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MINNEHAHA MANDSKOR Sioux Falls SD

The Minnehaha Mandskor reconvened with a rehearsal, September 10. While we haven't yet lost snowbirds, we again have members recovering from serious health setbacks.

Tenor Paul Opsahl suffered a serious heart attack which will have him in a minimum two-month recovery. Bass and librarian Bill Schoep is recovering from not one but two surgeries. After coming home

from the first procedure, he experienced a fainting spell that resulted in a serious fall necessitating another surgery to repair damage to his neck. We are rejoicing with Bill that he was not left paralyzed as his surgeon says he might have been.

Marlan and Carol Velgersdyk continue to undergo treatment and recovery respectively. Dene Amdahl is recovering from shoulder surgery. Accompanist Deanna Wehrspann is experiencing sciatic nerve pain. (Too many hours of sustain pedal work can

do that to a pianist.) Our weaknesses bring to light how lucky we are to have each other for support.

Hans and Geri Peterson substituted at the podium and piano while director Terry Walter was on vacation and accompanist Deanna Wehrspann was suffering from sciatica. It is good to have available people within our Mandskor family to cover absences.

Our annual trip to Minneapolis was October 6-7. We left early Saturday, with a bus load of Mandskor members and Mandskor groupies. (Over the years we've had many folks from Brandon join us for our trip. They are not only repeat travelers with us but such fans of the choir that we now call them our groupies.)

Our first stop was the James Hill House in St. Paul, MN. The mansion was built by an early railroad magnate. Lunch was experienced at Moscow on the Hill. The restaurant is owned by a Russian couple who treat you like their guests. We proceeded to the Minnesota History Center where we enjoyed a self-guided tour.

Our evening entertainment was YOU SMELL BARN, performed by the Church Basement Ladies, at their new venue in Burnsville, MN. After an overnight in Burnsville, we participated in the 9 AM service at First English Lutheran Church in Faribault MN. This is a beautiful sanctuary with a most welcoming congregation. We were honored to have them serve a beautiful array of Scandinavian treats at their morning coffee time after the service.

A stop for lunch at Trumbull's in Albert Lea completed our trip. Despite the cold rainy weather, the group reports another successful trip.

October 8, we met before rehearsal to share in our annual hobo stew. Our auxiliary ladies start the soup pot with a hamburger/onion base. We all bring a canned good to add to the pot and our famous never duplicated soup takes shape. It is truly a new creation every year.

Our scheduled concerts are: Monday, October 29, 7:00 PM, at Bethany Madows Retirement Community, Brandon SD; Monday, November 5, 7:00 PM, at Trail Ridge Retirement Community; Thursday, November 15, 7:00 PM, at Dow-Rummel Village; and Sunday, November 18, 2:30, at O'Gorman Performing Arts Center as part of the Festival of Men's Voices. Our Christmas party is set for Monday, November 26, after which we will be on break until February.



Terry Walter, Corr. Sec.

NSAA President's Column

The Art of Asking.

Do you remember how you came to join your Norwegian singing group? Chances are that someone asked you to join.

In our rapidly moving society, how do we encourage others to join our singing groups? If most of us have joined because we have been asked, it should be clear that we need to ask others to join us. But asking others to join can be uncomfortable for Scandinavians. We need to ditch our Scandinavian inhibitions and learn how to ask. Here are some keys to the art of asking:

1. Don't look at your shoes when you ask someone to join. You're proud of your group and you can look your prospect in the eye.

2. If they say they're not Norwegian, they might be surprised if they would only look at their DNA. Also remind them that we may not all be Norwegian, but we're probably all a little Neanderthal.

3. If they say that they don't speak or understand Norwegian, tell them that we don't either (with very few exceptions). If they know öyahö and öskälö they're in.

4. Invite a prospective singer to one of your concerts and show your enthusiasm when your director wants you to clap clap.

5. If he says he doesn't have enough time tell them that they've already seen all the reruns of their favorite shows. They should always make time to enjoy the things they enjoy most singing.

In all seriousness, it is harder and harder to recruit singers to our Norwegian singing groups. One of the problems is that our Norwegianness becomes more and more diluted, and our ties with Norway become thinner and thinner. But there is still the love of music and the fun of becoming a part of a singing group. Pass on this fun of singing ask others to join your chorus.



Paul Larson, NSAA President

EDVARD GRIEG CHORUS

Madison WI

Our Chorus began the 2018-19 performance year with our annual picnic on September 11. We gathered at the new Nordic Ridge Park in Stoughton. We had a great turnout with over 60 members, spouses and guests attending. The weather was perfect, the food was great, and the fellowship was lively.

We had not been together since Sangerfest so there was plenty to talk about, particularly our summer trips, health updates, and various related activities. Everyone was excited about beginning the new season and starting the challenging work of preparing for Sangerfest 2020.

We began our regular Tuesday practices on September 18. Prior to the practice our Board of Directors met to consider several important matters that would then be recommended for consideration by our full membership. These issues included the re-election of officers, review of the Chorus' financial status, establishment of the membership and performance fees for 2018-19, and compensation for our Director, Assistant Director, and Accompanist.

The Board's recommendations were then submitted to and approved by the members of the Chorus. There was general agreement that our two major challenges for the year were recruiting additional members and securing more performance opportunities. In fact, a promotions committee was appointed to pursue additional performances during the year.

Our first performance for the year was on October 17 at Grace Lutheran Church in Cambridge, Wisconsin.

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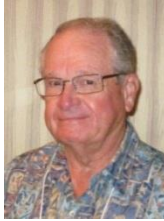
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**DEADLINE FOR
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The church is celebrating its 125th Anniversary this year and we were honored to be asked to participate in their festivities.

We sang several of our favorite selections including *Hil dig, Norge, I Will Lift My Eyes, Dear Land of Home, Sangerhilsen, You Raise Me Up, and Aftensang*. Following the concert, members of the Chorus as well as the audience enjoyed Norwegian delicacies and coffee. All in all it was a great way to start out the new performance season.



Dick Johnston, Corr. Sec.

NORWEGIAN GLEE CLUB Minnapolis MN

We have just had our first practice as we prepare for a busy Fall and Winter schedule. We start with New Perspectives at Eagan on Oct. 1. Director Carsten has us getting fresh with some old and some new.

We are missing some key singers with Andy Anderson still rehabbing from that serious auto accident; Bob Olson No. 1 is recovering at his daughter's home in Texas; Harold Huglen suffered a bad fall; Bent Paulsen not well; Bjorn Hagen and Bjorn Lasserud absent.

We did welcome back Glen Tollefson and a new sing singer (Who?--Ed)..As with most Choruses we need to increase our recruiting efforts, and I am confident we can.

After New Perspectives, our business manager, Ted Anderson has committed us for a concert at Heather Manor in Crystal Oct. 17, Village Shores in Richfield Oct 26, and in

between our Lutefisk dinner servings on Oct 13.

We will be at *Mindekirken* for All Saints Sunday Nov. 4 and our *Julekonsert* Dec. 16. We are sorry to have to pass up some requests, but so it is.

Our lutefisk sales manager, Earl Evenstad, already is taking reservations requests and Arne Selbyg is selling õchancesö to raise funds for our music fund. I look back and remember the many years that dear friends and singers Clarence Hanson and Sverre Waagen worked the tables selling those books of tickets. Bob Olson No. 2 has the big job of lining up the required bodies to serve the ravenous fish diners. Boy Scouts fill in the voids very well.

For a smile: Once upon a time a four year old boy was visiting his aunt and uncle. He was a very outspoken little boy and often had to be censured to say the right thing at the right time. One day at lunch, when the aunt had company, the little boy said, õAuntie, I want to tinkle.ö Auntie took the boy aside and said, õNever say that, sonny. If you want to tinkle, say -I want to whisperö Then the incident was forgotten.

That night when Uncle and Auntie were soundly sleeping, the little boy climbed into bed with them. He tugged at his uncle's shoulder and said õUncle, I want to whisper.ö uncle said, õAll right, Sonny, don't wake Auntie up. Whisper in my ear.ö The little boy was sent back to his parents the next day!



Charles Engh, Corr. Sec.

BJORNSON MALE CHORUS**Chicago IL**

Dear Singer Brothers,

Our first rehearsal was on Tuesday, Sept. 11th after a long summer break. As expected, our gathering was somewhat sparse. As time marches on, as many choruses have experienced, we have lost many fine singers due to illness and age.

Presently we are down to a dozen active voices and our Director, Ed Kramer states we have a good blend and should continue performing.

In December we have three engagements: the Danish Retirement Home in Chicago, the Edison Park Lutheran, and *Minnekirken* in Logan Square in Chicago. At the end of the year we'll be faced many decisions regarding the viability of our Chorus.

Our Christmas Dinner Concert will be on Friday, December 21st at the Avalon Banquet Hall in Elk Grove Village. After cocktail hour the chorus will sing two songs and then dinner will be served. After a fine meal we will sing five more songs to conclude the evening of great fellowship with audience participation of favorite Christmas Carols.

As is traditional, our last song will be the chorus singing O Holy Night featuring our illustrious first tenor, Ken Michaels as he brings a standing ovation from the audience, ending the evening.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Leve Sangen,



George Michals, Corr. Sec.

NORDIC MALE CHORUS**Sioux City IA**

After a long summer recess-with Sangerfest Tunes still echoing, the Nordics kicked off the new season with a social event Sept. 24. Dinner provided by the spouses and Daves Chicken heralded the evening of good food and conversation.

Special guests included Mark and Renee Huenemann of Peoria AZ, long time friends of Chuck and Shirley Shuett. Shirley and Renee have been friends since childhood in South Dakota. Interestingly, Renee was Terry Walter's teacher in Freeman SD.

Rehearsals were scheduled to begin the next Monday with members emptying their folders of music from the Sangerfest. The Chorus will be entertaining at nursing homes during the Christmas season. Yuletide music will be handed out.

Preparations for the Sioux Valley Sangerfest will begin early next year. The four choruses from Sioux City, Canton, and Sioux Falls will stage the Sangerfest next summer.

The Chorus looks forward to another great season of singing, and new members are always welcomed!

What did Chales Dickens keep in his spice rack? The best of thymes and worst of thymes!---Legion Magazine



Bob Hanson, Corr. Sec.

öAll the sounds of the earth are like music.ö Oscar Hammerstein

**NORMENNENES SINGING
SOCIETY
Chicago IL**

On Sunday, September 9th, four of our members, Thor Fjell, Jerry Jensen, Bill Johnson and Frank Potempa staffed an informational booth for Normennenes at the Vasa Park Scandinavian Day Festival. It was a beautiful day at the park.

The festival goers were interested in our organization and its place in the history of the Scandinavian community in Chicago. Many were intrigued that we will be celebrating our 150th anniversary in two years.



Jerry Jensen, Frank Potempa, Bill Johnson and Thor Fjell at Vasa Park

Plans are well underway for our 148th Anniversary Dinner Dance and Concert on Sunday, October 21st. The Grieg Ladies Chorus will join us for two songs, and perform a few songs from their own repertoire during the concert. Our director, Chuck Kessel, assumed the director role for the Grieg Ladies two years ago. They have sung at previous Normennenes concerts, and we look forward to having them return this year to perform at our Anniversary

concert. We are busy at rehearsal preparing our mix of songs to perform.

We are also looking forward to our performance at St. Bartholomew church in their annual parish concert on November 17th. We have sung with their choruses for a number of events in recent years. On December 2nd we will join the Chicago Norwegian community for the annual *Minnekirken* Christmas celebration, followed by our Annual Family Christmas event on December 7th.

In the book, *The History of the Norwegians of Illinois*, Normennenes Singing Society is referred to by its original Norwegian title, *Normaendenes Sangforening*. The book, written in 1905, reported that the Norwegian Relief Society was organized by a committee appointed by the *Normaendenes Sangforening* for that purpose. This relief society afterward organized the Norwegian Lutheran Tabitha Hospital Society.

This hospital society later founded Norwegian American Hospital in 1894 on the north side of Chicago. Grete Tangeros recalls that many former Normennenes members served on their board of directors over the years. It still is in operation today. It is historical details like these that help me appreciate Normennenes history, and its members' place within Chicago's rich cultural heritage.



Dan Boyle, Corr. Sec.

NORSE GLEE CLUB**Sioux Falls SD**

As I sit here today (Sunday Oct. 14) composing this article, there is significant evidence of the first öwetö snow of the season outdoors that occurred overnight. It should be a photographerø delight as all the tree limbs and plant life are fully with foliage, and thus hanging low and snow-covered. The weatherman öpromisesö warmer temperatures later mid-week. We shall see!

The Club is currently in rehearsal to sing, again this year, at the öFestival of Menø Voices.ö This festival features music from seven local menø choruses. The performance will be in Sioux Falls on Sunday, November 18th, with a joint rehearsal a few days prior. Each of the choruses will first offer individual selections.

We (the Norse Glee Club) are planning to perform three; the first being The Dying Rebel, a traditional Irish folk song, as arranged by Mark Sirett, and then Red River Valley, the traditional American cowboy song, as arranged by Roger Emerson. This latter song is written in a minor key to reflect the mood in a more poignant way. Third, we will present Ainø That Good News! This African-American spiritual was arranged by Vicki Tucker Courtney, and is demanding as to its call for significant precision and articulation with regards to text, dynamics, and rhythm.

All our music has been arranged into three-part (TBB) vocalization, in recognition of limitations we are experiencing in finding the higher voice range resources. Then, the 100-plus voices will close with the Song of the Unsung Hero as arranged by Joseph Martin and Pamela Stewart.

As in previous years, proceeds from a good-will offering will go to The Banquet, a local charity providing provisioned school bags to needy children.

Following the Festival, our musical focus shifts to other holiday events. Several performance engagements are in planning. We are focusing on arranging visits to several retirement homes. However, our directorø öplateö (in his öSantaö role) is getting pretty full.

Looking further down the road, I am pleased to report that we have öin-handö almost all of the pieces scheduled for our Sioux Valley Singers Association (SVSA) SANGERFEST 2019 which is to be performed in nearby Brandon, SD next June. This early identification and providing us the music should greatly aid in our preparation and delivery. In keeping with our tradition, one-half of the music will be in a Scandinavian language, primarily Norwegian.

On the people scene, SPENCER SMITH, our accompanist for 2017-2018 has departed to pursue graduate studies at the University Of South Dakota, and will not be available to assist us. We sincerely thank him for his dedicated service, and wish him well in his new endeavors.

We are fortunate to have located and now are welcoming MATTHEW TYLUTKI, into our midst. He recently has completed his undergraduate studies in organ and music education at St. Olaf College, Northfield MN. He has agreed to become our accompanist. He is concurrently the principal organist at Our Saviorø Lutheran Church here in Sioux Falls. Early indications are that

he is another exceptional talent from which we will greatly benefit.

On Friday, November 9th we will, again this year, host a LUTEFISK supper. Support, as before, will come from the Augustana University men's baseball team and other community volunteers. Their help is appreciated, and much needed, as always.

Of note also, we are continuing a buffet service approach to the supper service which we initiated last year. It seemed quite successful and was well received. The serving hours will be 4:30 to 6:30 PM that evening. Ticket sales are underway, and jobs are being identified for our current members. We plan to serve about 300 appreciative patrons at this event.



Gail Kristensen, Corr. Sec.

LUREN SINGING SOCIETY Decorah IA

Last May we held our elections but had to ratify them this fall;- no changes were made.

Our first concert this fall was at St. John's Lutheran Church, Arlington, where the "One in Faith" cluster of several congregations hosted us for a meal and a brief worship service before we sang our full concert.

The following week we learned of the death of a former member, Rolf Brende who sang First Tenor with us during the years he was Associate Pastor of Decorah Lutheran Church (1977-85). A daughter, Heidi, was a part-time Luren accompanist.

Another death of a member who sang just a couple years, David Hegg, occurred within the next week. The obituaries are elsewhere in the report.

We are rehearsing several new pieces for our upcoming pre-Christmas events, caroling Saturday, Dec. 1st at Vesterheim (Bethania Church), then at Wellington Place, Eastern Star and Aase Haugen Home, ending up at a party at Good Shepherd Lutheran, hosted by our directors. On Dec. 9th we will present our concert at Spring Grove in Trinity Lutheran Church at 3:00 p.m., with a holiday banquet.

After last year's bumper crop of new members, we have three more again this fall. I will hold these profiles for the next report because we have not finished out last year's group.

More Luren new members.



Kaplinger

Kim was born at Albert Lea MN, with an older sister and a younger brother. His father farmed and his mother was an RN. On his father's side he is German, while his mother is of mixed ethnic background, mostly Norwegian.

Kim attended Kiester MN High School, participating in football, wrestling, track, band, choir, mixed ensemble and plays. He went on to Augustana in Sioux Falls, majoring in Math and Education, then transferred to U of M at Mankato, earning a

Bachelors in Physical Sciences. He taught two years at Adrian MN, among the Danes, and farmed for 10 years. He has now retired from teaching Math and Science at Spring Grove High School.

Kim is married to Nolie. They are parents of two girls and one boy.

He has sung in the church choir at Trinity Lutheran, Spring Grove.

Kim was invited to Luren by several Spring Grove people, including Dan Alstad. He sings Second Tenor. He says he is öhaving fun in Luren, and likes the way our director strives for perfection.ö



Brent Newgard

Brent was born at Caledonia MN. His father worked in Plumbing & Heating, and his mother in financial work in Houston County MN. Brent has one older brother.

Brent graduated from Spring Grove High School, where he was in Band and Choir from 7th through 12th grade. He went on to Winona State University, earning his Bachelor's degree in Finances.

Brent is single. He sings in the Choir of Trinity Lutheran Church in Spring Grove and often does solos for weddings, etc. He was invited by Eric Frydenlund and others. He sings First Tenor and describes Luren as a öfun group, light-hearted, yet serious.ö



Don Berg, Corr. Sec.

Obituary



David Hegg was born Sept. 10, 1946 in Decorah MN, one of three sons of Rolf and Esther. He graduated from Decorah High School in 1964, and served in the U.S. Navy from 1966 to 1969. David and Elaine Myhre we married in 1974.

They farmed the ancestral farm near Decorah, and was on the Winnesheik Country Farm Bureau Board. He also started his own business, Pest Management of North East Iowa. He was a member of the New Minowa Players and built theater sets for various theatrical groups. He loved carpentry and was quoted öwhen I die it will be with a tool in my hand!ö He sang second bass in church choir and Luren.

David died Oct. 4, 2018, and his funeral was Oct. 10 at Decorah Lutheran Church.

Obituary



Rolf Brende was born Feb. 3, 1941, in Austin MN, son of G.I. and Beldora (Olson) Brende. He married Julie Gryting in 1963.

Rolf graduated from Luther College in 1963 and received a master of divinity in 1967 from Luther Seminary; over 20 years later, he

earned his doctor of ministry. He served as a pastor in churches in Janesville; South Milwaukee, Wis.; and Decorah. He later served as director of pastoral care at Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo and was director of pastoral care at North Colorado Medical Center.

He helped build a night chaplaincy program with area pastors; wrote a book, "Gentle Heart Primer"; and was a frequent contributor to the Lifeline publication in Waterloo. He sang in church choirs and the Greeley Chamber Choir.

Survived by: his wife; children, Heidi (Jonathan) Leathwood of Denver, Colo., Peter Brende of Falcon, Colo., and Lisa (Joseph) Martin of Brighton, Colo.

GREIG MALE CHORUS

Canton SD

Greetings from Greig Male Chorus at Canton. Our chorus began regular

weekly rehearsals the second week of September, after director Lane Karli and wife Renae moved to Nebraska. We are thankful to have secured the talent of a new director for our chorus. Jacob Huber is a sophomore at Augustana University in Sioux Falls, studying vocal music education. He enjoyed spending 2017-2018 school year studying Norwegian language and civilization in Norway.

Our chorus is beginning our Christmas concert preparation for our annual Love, Inc. benefit concert.

Hoping all of you are enjoying nature's harmony as each fall day opens with new selections to view and amaze.



Jerry Holter, Corr. Sec.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR NSAA BUSINESS MEETING

Adapted from ARTICLE XI

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

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

1. Roll call of officers by the Recording Secretary

Attendees:

Roger Buhr-Past President

David Judisch-Director-in-Chief

Richard Leake-Recording Secretary

Gary Hendrickson-Marshal

Don Berg-Corresponding Secretary

Herb Nelson-Veteran's Chorus

Richard Bjorlo-Treasurer

Jon Lewis-Wisconsin State Vice-President

Paul Larson-NSAA President

Unable to Attend:

Jonathan Schroerlucke-Associate Director-in-Chief

Thor Fjell-Vice-President at Large

Jim Slostad-Assistant Marshal

2. Action on the minutes of previous business meetings

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

3. Director-in-Chief report

Discussing repertoire for Sangerfest 2020 with Directors at this time.

4. President's report

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

5. Vice-Presidents' reports

No report.

6. Corresponding Secretary's report

Reported on current inventory of medals available.

7. Committee and Website reports

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

8. Treasurer's report

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

9. *Sanger-Hilsen* Editor's report

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

10. Unfinished business

a. Appointment of Officers not elected at biennial meeting

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

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

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

c. Review of Sangerfest 2018

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

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

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

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

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

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

e. Location for Sangerfest 2022

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

Volunteers?

11. New business

a. Proposed change in Article VI and Article VIII -- Composition of Board of Directors Constitution change—"Board of Directors shall consist of the NSAA Officers"

This proposal was discussed but not acted on. Moved and Seconded to recommend clarification to Article VI (3) to read “Board of Directors”. Passed. [Note: Changes to Constitution and ByLaws will become items for Biennial Meeting at Sangerfest 2020.]

b. First time attendees -- Pins?

c. Veterans -- Medals, Pins, or Certificates?

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

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

Overture Center (Grand Concert) 1:30pm

Orpheum (Parade of Choruses) 1:45pm

Concourse meeting rooms 2:15pm

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

d. Medals -- Price of Diamonds

e. Subscription service for *SangerHilsen*

f. Other New Business

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Leake

NSAA Recording Secretary

Proposed change in the NSAA Constitution

The June 4, 2012 copy of NSAA ByLaws reads:

ARTICLE VI

(1). The NSAA officers shall be: President, past President, Vice-President at large, one Vice President for each State or Province represented by one or more choruses, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Director-in-Chief, Associate Director-in-Chief, Marshal, and Assistant Marshal.

(2). The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice-President at large, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Director-in-Chief, and Associate Director-in-Chief.

(3). The Board shall fill vacancies of the Association's officers in case of deaths or resignations, select the place for the next Sangerfest in case no invitations are extended to the convention and conduct all urgent business that may arise between Sangerfests.

(4). The term of office shall be for two years or until successors have been elected and taken office.

(5). A quorum shall consist of four members of the Board.

(6). To qualify for office, a candidate must be an active singer belonging to one of the Association's choruses.

ARTICLE VIII

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

Proposed change to ARTICLE VI:

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

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Club Membership Index

ILLINOIS CHICAGO

Bjornson Male Chorus

Rehearsals: Each Tuesday 7:30 p.m. at 1st 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.

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 thorfiell@comcast.net Corresponding Secretary: Dan Boyle, 8840 Forestview Rd., Evanston, IL 60203. tel (312)330-1450. danielboyle@me.com 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 7:00 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: Steve James, 625 Dawson Ave., Rockford IL 61107. tel. (815)601-3813. stevej1945@comcast.net. Director: Sherry Dreyfuss, 11665 Glen Eagles Lane, Belvidere IL 61008. Tel (815)978-2245. swedishcantor@gmail.com

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Nordic Male Chorus

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Luren Singing Society

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MINNESOTA

MINNEAPOLIS

Norwegian Glee Club

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SOUTH DAKOTA

SIOUX FALLS

Minnehaha Mandskor

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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. 17th St., Apt. #110, Sioux Falls, SD 57104, tel. (605)731-5281 mrngail@sio.midco.net. Director: Lyle E. Kroon, 1216 Sunset Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57105, tel. (605) 212-1309.

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Grieg Male Chorus

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WISCONSIN

MADISON

Edvard Grieg Chorus

2262 Winnebago, Madison, WI 53704

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Normanna Glee Club

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Director: unknown

SAN DIEGO

San Diego Mannskor

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OREGON

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The Norsemen

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Thorsmen

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Norwegian Male Chorus

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Norwegian Male Chorus

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POULSBO

VestreSundMannskor

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Norwegian Male Chorus

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SKAGIT VALLEY

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Normanna Male Chorus

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