I will have one more to profile in the next issue.

Copy is a little light this time of the year, so in my allotted space I will include two stories:

I didn't make it to the Gym again today; that makes it five years in a row. I decided to change calling the bathroom a "John," and renaming it "Jim." It is so much better to say, "I went to the Jim this morning."

Two seniors cohabiting in Florida are all excited about their decision to get married. They go for a stroll to discuss the wedding. On the way they pass a drugstore. He suggests they go in. He asks the man behind the counter, "Are you the owner?". He said, "Yes." "We're about to get married. Do you sell heart medicine?" "Of course we do." "How about medicine for circulation?" "All kinds." "Medicine for rheumatism?" "Definitely." "How about suppositories?" "You bet." "Medicine for memory problems, arthritis, and Alzheimer's?" "Yes, a large variety; the works." "What about vitamins, sleeping, Geritol?" "Absolutely." "Do you sell wheelchairs, walkers and canes?" "All speeds and sizes." "Adult diapers?" "Sure." After a pause he turns to his lady and asks, "So, what do you think?" She turns to the pharmacist and says, "We would like to use your store as our Bridal Registry."



Charles Engh, Corr. Sec.

NORDIC MALE CHORUS

Sioux City IA

Strains of music and fellowship from Sangerfest continue to echo as the Nordics take the remaining summer off.

The men were especially pleased at the audience's response to one of their selections, "Money," for the Parade of Choruses!

It was another special moment for two members of our group who were honored at the Award Ceremony: Lee Schmidt, attending his first national Sangerfest, as well as Larry Weil, who was awarded a Bronze Medal for attending his Fifth Singing Fest. One of our veteran members, John Kvidal was honored in memoriam.

The chorus was privileged to be a part of the well-received Grand Chorus and had the pleasure of hearing the excellent Norwegian guests. The luncheon and water excursion were among special events for the ladies.

There will be continued "buzzing" when the chorus takes up rehearsals again in September.



Bob Hansen, Corr. Sec.

NORMENNENES SINGING

SOCIETY

Chicago IL

First of all, a "*mange tusen takk*" is extended to the Norwegian Glee Club for their Sangerfest efforts. Their organizational skills proved to be exceptional regarding details of the Sangerfest. A special highlight was

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the chorus from Oslo, *Mandskoret Bislet Bad og Rundkjøring*. Also, I cannot remember hearing so many compliments about our Grand Concert. Thank You again for a job well done.

The calendar reminds me that we will soon be starting our Tuesday evening rehearsals, Sept. 2nd. Foremost on our agenda, though, is to find an accompanist. We are currently in final negotiations with a wonderful candidate. His name is Michael Benschish, and he has outstanding credentials regarding his skills and our needs.

Prior to our rehearsals, we will have a music committee meeting on August 19th. We will outline our music for the upcoming season. A highlight of our season will be our Anniversary celebration Oct. 25th. Also, we have performances booked for Oct. 19th at a Sons of Norway lodge in Arlington Heights, and a concert on Nov. 2nd at another Sons of Norway lodge in Montgomery. This will be a joint venue with the Bjornson Male Chorus. And we will have our annual Christmas party with a performance on Friday, Dec. 5th.

There are other venues being investigated, because we feel activity is beneficial to the chorus and could be a source of obtaining new singers.

Sangerfest participants of our chorus are still raving about its positive results. Our Hospitality Room certainly proved successful and at times was 'rocking!'

Leve Sangen,



Thor Fjell

NORSE GLEE CLUB

Sioux Falls SD

For the Norse Glee Club this summer has been and continues to be a quiet time. The previous two years saw us performing at a significant number of church and community anniversary celebrations. This year there has been a lull.

Reflecting on Sangerfest, a big thank-you must go to this year's host club, The Norwegian Glee Club of Minneapolis, for their extraordinary efforts. Our guest chorus from Norway was magnificent in demonstrating the beautiful blending that can be achieved when singing a cappella. Additionally, their obvious enjoyment in their singing made for a wonderful experience for listeners.

My copy of the Sangerfest CD has arrived. I invite everyone to play theirs at the soonest opportunity. Notably for me, from the CD, was my hearing the other vocal parts that I never heard during our performances. The production of a CD should be a "standard" for all our "grand concerts", I would offer.

Now, for more somber news, I need to report the deaths of two former members, and the passing of the wife of a third. PHILIP R. OLSON died on Saturday June 7th, 2014. He sang for many years in the Bass section. He and his wife Evelyn (who died in November 2013), had been residents of a nearby nursing home for an extended period.

They were routinely visited by our membership. Phil's passing, just one week prior to Sangerfest, prompted an update to our memorials offered there. He became the eighth name on our list this year. Members of the Norse Glee Club, who had been unable to attend

Sangerfest, represented us on the day of his funeral here in Sioux Falls.

The other former member to die was GLENN C. JOHNSON. He died on June 15th, 2014. He sang Baritone with us, but had not been active for about 20 years. He is remembered by those who personally knew him as having an excellent singing voice. We all mourn his passing.

The third death to report is that of JOYCE JOHNSON. She died on July 15th, 2014. She was the wife of former member Eldon Johnson. Eldon passed away in November 2009. Joyce is best remembered as being active with our ladies auxiliary, and for being the wonderful cook and baker that she was.

Now to future things; this week we voted to once again host a Lutefisk supper this Fall. We typically serve between 400-500 devotees every dinner. Our plans are a bit contingent on coordinating with other groups and individuals that support us. Tentatively we have set November 7th as the date.



Gail Kristensen, Corr. Sec.

LUREN SINGING SOCIETY Decorah IA

A few of us Luren singers took in the worship service at *Mindekirken* the Sunday after Sangerfest. So we got to sing some of the selections again, and share a time of fellowship with the visiting Oslo chorus.

Monday, June 30th, we helped host the Bodø Domkor when they sang at

First Lutheran Church. The next evening we traveled to Westby WI where the Fuglset Mannskor from Molde Norway sang a concert at the Country Coon Prairie Lutheran Church. We got to sing with them too and share in a light lunch afterwards. Some of us had shared the evening meal earlier in Viroqua. This group was going to be in Decorah that evening, but the busy schedule for us caused the change of venue.

Then, on Wednesday, July 2nd, some of us went to Decorah Lutheran for a concert by a Swedish youth choir.

As a welcome change-of-pace, we had our Food Stand at the County Fair July 8-12. We enjoyed favorable weather. We had a “good” problem at the Fair as we ran out of our pies each evening. (One of our competitor food vendors had been “closed down” from selling their pies, which were not of the proper kind.)

Some of us signed up to help serve the Community Meal at First Lutheran on July 17th; others provided salads or desserts.

The weather for Nordic Fest was delightful, almost ideal. At all three of our scheduled appearances, the opening of Thursday evening, our own concert on Friday evening, and the parade on Saturday, we worked-in the special song, *Det går et festtog...*

We received a special invitation from the family of Wayne Bicknese to share in celebrating his 80th birthday, on Saturday, Aug. 16th. It is meant to be a surprise party. “Doc” is not our oldest member but he may be oldest in years of membership. Again, we’ll do some singing, including *For ham, hurra*.

Jim Womeldorf is soliciting names of prospective members before we resume rehearsals on Monday, Sept. 8th. The calendar is already filling up. We will go to Cedar Falls IA for our first gig on Sunday, Sept. 28th. A sister of Dr. Judisch belongs to Nazareth Lutheran Church and arranged the event.

Oct. 19th, we will return to Spring Grove for an afternoon concert, and on Oct. 29th, we will sing a benefit concert at Viroqua for their new Library and Community Building. There we will share the stage with Viroqua Men's Chorus.

Oh yes, we have to ratify election results from last May at one of our first rehearsals this fall. There were a few changes, which we'll include in the next report.

Interest and excitement are building for our Norway Tour in June 2015. We are working with Janet Tollund of Group Travel in Minneapolis, with whom we have had previous successful tours. The itinerary includes some new territory as well as a few familiar places. We have had some serendipitous encounters with key people who have provided or promised help in lining up the various venues. *Nu må vi spare mange penger.* Downpayments are due Sept-8th, and, of course, we'll be either renewing or applying for passports. Lots of details to work out over these next months.

There'll be lots more to report over the next issues, including - we hope - profiles on new members.

We were blessed with the weather at Minneapolis. The rains came when we were under roof. We heard some of the choruses had potential problems for their trips home. We hope all

went well. We join in thanking Herb and his crew in the Glee Club for their fine job of hosting the event.



Don Berg, Corr. Sec.

MINNEHAHA MANDSKOR Sioux Falls SD

With the 2014 Minneapolis Sangerfest now in the past, and having the official designation by the NSAA Board, the four choruses in the Sioux Falls area are gearing up to sponsor the 2016 Sangerfest.

Our own president, Marlan Velgersdyk, is chair for the event, and is busy laying the groundwork. The main committee appointments have been finalized, and meetings have been held. The Sioux Falls Convention and Visitors Bureau is on board. They have been very helpful. More to come in future Sanger Hilsen articles.



Jerry Muchow, Larry Meyerink, and Don Cooper were up before 4:30 am, to beat the traffic, when they moved the chislic shack to the fair grounds.

Besides planning for the Sangerfest, Minnehaha Mandskor has been very busy getting ready for another

CHISLIC BOOTH at the 2014 Sioux Empire Fair in Sioux Falls, August 1-10. A new trailer has been delivered, and the booth has been mounted on it.

Larry Meyerink has been the primary mover and shaker in having the trailer built and delivered, as well as attaching the booth to the bed. Duty assignments have been made for the ten day project. All of the chorus members have signed on to work at least two four-hour shifts.

This project has been very successful in the two years it has been done. The original idea came from our late President Kirk Preheim. Kirk's wife, Anita, has continued to be active in the Auxiliary, and has been a great help.

On July 28, members and wives enjoyed a wonderful potluck, followed by rehearsal for a concert at the Fair on Sunday afternoon. Director Terry was able to reserve the Front Porch (the most desirable venue on the fairgrounds, having an outdoor amphitheater surrounded by big trees) for this event.

After the practice, President Marlan called a business meeting to iron out details for setting up and manning the chislic booth. Various kinds of insurance were discussed. Other subjects addressed included selection and approval of our director and accompanist for the coming year.

Terry Walter will be returning as Director, and Deanna Wehrspaan as accompanist. Larry Meyerink will be Assistant Director. Treasurer Roger Amdahl handed out checks to members who attended the Minneapolis Sangerfest. Attention was called to the fact that Board elections will be coming up in October.

BREAKING NEWS ... Terry announced that Tony (Tenor I) and Bobbi Jo Leggett welcomed a son, Elijah, on July 25. Hurrah for the Leggett family!!



Bobbi, Elijah, and Tony Leggett

CONGRATULATIONS...to Pres. Marlan upon retiring from Fireplace Pros after several years of successful salesmanship with the company. His retirement is effective on Friday, August 1. The Mandskor is most fortunate to have Marlan among us, singing, persuading, and bringing the hammer down when necessary (smiling and cracking jokes all the while).

All is in place for our annual overnight bus trip to Minneapolis on October 4-5. We will arrive in the Twin Cities in time to go on a noon luncheon cruise around Lake Minnetonka. Dinner and evening entertainment (Johnny Cash Show at the Plymouth Playhouse) will be at the Kelly Inn (Highway 55 and I-494). The bus is nearly full. Members, spouses and guests (mainly recruited by Member Ray Ode and his wife, Bonnie) will make the trip. Sunday morning we will sing at one of the *Mindekirken* services before departing for Sioux Falls.

A recording session is scheduled for Monday, October 13, at Dow-

Rummel. Our last attempt at doing this was less than successful due to a technological glitch that destroyed the hard drive. After many unsuccessful attempts to recover the lost data, it was determined that the only solution is to do it again.

Our regular routine of Monday rehearsals will resume the first Monday after Labor Day. President Marlan launched a new member campaign at the July 28 meeting, with a goal of increasing our roster to thirty members. Business cards have been printed with information about the chorus, phone numbers, email addresses, etc. to make it easy for prospects to respond. Marlan stressed the importance of follow-up once contact has been made.

Respectfully
submitted,



John Rasmusson, Corr. Sec.

Mandskor New Member Profile Doug Van Roekel

Doug Van Roekel is a new member to the Mandskor in the fall of 2013. He was invited by baritone Larry Meyerink and has joined the first tenor section. Doug and his wife Donna moved to Sioux Falls in 2012. Before that they lived in Worthington, MN, where Doug spent 30 years in car sales. He retired in 2012. Doug lists his hobbies as fishing with his grandson, eating out, and antiquing things for Donna. The Van Roekels have 2 children—a son Dana who sings with him in the tenor section,

and a daughter Denae Klinkenborg. Doug and Donna attended their first Midwest Sangerfest in Minneapolis, June 2014. We hope this is the first of many!



Donna and Doug Van Roekel

Mandskor New Member Profile Dana Van Roekel

Dana Van Roekel joined the Mandskor in the fall of 2013. He sings top tenor next to his dad Doug. He grew up near Bigelow, MN, and attended school in Worthington, where he sang in the high school choir. University of Minnesota-Morris was his next stop.



Dana Van Roekel

Although, Dana is a “computer guy”, his first career began when he started working at a local grocery store in high school. He climbed the

ladder to management at Econo Foods in Sioux Falls, but when they closed, he moved on. Next stop was as a phone tech for Gateway, until they closed.

City Bank took him on in accounts payable and then moved that part of the business to Florida. Happily Dana stayed here. Being a resourceful person, he started his own computer business. What better way to know that the business won't close or move. Dana's Computer Services has been in operation since 2002. Dana lists his singing as his hobby.

EDVARD GRIEG CHORUS

Madison WI

I am writing this article with the Sangerfest 2014 CD playing in the background, specifically the catchy song, "*Minnesota, Minnesota, the State Where Norwegians Belong*" by *Mandskoret Bislet Bad og Rundkjøring*. Congratulations to Herb Nelson and all the members of Norwegian Glee Club for a great musical experience. Because of your hospitality, the excellent hotel, and the outstanding performance venue, Sangerfest 2014 will long be remembered as one of the best!

Shortly after returning from Sangerfest, the Chorus sang a full concert for the 100th Anniversary Sons of Norway District 5 Convention at Lake Lawn Resort in Delavan WI June 28th. We took full advantage of our participation in Sangerfest by incorporating several of the songs in the performance, including *Marching On, Fader i himlen, Man from LaMancha, Norge mit Norge* and *Patriotic Medley*.

The audience were enthusiastic in their response and joined us on several

sing-alongs. Our final performance before taking a summer recess was singing the National Anthem at the Madison Mallards baseball game July 27th before an estimated crowd of 6000.

Planning is already underway for our 90th Anniversary as a chorus in 2015. An expanded performance schedule is being developed that will likely include a Christmas concert, participation in the grand opening of the new Norwegian Cultural Center in Stoughton, and a repeat of our 2013 St. Patrick's Day event at the Opera House

We also hope to commemorate the anniversary with the production of a new CD, since it has been several years since our last one. A performance trip is another possibility being seriously considered.

Finally, we hope to build on our successes in 2014 by recruiting more members to the Chorus.

We wish our brother singers an enjoyable and restful summer as we look forward to another year filled with music and fellowship.



Dick Johnston, Corr. Sec.

GRIEG MALE CHORUS

Canton SD

Members of the Grieg Male Chorus of Canton attending the 60th Biennial NSAA Sangerfest wish to extend our sincere THANKS and CONGRATULATIONS to our host chorus, the Norwegian Glee Club and the Auxiliary, for a very enjoyable,

outstanding and memorable Sangerfest celebration!

After returning from Sangerfest, and before summer break, members of the Grieg male Chorus had the opportunity to perform one more concert for the Canton Kong Olav V Sons of Norway Lodge, in celebration of St. Hans' Day. Prior to our concert the chorus was treated to a meal of sweet, cold Norwegian heart-shaped waffles topped with a variety of fresh fruit or jams and, of course, *varme pølse*.

The Grieg are on summer break until our annual family picnic the second Monday in August. We will resume regular rehearsals the second Monday in September.

We hope all NSAA members and families are enjoying a GREAT summer!



Jerry Holter, Corr. Sec.

**BJORNSON MALE CHORUS
Chicago IL**

Dear Brother Singers:

As the summer weather slowly works its way to the Fall season, I really hate to see it go. I don't remember a more perfect summer, weather-wise, than this one. It's been perfectly enjoyable day after day after day: low humidity, temperatures in the low 80s. What's not to like?

Anyway, it's hard to think that the 2014 Sangerfest was only two months ago in full swing. Bjornson was well represented as 19 singers and all the ladies of the Auxiliary were accounted for. What a group! All of us have

attended many Sangerfests in the past, so we settled in quickly on Thursday. Then the Chorus met in the lobby. Some of us got on the shuttle while others wanted to walk to the Ted Mann concert hall for the first mass chorus rehearsal.

In the evening we gathered at the Memorial Service to honor every singer who passed away since the last Sangerfest in St. Charles in 2012, 23 in all who have joined the lofty chorus.

Next up was the Parade of Choruses. Although this is not a competition, it is a pride thing. After the Sioux Valley Singers warmed up the audience, it seemed that every chorus after was loose and lively, and they really jammed. The audience came alive and was really rockin'! OK, so I'm getting carried away. But the audience really loved every moment of it.

On Friday evening the formal banquet and dance gave us a chance to sit and relax and gab with friends. After a fine meal, awarding of medals was next on the agenda. Our chorus had one recipient, Jerry Andersen, second bass, Cheers!

Something new: a gold medal with two diamonds awarded for 25 Sangerfests. Seven worthy singers received this medal, including our illustrious President, John Lee. Way to go, John!

Concluding, the MC announced the Gold Medal with three diamonds was being awarded to Joseph Champion, member of the Norwegian Glee Club.

Saturday evening the Grand Concert was a "piece of cake." All indications pointed to a night of pleasant, endless flow of singing by a

well rehearsed group of dedicated, talented men who love to sing.

An added attraction was the Bislett Men's Chorus from Oslo. Their musical selections brought Norway alive and captured the audience; they loved it.

Each selection sung by the mass chorus was directed with a flair of complete confidence by all the directors. The soloists performed flawlessly and blended well with the chorus. A night to behold.

As the audience exited the assembly hall, we slowly followed suit. Sangerfest 2014 was coming to an end. I wondered if the first-time attendees had grasped what they had just experienced. I hope they felt good, proud, like I did. It's a feeling you can't get anywhere else. That's 'cause we're special.

Leve Sangen,



George L. Michals, Corr. Sec.



Bislett chorus joined by NSAA folks at the Norwegian Hon. Consulate General reception, 12 June 2014.



Sangerfest 2014 first timers. Front row: LR. Lee Schmidt, Jerry Aulwes, Ray Schnabel, Philip Peterson, Sharon Whitlock, Alan Petrich, Linda Johnson. Second row: Mark Petrich, Larry Luinenburg, Steve James, Brad Whitlock, Karsten Snitker, Bill Fried, Randy Wallenberg. Third row: William Hoffman, Larry Meyerink, Doug Van Roekel, David Selje, Arne Selbyg. Fourth row: Tom Stene, Uwe Rudolf, Dana Van Roekel, Dean Selje. Not pictured, Robert Smedsrud, Tony Leggett.



Sangerfest 2014 Bronze Medal awardees. Front row LR: Mike Fitzgerald, John Boehm, Wade Vance. Second row: Tony Hartman, Peter E. Johnson, Charles Kessell, Larry Weil. Third row: Dick Johnston, Jon Lewis. Not pictured, Paul Thorson.



Sangerfest 2014 Silver Medal awardees. Front row LR: Wally Wallenberg, Norman Arlandson, LeRoy Iverson. Second row: Al Swain, James Lynch. Third row: John Brinkman, Robert Lillie. Not pictured: Francis Peterson, Rex Livermore, Orland Wallenberg, Charles Engh.

Sangerfest 2014 Gold Medal awardees.
LR: Robert G. Olson,
Jerry Holter, David Hanson.



Sangerfest 2014 Gold plus One Diamond Medal awardees.
Front row LR: David Judisch,
Leonard Baltus.
Second row: Roger Amdahl,
Jerry E. Andersen.



Sangerfest 2014 Gold plus Three Diamonds Medal awardee
Joe Champion.





Sangerfest 2014 Gold plus Two Diamonds Medal awardees. Front row LR: Bjorn Lasserud, Sverre Waagen, Bjorn C. Hagen. Second row: David Stene, John Lee, Karl Tangeros. Not pictured: Clarence Hanson.



Newly elected NSAA Officers for 2014-2016. Front row LR: Corresponding Secretary Donald Berg, Director-in-Chief David Judisch, Assistant Director Terry Walter, Vice President Thor Fjell, Assistant Grand Marshal James Slostad. Second row: Recording Secretary Richard Leake, Past President Herb Nelson, Treasurer Francis Peterson, President Marlan Velgersdyk.



Newly elected NSAA State Vice-Presidents for 2014-2016. LR: Illinois: Frank Potempa; Iowa: Bob Lillie; Minnesota: Norman Arlandson; South Dakota: Curt Hepner. Not pictured: Wisconsin; Charles Morkri.

MINUTES of NSAA Biennial Meeting, June 14, 2014, Minneapolis, MN

Meeting called to order at 9:30 by President Herb Nelson.

1. Roll call of officers by the Recording Secretary

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South Dakota: Curt Hepner, Canton, SD

Wisconsin: Charles Morkri, Verona, WI [absent]

Directors:

Bjornson Male Chorus -- Chicago, IL -- Director: Edwin Kramer, Grayslake, IL

Dane County Edvard Grieg Chorus -- Madison, WI --Director: Mark W. Everson, Edgerton, WI

Grieg Male Chorus -- Canton, SD Director: Lane Karli, Inwood, IA

Harmony Singing Society -- Rockford, IL Director: Sherry Dreyfuss, Rockford, IL [absent]

Luren Singing Society -- Decorah, IA Director: Dr. David Judisch, Decorah, IA
Minnehaha Mandskor -- Sioux Falls, SD Director: Terry Walter, Sioux Falls, SD

Nordic Male Chorus -- Sioux City, IA Director: Charles Schuett, Sioux City, IA

Normenneses Singing Society -- Chicago, IL Director: Charles Kessell, Chicago, IL

Norse Glee Club -- Sioux Falls, SD Director: Lyle E. Kroon, Sioux Falls, SD

Norwegian Glee Club -- Minneapolis, MN Director: Carsten Slostad, St. Paul, MN

2. Credentials' committee report [*Marshal James Slostad and Asst. Marshal Frank Potempa*]

Reported 52 credentials [voting members, with two absent] accepted for this meeting

Greetings from PCNSA [J. Malmin] Thanked NSAA for the invitation to participate and sing, and looks forward to the PCNSA and NSAA working together more in the future.

3. Action on the minutes of previous business meetings [*Rich Leake*]

Dispensed with reading of minutes; Moved, Seconded and Passed to approve Minutes as printed in September-October 2013 Sanger-Hilsen. Written reports are attached to official copy of minutes.

4. Action on applications of new choruses [*Don Berg, Rich Leake*]

No new chorus applications have been received.

5. Director-in-Chief report [*Dr. Dave Judisch*]

Discussion focused on activities as individual choruses as well as members of the Association. Main topics of discussion were recruiting singers, and the changing environment with choruses of similar stature. Jon Malmin attended as guest from PCNSA. Congratulations to the individual choruses for their presentations on Thursday evening at the Parade of Choruses. The consensus was that the Thursday evening's Parade of Choruses was the finest and most interesting of recent years. Director Judisch personally commended the chorus directors for preparing their choruses so well for the Grand Concert this year, and commented that we have had very good first rehearsals. Special thanks given to Herb Nelson as well as the organizers and heads of Sangerfest committees who did such a fine job with this Sangerfest. There was additional discussion of Thursday being a very busy day; also discussion of snow-bird rehearsals.

Assistant Director [Carsten Slostad] Thanks for all the help in putting Sangerfest 2014 together. C. Slostad recommended having the Assistant Director selected from the host choir.

6. President's report [*Herb Nelson*]

President Nelson gave thanks to all involved in preparing for Sangerfest 2014. Preparations for Sangerfest have been outstanding and we are looking forward to a terrific grand concert. He expressed thanks to the Executive Board for all their help in the last two years. Recent key decisions include having breakfast/fellowship prior to the Business Meeting and special awards for longevity in NSAA. Personal highlights were representing NSAA at the Sioux Valley 2013 Sangerfest and at the PCNSA Sangerfest 2013 in Tacoma.

7. Vice-Presidents' reports

Reports by officers and committees are also submitted in writing or electronically and attached to the official minutes. Each report is briefly summarized below.

NSAA Vice President [*Thor Fjell*] -- State VPs met June 13, 2014. Discussion focused on need for membership growth and ways to accomplish that goal.

WI [*Charles Morkrj*]-- Edvard Grieg in Madison is very active in carrying on the tradition and responsibilities of NSAA. Membership is strong and attracting new members through performances, but challenged with finding new members willing to learn music in a new language.

IA [*Ed Stone*] Nordic Male and Luren Singing Society; Membership approx. 13 and 69 respectively. Both choruses are very active in performances, parades, and caroling events. Luren continues to operate a food stand at the Winneshiek County Fair. Focus for the next two years for both choruses includes recruitment and retention of members.

SD [*Curt Hepner*] Grieg Male chorus, Minnehaha Mandskor, Norse Glee Club, Sioux Valley Singers. All are very active choruses including Norse Glee Club singing the National Anthem at baseball games; Grieg Male Chorus performed for a fundraiser to LOVE, INC; Minnehaha continues having a food booth at the Sioux Empire Fair. Sioux Valley Singers has their 48th biennial concert in 2013. New members have been welcomed, and everyone had great time at their 2013 joint concert and looking forward to 2016.

IL [*Frank Potempa*] Harmony in Rockford, Normenness & Bjornson in Chicago. Fundraising has helped with increased expenses. Investment accounts have also helped. Membership growing. New director in Rockford and great growth of membership. Very active choruses. Nice to see long-time members acknowledged.

MN [Norman Arlandson] Welcome to 2014 Sangerfest. Norwegian Glee Club is a very active chorus and are celebrating their 100th anniversary. Briefly told stories of Paul Bunyan and Mississippi River including the I-35 bridge within view of the host hotel. Stated that were are lucky to have great leadership; remember to thank them.

PCNSA [*Jeff Highland*] Not in attendance but sends personal greetings.

Nordisk Sangerforbund [*Per-Oluf Lund*] Not in attendance but sends greetings to NSAA.

8. Corresponding Secretary's report [*Don Berg*]

Thanked Norwegian Glee club for Lutefisk dinner attended by the Executive Board last fall. Reminded us that attendance at Sangerfests should be kept by local choruses. Medals requested were mostly received in timely manner. No additional medals purchased this year. Jeweler located in Stillwater MN. A lapel pin with NSAA logo is now available. Duties for Corresponding secretary are not very clear and he questions whether the honorarium is needed. He continues to maintain contact with each chorus. Thanked Barb Berg for her help.

9. Committee reports

NSAA Website report [*Rich Leake*]

The NSAA website been operating 10 years with peak activity occurring prior to each Sangerfest. Site visits have come from over 65 countries with unique visitors averaging 54-110/day and the average visit lasting 3-5 minutes. The top pages visited are the home/announcement page, the Sangerfest pages, and translations pages. *Sanger-Hilsens* are archived on the website from 2009 to the present. We receive numerous requests each year for older editions to be archived online. We continue to maintain the three domain names [nsaaonline.com, nsaaonline.org, nsaaonline.net] for ease in finding NSAA information.

10. Treasurer's report [*Francis Peterson*]

Francis Peterson distributed copies of treasurer's report. A full report is attached to the official minutes. Beginning balance in July 1, 2013 was \$12,957.44. Peterson reported in 2013 there were 21 receipts of \$10,334.00 [including memberships, Sanger-Hilsen, holiday greetings, 2012 Sangerfest] and 36 disbursements of \$9,114.51 [including Sanger-Hilsen printing costs of \$4,197.46]. In 2014 there were 18 receipts of \$9,075.00 and 33 disbursements of \$10,157.34 [including Sanger-Hilsen printing costs of \$2,945.22]. Current Balance as of June 5, 2014 is \$13,094.59. The Sanger-Hilsen account showed receipts of \$16,617.00 and disbursements of \$13,237.93 with an overall balance of \$6,111.86. Total of NSAA cash and investments is \$16,141.40.

11. Auditor's report [*Thor Fjell*]

Audit Committee [*Curt Hepner, Ed Stone and Norman Arlandson*]: Curt Hepner from the audit committee reported excellent documentation; all expenditures and income were duly noted. It was moved and seconded to accept the financial report. Motion passed.

12. Sanger-Hilsen Editor's report [*Don Berg*]

Berg thanked Dennis Barnaal, who serves as technical assistant and co-editor, and the various correspondents for their reports. Many changes have taken place in recent years including a Logo added. Pictures in color have been positively received and the quality of Sanger-Hilsen in general has been very good. The subscription list was thoroughly reviewed and some names removed. No chorus index fee. Berg requested that information and index changes be sent to Barnaal. Current issues continue to be mailed and previous issues will be archived on the NSAA website. We need to insure that all chorus members subscribe to SangerHilsen.

13. Review and determine the honoraria, membership dues, subscription rates, etc.

Peterson moved to increase honorarium to \$300/month for *SangerHilsen* coeditors Berg and Barnaal. MSP. Berg requested no honoraria. Motion to eliminate Corresponding Secretary honorarium died for lack of second. Discussion of other honorarium, dues and subscription rates. MSP to continue other honorariums, dues and subscription rates at current rates. Question was raised about multiple copies being received at same household. Financial Secretary/Treasurer of each chorus is generally responsible for maintaining local membership list.

14. Unfinished business

- a. New Chorus interest – no requests received but we need to continue to search
- b. Future sites for Sangerfest -- Berg asked membership to consider Decorah for 2018
- c. Nordisk Sangerforbund – Nelson gave a brief report on Tacoma meeting to discuss formation of North American branch of NSF with subsequent agreement to table efforts to pursue organizing at this time. More importantly the decision to further the working relationship with PCNSA and other groups was the outcome of these discussions.
- d. Sangerfest 2014 update -- have a great time! Looking forward to Grand Concert. Encourage attendees – tickets are still available. 206 singers are registered and participating this year.

e. All singers invited to sing Sunday Morning after Sangerfest at Mindekirken 11:00 service. Sing from repertoire of Grand Concert. Lunch provided after the service.

15. New business

a. Future Sangerfest suggestions: better coordination with men's and women's schedules. Need to review costs – perhaps two day event. Different color ribbon for 25 and 30 year medals. Should be action item for future Board meeting.

b. Veterans President Ron Beck. Reported on Veterans Meeting and brought two proposals.

Proposal #1 –Budget amount for Veterans lunch as benefit to Veterans singers

Proposal #2 –Support Center for Western Studies at \$250 annual membership level.

Motion to support CWS at \$250 annual membership level. Seconded. There was much discussion about benefits to being a CWS member and their archival role for NSAA materials. Motion passed 29-15.

c. Approval of ByLaw Changes concerning medals for 25 and 30 years
The NSAA Constitution and bylaws were approved at 2010 Sangerfest and are currently filed with the Secretary of State in SD. [*Completed in July 2012*]
Current bylaws are posted on the NSAA website.

Motion to amend ARTICLE IXX [line 4] "A Gold medal with a diamond is to be given for attending twenty Sangerfests, a gold medal with two diamonds is to be given for attending twenty-five Sangerfests, and a gold medal with three diamonds is to be given for attending thirty Sangerfests. This Medal is to be attached to a gold neck band." Motion Seconded and Passed

d. Music committee not needed. Directors function as committee of the whole.

e. Logo pins are now available for NSAA.

16. Invitation for the next Sangerfest [*Herb Nelson*]

The Sioux Valley Singers invite all choruses to Sioux Falls for 2016 Sangerfest, June 9-11, 2016. Ed Stone introduced Marlan Velgersdyk who gave a brief overview of arrangements in process. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the invitation.

17. Election of officers (voice vote unless otherwise noted)

President: Marlan Velgersdyk, Sioux Falls, SD [elected unanimously]

Vice President at Large: Thor Fjell, Naperville, IL

Recording Secretary: Richard Leake, Decorah, IA

Corresponding Secretary: Donald Berg, Decorah, IA

Treasurer: Francis Peterson, Decorah, IA

Grand Marshal: James Slostad, St. Paul, MN

Assistant Grand Marshal: Frank Potempa, Des Plaines, IL

Director-in-Chief: Dr. David E. Judisch, Decorah, IA

Assistant Director: Terry Walter (elected by written ballot)

Past President: Herb Nelson, Minneapolis, MN

It was noted that the State Vice-Presidents remain the same except in Iowa where Ed Stone will resign and be replaced by Bob Lillie. It was also noted that at the next Board meeting Frank Potempa will be replaced as Assistant Grand Marshal by James Slostad, and that the Grand Marshal position will be filled by appointment.

18. Adjournment at 11:59am by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted by Richard Leake, Recording Secretary

VETERANS CHORUS MINUTES

The Veterans Chorus brunch and business meeting were held in Ballroom A/B of the Downtown Courtyard Hotel in Minneapolis MN on June 13, 2014.

Introductions were made of those at the head table :Gluth, Director; Lillie, Vice President; Lubbert, Sec-Treas; Beck, President; H. Nelson, NSAA President; and Amy Nelson, Center for Western Studies.

Before the brunch, the Norwegian Table prayer was prayed.

The business meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m. Lubbert read the minutes from the 2012 Veterans Chorus meeting at St. Charles IL in 2012. A correction was made that the Norwegian Glee Club's 100th Anniversary was celebrated in 2012, rather than 2014 as the minutes had shown.

It was moved by Arlandson, seconded by Amdahl to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

The financial report was given. As of June 1, 2014, the bank account balance was \$253.61. It was moved by Regan, seconded by Glesne to accept the Treasurer's report. Carried.

President Beck briefly discussed the absence of dues. A motion had been made at the 2010 meeting to dispense with collection of dues and to rely on "pass the basket" at each meeting for donations to replenish our balance. Veterans Chorus Director Gluth gave his comments on the chorus' performance at the Parade of Choruses concert. He was pleased with the number of veterans who came forward to sing, and the sound of the group; also that each member knew the music well enough to watch the director. He again asked for suggestions for future selections, especially from the Sioux Valley choruses. He also thanked the individual directors for their help and cooperation.

President Beck called for Old Business. There was brief discussion about the location of the Veterans banner. Lillie said he had taken the banner to St. Charles and thought the Marshal would bring the banner to Minneapolis. NSAA President Nelson said he would continue pursuing the location of the banner

New Business: A motion was made by Lillie, seconded by Leake that the treasurer be allowed to put Christmas greetings in Sanger-Hilsen for the next two years at \$45 per . Carried.

Amy Nelson of Center for Western Studies gave a short presentation on the Center and NSAA records kept there.

A motion was made by Lillie, seconded by Glesne, that the Veterans Chorus send \$100 to Center for Western Studies. This was amended by Leake, that the NSAA Veerans spend \$100 to be paid after Aug. 1st each year for an annual membership in Center for Western Studies.

The amendment was approved, and the original motion was passed as amended.

Election of Officers:

Dr. Ron Beck, President;

Larry Lubbert, Secretary-Treasurer;

Robert Lillie, Vice-President;

Steve Espeland, Marshal;

Bernhard Gluth, Director

A brief presentation on Sangerfest history was given by Peter Elling Johnson.

President Beck made a plea for individual membership in Center for Western Studies. All this information is available at <http://www.augi.edu/center-for-western-studies>

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Submitted by Larry Lubbert, Sec. Tr.

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 Singers Association**
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Club Membership Index

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 (630)837-8615; 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, thorffjell@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

Rehearsal each Tuesday 7:30 p.m. at our Club: 1104 15th Ave. Rockford, IL 61104. President: Jim Wolf, 1104 15th Ave., Rockford, IL 61104, tel (815) 965-7833.; Corresponding Secretary: Dan Lindberg 214 Rome Ave. #2 Rockford, IL 61107. Tel. (815) 229-0625. Danielalindberg@cs.com Director: Greg Gyllsdorff, 5922 Allerton Dr., Rochford. Tel. (815)637-9696

IOWA

SIoux CITY

Nordic Male Chorus

Rehearsals: Every Monday night, 7:30 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 315 Hamilton Blvd. Sioux City, Iowa 51103; President: Gary Munson, 3303 Court St., Sioux City, IA 51104, tel. (712) 277-1428; Corresponding Secretary: Robert R. Hansen, 20 Eastview Drive, Sioux City, IA 51106 ((712) 258-7445 gregors5@juno.com; Director: Charles Schuett, 5040 Stone Ave., Sioux City, IA 51106, tel. (712) 276-2328, scschuett@aol.com.

DECORAH

Luren Singing Society

Rehearsal: Every Monday night, 7:30 p.m. at Thomas Roberts High School. President: Dave Carlson, 110 Western St. Decorah, IA 52101. Tel (563)382-9411. dbc.papa@mchsi.com Corresponding Secretary: Donald L. Berg, 407 Leif Erikson Drive, Decorah, IA 52101-1038, tel. (563) 382-5727; Director: Dr. David Judisch, 814 Fifth Ave., Decorah, IA 52101, tel. (563) 382-9222 judiscda@luther.edu.

MINNESOTA

MINNEAPOLIS

Norwegian Glee Club

Rehearsal: Each Thursday evening at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 4801 France Ave. So., Edina, MN. President: Herb Nelson 620 Oak St W, Stillwater MN 55082-5624 (651)587-4819 herbert.nelson@comcast.net ; Corresponding Secretary: Charles Engh, 7642 Prairie Flower Blvd., Chanhassen, MN 55317, tel. (952)401-8838; cbengh@hotmail.com Director: Carsten Slostad, 1065 Portland Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104-7011; tel. (651) 291-8639 carstonian@hotmail.com .

SOUTH DAKOTA

SIoux FALLS

Minnehaha Mandskor

Rehearsal: Each Monday, 7:30 p.m. at Center For Active Generations, 2300 W. 46th St., Sioux Falls, SD. President: Marlan Velgersdyk, 4509 S. Magnolia Ave. Sioux Falls, SD 57103. tel. (605) 371-0669. mcvelgersdyk@midco.net Corr. Secretary: John Rasmusson, 4312 W. 58th St. #109, Sioux Falls SD 57108, tel. (605)271-0838. jpras@midco.net Director: Terry Walter, 2708 West Oak St., Sioux Falls, SD 57105, tel. (605) 339 0607, clefdwellers_on_oak@juno.com.

Norse Glee Club

Rehearsal: Each Monday, 7:30 p.m. at Nordic Hall. President: Steve Espeland, 48304 278th St, Canton SD 57103. Tel (605)987-5720; Corresponding Secretary: Gail Kristensen, 111 W. 17th St., Apt. #110, Sioux Falls, SD 57104, tel. (605)731-5281. Director: Lyle E. Kroon, 1216 Sunset Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57105, tel. (605) 335-1624.

CANTON

Grieg Male Chorus

Rehearsals: Each Monday, 7:30 p.m. at Canton Good Samaritan Center. President: Bill Kortemeyer, 406 E. Poplar Dr., Canton, SD 57013, tel. (605) 764-9060. ringshanks@iw.net Corresponding Secretary: Jerry Holter, 28724 480th Ave., Canton, SD 57013, tel. (605) 987-2161; Director: Lane Karli, 3401 S. Grace Ave., Sioux Falls SD 57103-7219, (605) 275-5591. lkarli@sio.midco.net

WISCONSIN

MADISON

Edvard Grieg Chorus

2262 Winnebago, Madison, WI 53704

Rehearsal: Each Tuesday, 7 p.m. President: Steve Christenson, 519 N. Harrison St., Stoughton WI 53579, (608) 873-9846 steveKrisC@yahoo.com; Corresponding Secretary: Dick Johnston, 26 Chautauqua Tr., Madison WI 53719, (608) 833-6284 ; Director: Mark W. Everson, 711 Highway #106, Edgerton, WI 53534, tel. (608) 884-9398 evers11111@aol.com.

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CALIFORNIA

OAKLAND

Normanna Glee Club

Rehearsal: Each Monday at 8:00 p.m., Bjornson Hall, 2258 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, CA 94602. President: Larry Schaleger, qubedude@aik.cin ;Secretary: Paul Eikeberg, tel. (925)485-1538 vikingike@yahoo.com Director: unknown

SAN DIEGO

San Diego Mannskor

Rehearsal: every Monday at Calvary Lutheran Church, 424 Via De La Valle, Solana Beach, CA 92075. President: Sven I. Olsen, 2991 Jacks Creek Pl. Escondido, CA 92027, tel. (760) 735-6171, svenio@cox.net; Secretary: Jon Homerud, 3354 Bonica Woods Dr., Bnita, CA 91902 (619)223-2784 holmerud@cox.net; Director: Paul May, tel. (619)227-9979 paulthomasmay@gmail.com

SAN FRANCISCO

Norwegian Singing Society of San Francisco

Rehearsal: Meets every Tuesday 7:00 p.m. at 235 Brentwood Ave., San Francisco, CA 94127. President: Herleiv Storseter, 235 Brentwood Ave., San Francisco, CA 94103 tel: (415) 344-0204; Secretary: Mark Mathisen, 1601 Oakwood Dr., San Mateo, CA 94403 tel: (650)947-1357, dchouse@earthlink.net; Director: Megan O'Brien.

OREGON

EUGENE

The Norsemen

Rehearsal: Each Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Sonja Lodge #38, Sons of Norway, 710 McKinley, Eugene, OR 97402. President: Mark Williams, 29453 Culver Lane, Junction City OR 541-343-8060. Secretary: Duane Esperum, tel. (206)501-2010 desperum@gmail.com; Director: Ed Amundson, 29453 Culver Lane, Junction City OR 97448-9438. tel. (541) 998-6329 amundson@peak.org

SALEM

Thorsmen

Rehearsal: Each Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church Annex, 1198 Lanning Avenue North East, Salem, OR 97303. President: Paul Flora, tel. (503)363-9753 paul.flora@pgn.com ; Secretary: Wes Anderson, tel. (503)363-1714 wander@comcast.net ; Director: Peter Butler, 31869 Eastway, Lebanon, OR 97355, tel. (503) 259-2006, whitewolf372@centurytel.net

WASHINGTON

BELLINGHAM

Norwegian Male Chorus

Rehearsals every Tuesday evening, 6:00 pm at the Norway Hall, 1419 North Forest St., Bellingham WA. President: Larry Peterson. Tel. (360) 935-1110. Secretary: Jim Florence. Director: Steve Jensen, 2694 Goshen Rd., Bellingham, WA 98226, tel. (360) 966-3132, stmjensen@earthlink.net, cell phone 303-3919.

EVERETT

Norwegian Male Chorus

Normanna Hall, 2725 Oaks Avenue

Everett, Washington 98201

Rehearsals are held every Wednesday evening, 7:00 p.m. at Normanna Hall; President: Craig Fredlund, tel. (425)210-9067, craig_fredlund@jamco-america.com .Secretary: Robert Bruland, tel. (425)335-1150 burland2@comcast.net. Director: Steve Jensen, 2694 Goshen Road, Bellingham, WA 98226, tel: (360) 966-3132, stmjensen@earthlink.net, cell: (389)393-3919

POULSBO

Vestre Sund Mannskor

Meets every Thursday, 7:30 p.m. at Grieg Hall, Sons of Norway, 18891 Front St., Poulsbo, WA 98370. President: Stan Overby, 29311 Beach Dr., Poulsbo, WA 98370, tel: (360) 779-2460; Secretary: Warren Rosvold, (360)930-0504, wrosvold@gmail.com; Director: Kathy Haug, 21050 Fern St. Indianola WA 98342. Tel. (360) 908-9806. Kathy@meland.com.

SEATTLE

Norwegian Male Chorus

Rehearsal: Every Monday evening 7:30 p.m. Nordic Heritage Museum, 3014 N.W. 67th Street, Seattle, WA 98117. Officers: President: Jens Eysteinnsson, tel. (205)799-8000. JensEysteinnsson@AmmericanSeaffods.com Secretary: Rolf Federspiel, tel. (425)823-9080, farfarfed77@frontier.com. Director: G. Robert Johnston, 4707 NE 192 Pl., Lake Forest Park, 98155, tel. (206)362-1094, bobsings@gohuskies.com

Skagit Valley Mannskor

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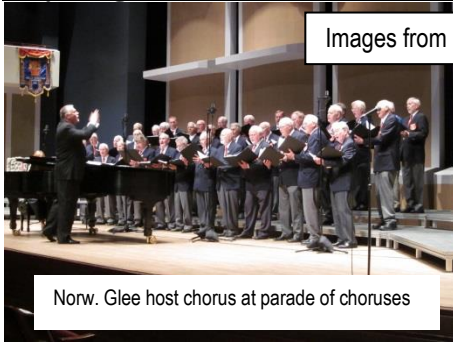
Rehearsal every Monday at 7:00 PM at Abel Lodge, 21098 2nd St. Conway WA 98238.. Officers: President: Jeff Highland tel. (360)387-5285. highland@smumn.edu Secretary Skip Ingraham tel (360)387-6168. Director Steve Jensen, Bellingham WA, 98226 Cell phone 360-303-3919 stmjensen@earthlink.net.

TACOMA

Normanna Male Chorus

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Images from Sangerfest 2014



Norw. Glee host chorus at parade of choruses



Harmony of Rockford



Host hotel Courtyard Marriot



Saturday evening afterglow