

# ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR NSAA BUSINESS MEETING

Adapted from ARTICLE XI

**Meeting Date: September 16, 2023 @ 3:00 p.m.**

**Location: Meeting held via Zoom**

*Although this was formally an Officer's meeting, the State VPs and other guests were invited to attend.*

NSAA Officer's meeting called to order by President Bill Fried at 3pm.

**1. Roll call of Officers by the Recording Secretary (Leake)**

- a. Officers present: Bill Fried, Rich Leake, Rolf Svano, Rich Bjorlo, Jim Svano, David Judisch, Ed Kramer, Paul Larson. Absent: Frank Potempa, Jim Slostad.
- b. State VPs present: Jim Glesne. Absent: Herb Nelson, Curt Hepner, Jon Lewis
- c. Invited Guest in attendance: Art Roseland.

**2. Action on the minutes of the previous business meeting on June 18, 2022 as printed in *Sanger-Hilsen* May-August 2022.** Moved, Seconded and Passed to waive reading of the minutes and approve as printed.

**3. Director-in-Chief report (Judisch):** Communication about Sangerfest 2024 plans with other choruses has been taking place.

**4. President's report (Fried):** Announced Sangerfest goals of reducing costs, length of event, and tasks to be done as priorities for the Sangerfest 2024 Committee. There has also been discussion about marketing Sangerfest beyond NSAA organizations.

**5. Treasurer's report (Bjorlo):** NSAA is in a good financial position. The net revenue for the last two years [2022-2023] is \$9579.33, with dues and *Sanger-Hilsen* subscriptions making up most of the revenue and *Sanger-Hilsen* the bulk of expenses. Additionally NSAA holds \$44k in CDs and Savings. NSAA received \$8317.00 from the Edvard Greig Chorus in Madison, the hosts of Sangerfest 2022. Bjorlo also gave an update on membership numbers for each active chorus based on dues.

**6. Corresponding Secretary / *Sanger-Hilsen* Editor's report (R. Svano):** Currently attempting to identify potential Medal recipients for 2024 and acquire medals.

**7. Other reports:** Discussed best way to list active and inactive choruses on NSAA website.

**8. Unfinished Business**

**a. Update for Sangerfest 2024 plans [Art Roseland]**

Reviewed Sangerfest 2024 plans to be hosted by the Luren Singing Society in Decorah, Iowa on June 7-8. Tentative plans are for most events to be held at Luther College. Recognizing the impact of reduced membership and the need for increased fund raising, several objectives have been set forward. They include a focus on the Grand Concert, redesign of the Sangerfest program booklet and schedule including making it a two day event, reduction in number of professional Orchestra members, partnering with other related organizations, and

- optional activities for early arrivals. Motion requesting approval of their proposed schedule  
Moved, Seconded, and Passed.
- b. **Other:** none

9. **New Business**

- a. **Disbanded Choruses** -- Members of disbanded choruses are invited and encouraged to participate in Sangerfest 2024
- b. **NSAA online listing of choruses** – will identify as Active and Inactive
- c. **Discussed potential hosting locations for future Sangerfests.** Maybe in MN or WI? Maybe use a meeting planner at non-NSAA chorus locations?
- d. **No new applications for chorus memberships in the NSAA** but there is potential interest.
- e. **Other:** Discussion of networking with related organizations in the Upper Midwest to increase NSAA interest and visibility. Dennis Barnaal is retiring as the *Sanger-Hilsen* Editor, and we need a replacement. Talk to President Fried if interested. And finally, several Officers have received requests for gift cards to be sent – certainly a gremlin has hacked the Officer list. Live links to email addresses will be removed from the website.

10. **Adjournment:** Moved, Seconded, and Passed to adjourn at 3:58pm.