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Above: Bob Hanson, long-time corresponding secretary for Nordic Male Chorus, celebrates his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday surrounded by fellow singers.

Left: Luren member Lee Grippen with St Olav medal.

Lee Grippen was the recipient of the Order of St. Olav medal, presented by the Norwegian Counsel General of the Norwegian Consulate in Minneapolis. The presentation was on March 16<sup>th</sup> at the Giants of the Earth Heritage Center in Spring Grove MN, and is in recognition of outstanding services rendered in connection with the spreading of information about Norway abroad and for strengthening the bonds between expatriate Norwegians and the home country.

A public reception was held on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Heritage Center after a presentation by Norwegian

Roar Moe on *Maritime Norway* at the Cinema in Spring Grove. About 20 members of the Luren Singers sang several numbers before the presentation by Moe.

#### **NSAA President's Column**

Those who have attended previous Sangerfests are familiar with the large NSAA Medallion that hangs on the stage above the mass chorus. Did you know that it is 30 years old!

According to Dr. David Judisch, our Director-in-Chief, it was commissioned and designed by Almon Brekke for the 1988

Sangerfest which was held in Minneapolis. He was a member of the Norkap Male Chorus from there and served as the chair for that event. Sangerfest 2018 will be the sixteenth time that it will be used.

The emblem reminds us that we fulfill the lines from Edvard Grieg's "Sangerhilsenö":

*Let us raise the welcome song,  
brothers, toward the happy parade.  
A note high as the singers' banner,  
the harp in its own  
language! Light on  
foot, bright in mind,  
(i.e. alert mind)  
singers' troop, come in,  
come in!*



Roger Buhr, NSAA President

### NORDIC MALE CHORUS Sioux City IA

Wicked Winter weather has played havoc with the Nordics, forcing three Monday rehearsal cancellations. This included combined session with the Sioux Valley Singers in Sioux Falls, where they also had snow delays. Large piles of the white stuff remain on the ground, and we had a small amount of snow on the first day of Spring. But things are looking better now for weather warmup.

The interruptions also delayed a fellowship interlude with a delicious German chocolate cake shared for the birthdays of Bob Hansen and Gary Munson of the Chorus. Bob was 95 on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Chuck and Shirley Schuett for the treat.

Meantime the Chorus has completed registrations, pictures and hotel reservations for the Sangerfest, and rehearsals continue including our hosting the combined session with the Sioux Valley Singers April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Chorus spouses have met to plan a luncheon for this event.

A preacher commented during his sermon, "There will be much wailing and weeping and gnashing of teeth among the wicked, when they pass on to the next world." One parishioner raised his hand and asked, "What about those of us without teeth?" "Teeth will be provided."

American Legion  
Magazine



Bob Hansen, Corr. Sec.

### NORWEGIAN GLEE CLUB Minneapolis MN

The Glee Club has a busy Spring. Our first concert was cancelled due to a March storm, but our schedule is quite full going up to Sangerfest.

Saturday, Apr. 14<sup>th</sup> is our lutefisk dinner and of course we sing between sittings Sunday, Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup>, will be our Spring concert. Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, we will be singing a Heathers Manor in Crystal (a Minneapolis suburb) and May 14<sup>th</sup> we have a concert at Rivers Senior Center in Burnsville. Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, will be a *Syttende Mai* concert at *Mindekirken*. After Sangerfest in Decorah we will be part of the Festival of Music at Minnehaha Communion Lutheran church in Minneapolis on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

We have had our installation of new officers for the year. Our new President is Jack Hauer. He has been on the "Searchö" committee for several years and, with some encouragement, has accepted the ultimate job. As usual most other jobs or posts are repeats. They keep the wheels on the wagon.

We are pleased to announce the addition of a fine new singer, John Bell Wilson. He has sung with the Minnesota Opera, the Minnesota Orchestra and many other places in the States and Europe. He has performed in community theater and soloed with local choirs. Also he has sung the National anthem for the Twins and Gophers. His talent and experience are a great addition to the Glee Club. Other new singers will be announced in the next issue. As the old slogan goes, "You grow or go." We are committed to growing.



For a smile: Some time ago the State of Kentucky enticed Toyota to build a plant near the city of Georgetown, after offering the company a very sweet deal. Well, one day the Governor of the State was scheduled to meet with both the Pope and the President of Toyota.

Very upset, the secretary rushed into the Governor's office with the confusion that she had scheduled both appointments for the same time, and both were on their way. "Which do you want to see first?" she asked the Governor. "I'll see the Pope first," he answered. "I only have to kiss his ring."



Charles Engh, Corr. Sec.

**BJORNSON MALE CHORUS**

**Chicago IL**

Dear Singer Brothers and Ladies,

I am writing a brief line or two regarding our Corresponding Secretary George Michals, who has had the misfortune of coming down with the second strain of the flu. It was seri-

ous enough that he was placed in the ICU at St. Alexius Hospital. We are relieved to say he is improving slowly. Needless to say, it will take some time for George to regain his strength. For those of you who do not know, George's wife is a retired nurse, which is a definite plus.

In closing, George sends greetings and best wishes to all of you.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger Stavnem

**NSAA TREASURER TO RETIRE**

In 2004 I was elected President of the NSAA. The term lasted four years as I led



Francis Peterson, both the 2006 NSAA Treasurer Sangerfest in Decorah and the 2008 Sangerfest in Fargo ND.

In the fall of 2007 our long-time NSAA Treasurer, Guy Hole, died. With no other designated replacement I assumed the position of both Treasurer and President until the Fargo Sangerfest. At that Sangerfest I was appointed NSAA Treasurer and have continued in that position until the present time.

I am asking the NSAA at its business meeting on June 1, 2018, to select a new Treasurer, to assume this position beginning July 1, 2018.

I will have all records, etc. ready for the new Treasurer by June 30, 2018, the end of NSAA fiscal year.

Thank you for the privilege and honor of serving NSAA in this role.

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**DEADLINE FOR  
May-June 2018 ISSUE  
June 20, 2018**

**MINNEHAHA MANDSKOR****Sioux City SD**

The Mandskor is looking forward to Sangerfest 2018, which is rapidly approaching. We are rehearsing vigorously. The joint rehearsal to be hosted by the Norse Glee Club was first postponed due to the death of Terry Walter's mother. Mandskor had a private rehearsal instead to prepare for participation in the funeral, March 3. The following week, we were forced to cancel rehearsal due to weather conditions. We enjoyed a joint rehearsal hosted by the Grieg at Canton, March 26. Our next Sioux Valley collaboration will take place April 23 in Sioux City hosted by the Nordic Male Chorus.

Easter is always a special time of year, and this year the writer was particularly blessed to be able to attend the reenactment of The Lord's Supper at Brandon Lutheran Church, March 28. Our own Hans Peterson directs the choir there and his wife Geri provides accompaniment. There were six Mandskor members singing in the choir. Maundy Thursday, she attended the Easter Cantata at First Reformed Church, where two more Mandskor singers were participating and Lyle Kroon was the director. Both served to prepare hearts and minds for the Easter weekend.

Some of us took in the Sons of Norway Torsk dinner, March 23, either by working as servers or attending as guests. It was a grand evening with ca. 600 people lined up to feast on the food of the gods.

The Active Generations (Senior Center where we rehearse) is having its annual Gourmet Guys fund raiser, April 29. The Mandskor will again provide one of the featured chefs who

will prepare 600 or more bite-sized servings of a culinary work of art. This year Larry Luineburg and Bruce Duncan will represent us.

We have some illness affecting the group in the way of normal winter colds. Member Eldon Anderson has been absent after surgery to have malignant tissue removed from his lip.

We await the return of the Amdahlsand Muchows from their winter hiatus in Mesa AZ. They are opting to lengthen their stay this year, but we keep the porch light on and the yellow ribbons on the oak tree.

Winter has reared its ugly face again the first week of April. Temps as low as 5 degrees remind us to lay aside those thoughts of spring that are wont to distract us. And as of this writing, April 15, we have just survived a spring blizzard, leaving us with a foot or more of very heavy snow. This year, Spring is a matter of faith and not sight.



Respectfully  
submitted, Terry Walter, Corr. Sec.

Joke (courtesy of Joel Wehrspann at our April 2<sup>nd</sup> Minnehaha rehearsal)

Ole is arrested for shoplifting a can of peaches. The judge asks him how many peaches there are in the can. Ole responds that there are 10, so the judge doles out the sentence. "For each peach, one day in jail." To which, Ole's wife Lena feels called to interject, "Ole also took a can of peas."

**EDVARD GRIEG CHORUS****Madison WI**

The Edvard Grieg Chorus has moved! In the past 18 years the

Chorus has held its rehearsals at the Sons of Norway Idun Lodge in Madison. Faced with declining membership and resulting financial concerns, Idun recently sold its building. The Chorus was given notice that it needed to remove its music and related property before the closing on April 30. Fortunately we were able to secure new rehearsal and storage space at Trinity Lutheran Church, just five blocks from the Lodge! Several current Chorus members are also members of Trinity.

Saturday, April 14, was moving day for the Chorus. Despite the windy and rainy weather, 25 members and guests gathered to assist in the move.



Two members moving the Norwegian shelving unit built by a former member in 1941, of historical value.



Most of the 25 members who helped make the move to new quarters

With 25 helpers and a small U-Haul truck it didn't take long to accomplish

the task at hand. We left our rehearsal piano behind for our last practice at Idun on Tuesday, April 17. It will be professionally moved the next day to our new home at Trinity.

March and most of April has been spent preparing for upcoming performances and Sangerfest 2018. On Sunday, April 22, we will be singing for the morning service at Memorial United Church of Christ in Fitchburg. Jonathan Schroerlucke, our new director, is also the music director at Memorial UCC.

Later that evening we will be performing for the annual spring dinner meeting of the Norwegian American Genealogical Center and Naeseth Library at the Blackhawk Country Club in Madison. Then on Tuesday, April 24, we will be celebrating our history enjoying our annual Founders Day dinner at the Stoughton Country Club. Special entertainment will be provided by the University of Wisconsin Singers.

Looking ahead to May, the Chorus will again be performing for *Syttende Mai* weekend in Stoughton. On Saturday, May 19, we will perform our annual *Syttende Mai* concert at the Opera House. Following the show we will enjoy an afterglo at the Skaalen Club House. Then on Sunday we will sing for morning services at First Lutheran Church and Christ Lutheran Church followed by a wonderful Norwegian Smorgasbord. We will wrap up May with two final practices for Sangerfest 2018.

We are looking forward to seeing all of our brother singers in Decorah.



Dick Johnston, Corr. Sec.

**NORMENNENES SINGING  
SOCIETY  
Chicago IL**

Normennenes held its 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Song on Friday evening, April 6<sup>th</sup> at Conant High School in Hoffman Estates IL. Singers and guests were welcomed at the school entrance by the enthusiastic and cheerful members of the James B. Conant High School Vocal Jazz Ensemble.

During the *Festival* the Ensemble performed four choral jazz numbers under the direction of Mike Benshish. Mike has been our accompanist now for four years. He teaches music at Conant, and leads their Jazz Ensemble. Mike's wife, Laurey, accompanied us on the flute for our second song, *The Gift of Love*.

We performed in the intimate setting of their main stage. With the front stage curtain behind us, situated on risers that faced the back of the stage, we sang to our audience lined in rows of chairs with their backs to the back of the stage. The all-black curtains and the bright stage lights made for a lively setting for our singing, and created a sense of focus on our music.

Bjornson Male Chorus under Ed Kramer, and members of the Sibelius Male Chorus under Erik Aho joined us for the evening.

The reception afterwards was held in the large choral rehearsal space. The student singers joined us for a spread of fancy sandwiches and pastries. We honored two of our singers who were celebrating birthdays: Henry Carlson and Dick Fjeldheim. Some of the high school students were still there when we sang *Happy Birthday* to them, followed by our signature

Norwegian birthday song that ends in *ōSkoll!ō*. It was fun to watch the students watch us as we carried out our traditional birthday greetings.



Conant High School Vocal Jazz Ensemble performing at our 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of song.



Members of Normennenes, Bjornson and Sibelius Chorus at our Festival of Song.

It was encouraging to witness the excitement and interest that the students showed throughout the evening. We were sharing with the students the long tradition of choral music. And, we all got to feel a bit younger rehearsing and performing in a high school setting. Thanks, Conant High!

We are readying ourselves for, and looking forward to, attending Sangerfest and experiencing the warm hospitality and rich traditions of Luren, Luther College, Vesterheim, and Decorah, Iowa.



Dan Boyle, Corr. Sec.

### GRIEG MALE CHORUS Canton SD

Spring Greetings to all the NSAA members from the Grieg Male Chorus! Looking out the window at white ground, drifts, and 10 to 18 inches of new snow forecast; it's been a challenge to "think Spring," but spring it is with Sangerfest quickly approaching.

The Grieg Male Chorus hosted the first of four joint rehearsals of the Sioux Valley Singers on Monday, March 26. We appreciated good turnout of singers, enjoyed a great rehearsal, and thank our Grieg Ladies Auxiliary for providing delicious refreshments.

Saturday, April 7, our chorus was invited to be a part of the evening entertainment as the Kong Olav V, Sons of Norway Lodge, celebrated the lodge's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Our vocal selections concluded with *La Oss Leve* with the audience participating. This selection was provided to our chorus by one of the six charter members of the chorus that were in attendance.

Due to bad weather, several rehearsals and proposed events were cancelled or postponed.

Looking forward to seeing you in Decorah, in only a few weeks!!

Jerry Holter, Corr. Sec.



### LUREN SINGING SOCIETY Decorah IA

In spite of cancellations of rehearsals due to adverse weather, we did get in two Lenten services on March 14<sup>th</sup> at Ossian Lutheran and March 21<sup>st</sup> at Good Shepherd Lutheran in Decorah. The weather was iffy for our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, set for April 8<sup>th</sup>, but the snow was lighter than predicted, so we filled the Empty Nest Winery, had a fine meal and a brief program highlighted by a quartet replicating the original group of 1868, and a review of some of our history.

Amid these events, some of us got to attend the events honoring Lee Grippen when he received his medal (described on the first page).

We learned on April 10<sup>th</sup> of the death of Dick Biehl at Lake Mills IA. His obituary will be a later issue. Dr. Judisch, Don Berg and our wives attended the memorial service April 20<sup>th</sup> at Salem Lutheran, Lake Mills. Dick had sung with Luren several years after a longer career in Chicago with Normennenes and Bjornson.

Our companion group, Northern Lights (Nordlys), held its Spring concert April 22<sup>nd</sup>. They will sing as part of the Parade of Choruses for the Sangerfest. Several Luren ladies are members of the 60-voice group.

Our own Spring concert with the Norsemen of Luther College, plus the male voices of Decorah High School and the Middle School will be May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at Decorah Lutheran Church.

The following Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, we will travel to Rochester for a joint concert with the Rochester Male Chorus, set for 3 p.m. at Zumbro Lutheran Church, 624 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. SW. We have sung with them on several



other occasions, usually followed by a social hour/meal.

With the addition of three members since New Year's, our grand total of new or returning former members totals 21! Most of them are already signed up to help host Sangerfest.



Don Berg, Corr. Sec.

### **NORSE GLEE CLUB Sioux Falls SD**

Unfortunately, as I prepare this report, Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, "Spring" has not yet arrived for us. By all special weather reports today, the state of South Dakota is "shut-down." "Piles of snow," "High winds," and "poor visibility" dominate their reports, combined with cautions for all to "best stay in place."

Musically, all is not lost however. March saw our music folders become complete with Sangerfest 2018 music for both our individual presentations at the Parade of Choruses and at the Grand Concert. Several rehearsals have had to be cancelled due to weather, however. So, when held, each had to be extensive and extended in order to get proper coverage of the selections. We, the Norse Glee Club, have chosen to offer "Solveto" (Memories) and "Shall we Gather at the River" for the Parade of Choruses. Both of these pieces seem to be coming along well. Additionally, we will be part of the Sioux Valley Singers program, and we will be contributing members to the Veterans Chorus program. Concerning Sangerfest 2018, our other preparations are also on track.

Our registrations (15) have been made, hotel reservations are in place, program ads are ordered, and our delegates to the NSAA business meeting have been chosen, and certified to the NSAA secretary. SO, next stop is DECORAH!

Besides undertaking Sangerfest 2018 preparations, we are routinely being called upon to sing the National Anthem at various sporting events. On Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, we performed indoors during the NCAA Division II Basketball championship games at the recently-opened Pentagon Arena here in Sioux Falls. On Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, we will again sing outdoors at the Augustana University baseball team's "Senior Day" event. We have done this latter event before, in return for the help the team members give us each year during our Lutefisk suppers in the Fall. Other similar opportunities to sing the National Anthem have been identified for June and August this year.

A final word for our "Brothers in Song" to the East of us: by the time you read my report I hope this storm, and all its effects, will be past you. AND that Spring will be in place for all of us.



Gail Kristensen, Corr. Sec.

### **Message from Director in Chief.**

Dear Brother Singers,

Sangerfest is a great way to renew old friendships and to develop new ones. It is a great opportunity to pay tribute to those who have honored our organization by attending Sangerfest on numerous occasions, and it is a very nice chance for us to welcome new members, especially those who

are attending their very first Sangerfest.

We need to remember that we continue to make music from the Nordic repertoire in order to preserve these fine traditions in that type of music. We come together as brother singers to share common experiences in song. This is by far our best opportunity to preserve the Norwegian male chorus heritage and to continue important traditions in male chorus singing that were started long ago.

This year we welcome you to Decorah, Iowa!! Our Luren Singers family is working very hard to provide you with the best Sangerfest experience possible.

Med sanger-hilsen,



Dave Judisch

#### ADDITIONAL TICKETS FOR SANGERFEST 2018 EVENTS

Thursday Parade of Choruses

Free

Thursday Afterglow \$40

Friday Veterans Brunch \$20

Friday Banquet (Not Available)

Saturday Ladies Luncheon  
(Limited Number) \$40

Saturday Afterglow \$40

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Tickets for the Saturday Grand Concert (\$15) may be ordered online at [www.tickets.luther.edu](http://www.tickets.luther.edu) or purchased at the door.

#### Veterans Chorus

Greetings! Sangerfest 2018 is about one month away. The Veterans Chorus is one more chance to raise your voice at Sangerfest. If you are 60 years of age and have attended (or are attending) your fifth Sangerfest, you are eligible to be a member of the Veterans Chorus and are strongly encouraged to join our Veterans group. No dues are required to be a member of the chorus but we do pass the hat for a free will offering to support our chorus treasury.

Veterans Chorus members are eligible to sing with the Veterans Chorus in the Parade of Choruses on Thursday evening and to attend the Veterans brunch. The Veterans brunch will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 1st at Luther College's Baker Village. The Brunch is a time for not only a great meal, but to meet other veterans and reminisce about other great chorus and Sangerfest memories. Our brunch menu is one of Luther College specialties, sure to stimulate your taste buds.

**The brunch price will be \$20, not \$30 as shown on the registration form.** Those veterans who already paid the \$30 will be eligible for a \$10 refund.

We will hear a presentation from Decorah's unique Seed Savers Exchange. Their mission is *to conserve and promote America's culturally diverse but endangered garden and food crop heritage for future generations by collecting, growing, and sharing heirloom seeds and plants*". The Exchange is a contributor to the Global Seed (Doomsday) Vault deep underground in Svalbard, Spitzbergen, Norway.

Bob Lillie, Veterans President

In addition to free admission to Vesterheim, the following Tours and Activities will be available for you to enjoy during Sangerfest 2018. Additional Information and weblinks can be found online at [www.nsaaonline.org](http://www.nsaaonline.org)

ÉVesterheim Museum

ÉPorter House Museum

ÉDecorah: A Walk into the Past

ÉWalking Tour of Luther College

ÉDecorah's Nordic Dancers

ÉSteier Opera House and Hotel  
Winneshiek

ÉDecorah Community Prairie  
Butterfly Gardens

ÉDecorah Fish Hatchery &  
Decorah Eagles

ÉDunning Springs Park

ÉHelps Park

ÉPulpit Rock



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## Don't Miss Vesterheim During Sangerfest 2018

Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum  
welcomes all Sangerfest participants to visit free of charge  
from Wednesday, May 30, through Sunday, June 3, 2018.

*Wearing your Sangerfest nametag will help us know who you are.*

Also enjoy a 10% discount when you shop at the Museum Store!

Tour the museum's Main Building on your own from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM daily.

Enjoy a guided tour of Vesterheim's Open Air Division of historic buildings  
daily at 1:30 PM and on Friday and Saturday mornings at 10:30 AM.

### *Special Vesterheim Activities for Sangerfest participants on Friday, June 1*

- 10:00-11:00 AM A reception featuring coffee, juice, and Norwegian cake served in the lobby of the museum's Main Building
- 11:00-11:30 AM Talk on *The Power of Norwegian Silver*, by Vesterheim Chief Curator Laurann Gilbertson, in the Amdal-Odland Heritage Center Gathering Room—Bring a piece of Norwegian jewelry!
- 1:00-1:30 PM Talk on *The Power of Norwegian Silver*, by Vesterheim Chief Curator Laurann Gilbertson, in the Amdal-Odland Heritage Center Gathering Room—Bring a piece of Norwegian jewelry!
- 1:30-2:30 PM A reception featuring coffee, juice, and Norwegian cake served in the lobby of the museum's Main Building



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**ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR NSAA BUSINESS MEETING****Adapted from ARTICLE XI****Meeting Date: June 2, 2018 @ 9:30am****Location: Baker Commons, Luther College, Decorah, IA**

1. Roll call of officers by the Recording Secretary
2. Credentials committee report
3. Action on the minutes of previous business meetings  
(Oct. 22, 2016 meeting as printed in Sept-Oct 2016 *Sanger-Hilsen*)
4. Action on applications of new choruses
5. Director-in-Chief report
6. President's report
7. Vice-Presidents' reports
8. Corresponding Secretary's report
9. Committee and Website reports
10. Treasurer's report
11. Auditor's report (updated incorporation papers filed with South Dakota)
12. *Sanger-Hilsen* Editor's report
13. Review and determine the honoraria, membership dues, subscription rates, etc.
14. Unfinished business
  - a. Music Committee -- Change in Article XVIII

*Moved and seconded to recommend Proposed Change to Music Committee be changed at the Sangerfest 2018 biennial Business Meeting. Motion passed.*

**CHANGE IN THE BYLAWS of NSAA CONSTITUTION [see details on page 16]**

- b. Suggestions for future Sangerfests -- an update
  1. Better coordination with men's and women's schedules and more joint activities.
  2. Reduce costs/expenses of Sangerfest to encourage attendance.
- c. Appointment of Website administrator. Suggestion made to include duties as part of *Sanger-Hilsen* editor position.
- d. Review of Medals ó cost (particularly diamond) and eligibility (pianist)
- e. Other items?
15. New business
  - a. NSAA Presidential Special Recognition Citation
  - b. NSAA-PCSNA joint efforts
  - c. 2022 Sangerfest
  - d. Other items
16. Invitation for the next Sangerfest
17. Election of officers
  1. Nominations received in writing:
    - President: Paul Larson (Edvard Grieg Chorus, Madison, WI)
    - Assoc. Director-in-Chief: Jonathan Schroerlucke (Edvard Grieg Chorus, Madison WI)
  2. Nominations for all officer positions can also be made from the floor.
18. Adjournment

Friendly reminder: At the October 2016 Board meeting, it was strongly suggested that verbal reports be summaries, and that all reports should be printed in advance and available at the time of the meeting when possible. The Board moved and seconded to limit State VP reports to one page and a two minute verbal report at the Business Meeting. All written reports submitted to the Recording Secretary are attached to the official minutes of NSAA Business and Board meetings.

## Norwegian Singers Association of America, Inc.

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 Singers Association**  
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**Club Membership Index**

### ILLINOIS CHICAGO

#### Bjornson Male Chorus

Rehearsals: Each Tuesday 7:30 p.m. at 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church, 9857 Schiller Blvd. Franklin Park IL 60131. 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, [ed.Kramer@ATT.net](mailto:ed.Kramer@ATT.net).

#### Normenneses 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. cell (630)479-4233 [thorfjell@comcast.net](mailto:thorfjell@comcast.net) Corresponding Secretary: Dan Boyle, 8840 Forestview Rd., Evanston, IL 60203. tel (312)330-1450. [danielboyle@me.com](mailto:danielboyle@me.com) Director: Charles Kessell, 6042 W. Grace St., Chicago, IL 60634. Tel: (773)481-5941, cell (773)858-5325, [perc55@juno.com](mailto:perc55@juno.com).

### ROCKFORD

#### Harmony Singing Society

Rehearsal each Tuesday 7:00 p.m. at our Club: 1104 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. Rockford, IL 61104. President: Jim Wolf, 1104 15<sup>th</sup> Ave., Rockford, IL 61104, tel (815) 965-7833.; Corresponding Secretary: Steve James, 625 Dawson Ave., Rockford IL 61107. tel. (815)601-3813. [stevej1945@comcast.net](mailto:stevej1945@comcast.net). Director: Sherry Dreyfuss, 11665 Glen Eagles Lane, Belvidere IL 61008. Tel (815)978-2245. [swedishcantor@gmail.com](mailto:swedishcantor@gmail.com)

### 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](mailto:gregors5@juno.com); Director: Charles Schuett, 5040 Stone Ave., Sioux City, IA 51106, tel. (712) 276-2328, [scschuett@aol.com](mailto:scschuett@aol.com).

### DECORAH

#### Luren Singing Society

Rehearsal: Every Monday night, 7:30 p.m. at Thomas Roberts High School. President: Dan Alstad, 19714 Co. Rd. 4, Spring Grove MN 55974. tel. 507-498-3676, [dalstad@springgrove.coop](mailto:dalstad@springgrove.coop). 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](mailto: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: Jack Hauer, 4804 Elliot Ave. S. Minneapolis MN, 55417-1138. Tel. 612-823-6051 ; Corresponding Secretary: Charles Engh, 7642 Prairie Flower Blvd., Chanhassen, MN 55317, tel. (952)401-8838; [cbengh@hotmail.com](mailto:cbengh@hotmail.com) Director: Carsten Slostad, 1065 Portland Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104-7011; tel. (651) 291-8639 [carstonian@hotmail.com](mailto:carstonian@hotmail.com).

### SOUTH DAKOTA

#### SIOUX FALLS

##### Minnehaha Mandskor

Rehearsal: Each Monday, 7:30 p.m. at Center For Active Generations, 2300 W. 46<sup>th</sup> St., Sioux Falls, SD. President: Larry Luinenburg, 7300 S Edinburg Pl, Sioux Falls SD 57108. tel. (410)241-6832 [lluienburg@gmail.com](mailto:lluienburg@gmail.com) Corr. Secretary: Terry Walter (below), Director: Terry Walter, 2708 West Oak St., Sioux Falls, SD 57105, tel. (605) 339 0607, [clefdwellers\\_on\\_oak@juno.com](mailto:clefdwellers_on_oak@juno.com).

##### Norse Glee Club

Rehearsal: Each Monday, 7:30 p.m. at Nordic Hall. President: David Lien, 1800 Split Rock Blvd., Brandon SD 57005, tel. (605)582-3565; Corresponding Secretary: Gail Kristensen, 111 W. 17<sup>th</sup> St., Apt. #110, Sioux Falls, SD 57104, tel. (605)731-5281 [mrgail@sio.midco.net](mailto:mrgail@sio.midco.net). Director: Lyle E. Kroon, 1216 Sunset Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57105, tel. (605) 212-1309.

### CANTON

#### Grieg Male Chorus

Rehearsals: Each Monday, 7:30 p.m. at Canton Good Samaritan Center. President: Doug Olseth, 626 N Broadway St., Canton SD 57013, tel (605)764-2928, [olenorsk54@hotmail.com](mailto:olenorsk54@hotmail.com). Corresponding Secretary: Jerry Holter, 28724 480<sup>th</sup> Ave., Canton, SD 57013, tel. (605) 987-2161; Director: Lane Karli, 3401 S. Grace Ave., Sioux Falls SD 57103-7219, tel.(605) 275-5591. [lrkarli@sio.midco.net](mailto:lrkarli@sio.midco.net)

### WISCONSIN

#### MADISON

##### Edvard Grieg Chorus

Rehearsal: Each Tuesday, 7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1904 Winnebago St, Madison, WI 53704. President: Dick Johnston, 26 Chautauqua Tr., Madison WI 53719, (608) 833-6284 [richarj@charter.net](mailto:richarj@charter.net). Corresponding Secretary: Dick Johnston, 26 Chautauqua Tr., Madison WI 53719, (608) 833-6284 [richarj@charter.net](mailto:richarj@charter.net) ; Director: Jonathan Schroerlucke, 117 S. Franklin St., Stoughton WI 53589-2218.

### SIOUX VALLEY SINGERS ASSOCIATION

#### OFFICERS:

President: Ray Schnabel, 2201 Pebble Beach Ln, Brandon SD 59005. Vice President TBA. Secretary: Gail Kristensen, 111 W. 17<sup>th</sup> St., Apt #110, Sioux Falls SD 57104. tel: (605) 731-5281, [mrgail@sio.midco.net](mailto:mrgail@sio.midco.net); Treasurer: David Stene, 2315 S. Cliff Ave. No.6, Sioux Falls SD 57105, tel. (605) 332-2055; Director: Terry Walter, 2708 West Oak St., Sioux Falls, SD 57105, tel. (605) 339 0607, [clefdwellers\\_on\\_oak@juno.com](mailto:clefdwellers_on_oak@juno.com); Assoc. Director: Lyle E. Kroon, 1216 Sunset Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57105, tel. (605) 335-1624.

## PACIFIC COAST NORWEGIAN SINGERS ASSOCIATION

### OFFICERS:

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## CALIFORNIA

### OAKLAND

#### Normanna Glee Club

Rehearsal: time and place unknown

President: Larry Schaleger, [qubedude@ajk.cin](mailto:qubedude@ajk.cin); Secretary: Paul Eikeberg, tel. (925)485-1538 [vikingike@yahoo.com](mailto:vikingike@yahoo.com)  
Director: unknown

### SAN DIEGO

#### San Diego Mannskor

Rehearsal: every Monday at 7:00 p.m. on the campus of San Diego State Univ. in music Bldg. President: Sven I. Olsen, 2991 Jacks Creek Pl. Escondido, CA 92027, tel. (619) 709-6171, [svenio@cox.net](mailto:svenio@cox.net); Secretary: Jon Homerud, 3354 Bonica Woods Dr., Bnita, CA 91902 (619)223-2784 [holmerud@cox.net](mailto:holmerud@cox.net); Director: Paul May, tel. (619)227-9979 [paulthomasmay@gmail.com](mailto:paulthomasmay@gmail.com)

### SAN FRANCISCO

#### Norwegian Singing Society of San Francisco

Rehearsal: Meets every Monday 7:00 p.m. at 235 Brentwood Ave., San Francisco, CA 94127. President: HerleivStorseter, 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](mailto: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](mailto:desperum@gmail.com); Director: Ed Amundson, 29453 Culver Lane, Junction City OR 97448-9438. tel. (541) 998-6329 [amundson@peak.org](mailto: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](mailto:paul.flora@pgn.com); Secretary: Wes Anderson, tel.

(503)363-1714 [wander@comcast.net](mailto:wander@comcast.net); Director: Peter Butler, 31869 Eastway, Lebanon, OR 97355, tel. (503) 259-2006, [whitewolf372@centurytel.net](mailto: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, cell phone (360)303-3919, [stmjensen@earthlink.net](mailto:stmjensen@earthlink.net).

### 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](mailto:craig_fredlund@jamco-america.com). Secretary: Robert Bruland, tel. (425)335-1150 [burland2@comcast.net](mailto:burland2@comcast.net). Director: Steve Jensen, 2694 Goshen Rd., Bellingham, WA 98226, cell phone (360)303-3919, [stmjensen@earthlink.net](mailto:stmjensen@earthlink.net)

### POULSBO

#### VestreSundMannskor

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](mailto:wrosvold@gmail.com); Director: KathyHaug, 21050 Fern St. Indianola WA 98342. Tel. (360) 908-9806. [Kathy@meland.com](mailto:Kathy@meland.com).

### SEATTLE

#### Norwegian Male Chorus

Rehearsal: Every Monday evening 7:30 p.m. 9217 27<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, Seattle WA. 98117-2842 Officers: President: Jens Eysteinnsson, tel. (205)799-8000. [JensEysteinnsson@AmmericanSeaffods.com](mailto:JensEysteinnsson@AmmericanSeaffods.com) Secretary: Rolf Federspiel, tel. (425)823-9080, [farfarfed77@frontier.com](mailto:farfarfed77@frontier.com). Director: G. Robert Johnston, 4707 NE 192 Pl., Lake Forest Park, 98155, tel. (206)362-1094, [bobsings@gohuskies.com](mailto:bobsings@gohuskies.com)

### SKAGIT VALLEY

#### Skagit Valley Manskor

#### PO Box 481, Mt. Vernon, WA 98273

Rehearsal every Monday at 7:00 PM at Abel Lodge, 21098 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Conway WA 98238,. Officers: President: Jeff Highland tel. (360)387-5285. [highland@smumn.edu](mailto:highland@smumn.edu) Secretary Skip Ingraham tel (360)387-6168. Director Steve Jensen, 2694 Goshen Rd., Bellingham, WA 98226, cell phone (360)303-3919, [stmjensen@earthlink.net](mailto:stmjensen@earthlink.net)

### TACOMA

#### Normanna Male Chorus

Rehearsal: Each Monday 6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 20 Tacoma Ave. S, Tacoma, Wash. President: Pete Petersen, tel.(509)607-9406, [o.petersen@gmail.com](mailto:o.petersen@gmail.com) Secretary: Loren Jangaard, 5917 34<sup>th</sup> St NW, Gig Harbor WA 98335, tel. (252)265-2312, [jangaard@hatmail.com](mailto:jangaard@hatmail.com); Director: Jon Malmin, 14211 Peacock Hill Ave, Gig Harbor WA 98332, (tel) (253)514-8677, [jmalmin2@comcast.net](mailto:jmalmin2@comcast.net)

**Music Committee**

**CHANGE IN THE CONSTITUTION**

ARTICLE XVIII currently reads

1. There shall be a music committee of five members, with the Director-in-Chief and the Associate Director-in-Chief as two of its members, and three chorus directors to be elected by the convention. This committee is to select appropriate music for the Grand Concerts at each Sangerfest, and ensure that competent artists are engaged. This committee shall be responsible for determining the order in which the musical selections are performed.

Proposed change to read:

1. There shall be a music committee consisting of the Director-in-Chief, the Associate Director-in-Chief, and the directors of the NSAA choruses. Chaired by the Director-in-Chief, they will select appropriate music for the Sangerfest Grand Concerts, and ensure that competent artists are engaged. This committee shall be responsible for determining the order in which the musical selections are performed.