

ICELANDIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA (IAAMN)

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 16, 2012

held at Knights of Columbus in Bloomington

1. IAAMN President Claire Eckley called the business meeting to order at approximately 7:40 p.m. Harvey briefly reviewed the statement of purpose for the IAAMN. Claire asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the last annual meeting, held on November 18, 2011.

MSP Harvey/Stony to approve minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting; Unanimous and Minutes stand as read

2. Doug gave the Treasurer's report. Our cash balance as of the Annual Meeting date is \$1719.25.

MSP Stony/Harvey to approve the Treasurer's report. Unanimous

3. Election of Board members. The following slate of Board nominees for the 2012/13 year was presented to the membership (Nominees are in bold):

Board of Directors 2012 – 2013 (including nominees)

Board members with one year remaining	Board members with two years remaining	Nominees for 3-year terms recommended by the Board	Other Board members*
Lyle Hillman	Mallory Swanson	TJ Johnson	Craig Gudmundson
Joe Bowen	Chris Byron	Steingrimur Steinolfson	Icelandic Hekla Club Seat: Non-Voting Diane Greenwood
Doug Rutford	Orn Bodvarsson	Elin Cadmus	Pall Skaftason
Harvey Thorleifson	Claire Eckley	Steve Guttormson	PP: Katrin Frimansdottir
		Remi Douah	PP: Barbara Gislason
			Keith Stinson, (Leave of Absence)

			Pat Allred, Genealogist

MSP Stony/Lyle to approve the Board nominees for 2012/13. Unanimous.

Election of officers. The following slate of officer nominees was presented to the membership:

Nominees for Executive Board, 2012 - 2013

Claire Eckley	President		
Harvey Thorleifson	Vice President		
Mallory Swanson	Secretary		
Douglas Rutford	Treasurer		
Steingrimur Steinolfson	Past President		

The officers will be voted on in the January board meeting.

Claire then asked for a motion to approve this slate.

MSP Stony/ Harvey Thorleifson to approve the slate of officer nominees. Unanimous.

5. Report on past and upcoming events.

- (i) Leifur Eiriksson Dinner: Last year (2011) we had Birgitta Wallace talking about L’Anse aux Meadows. This year (2012) we had the presentation “Last Kings of North America” by Robert Johnson and his daughter presenting.
- (ii) Thorrablot: We had a successful Thorrablot on February 11, 2012 at Knights of Columbus in Bloomington. Bjorgvin Franz was the Master of Ceremonies and will be for the 2013 event as well. The 2013 event is planned for February 9, 2013, also to be held at the Knights of Columbus.
- (iii) Jolabarnaball: Last year this event was held at the Knights of Columbus and the event was wonderful. There was a great turn out. This coming year (2013) it will be held at the Swedish Institute.
- (iv) Mother’s Fund in Iceland- The INL asked if anyone wanted to donate to help support the fund. There was a large amount gathered by the INL last year, and there are plans to take donations for the fund this year as well.
- (v) Independence Day Picnic: Was held again at Bryant Lake Park and will be held at the same place next summer.

- (vi) Icelandic River Roast Coffee: Coffee will be ordered in the next couple of weeks as it has been for the past few weeks. The IAAMN will coordinate the order with the Hekla Club.
- (vii) Icelandic Christmas service: Last year it was held at Luther Seminary and plans are in place to do that again this year.
- (viii) Thorri for Snorri Fundraiser: Organized to support the Snorri West Program.
- (ix) Meet and Greets: A number of events were held this past year with travelers from all over Iceland. It is a great time with opportunities to make family connections, share history, and make new friends.
- (x) Kvennakor Akureyri: The women's choir visited the Twin Cities this summer while on a North American tour.
- (xi) Farmer's Tour in Duluth
- (xii) INL Convention 2012: Held in Brandon, Manitoba. There were several representatives from Minnesota present at the Convention
- (xiii) International Visits: Vidar Hreinsson presented his book Wakeful Nights about Stefan G. Stefansson, and Mats Wibe Lund presented Photos of Icelandic Farms.
- (xiv) INL Films: Dreamland was shown on Sunday, May 20th in the Bell Museum Auditorium at the University of Minnesota. In Duluth another film was shown.
- (xv) Snorri West: Two participants this past year, Gisli and Karen stayed with Hafrun Hauksdottir in Saint Paul. They traveled to Duluth and Minnesota where they got to stay with Minnesota Icelanders, learn about immigrant history, do some volunteer work, and explore the state before moving onto the next parts of the program in Duluth and Manitoba.
- (xvi) Samkoma: Held at the University Club at the University of Minnesota. The Val Bjornsson scholarship celebrated 30 years.
- (xvii) Skype Project: Looking for ways to keep that going and to find young people to Skype with the students in Vopnafjordur.
- (xviii) Tala Islensku Classes: Taught by Sigga Gudmundsdottir at the Danish American Center.

17. There being no further business, Claire declared the meeting over. The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY Mallory Swanson.