

**Icelandic American Association of Minnesota  
2014 Annual Meeting  
Danish American Center- Minneapolis, Minnesota  
6:30PM on October 28th, 2014**

Present: Doug Rutford, Jody Arman-Jones, Harvey Thorleifson, Mallory Swanson, Chris Byron, Dr. Arnar and Maddy Arnar, Stony Steinolfson, Keith Stinson, Lyle Hillman, Claire Eckley

1. Welcome, Round Table, Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda – consensus in support of the draft
3. Approval of November 15th, 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes

**Motion Doug/Mallory to approve the minutes; carried**

4. Remarks from the Chair

Harvey greeted those present in person and on the phone and expressed thanks for the work done by all.

5. Annual report of the President

The Icelandic American Association of Minnesota (IAAMN) was founded in 1994, to promote Icelandic culture, past and present, to support events that celebrate Icelandic culture and strengthen appreciation of Icelandic heritage, and to provide an organization for anyone interested in Iceland. We coordinate our activity with that of the Icelandic Hekla Club of Minnesota which, having been founded in 1925, is the oldest continuously meeting Icelandic club in the US. We are active members of the Icelandic National League of North America. As of this year, IAAMN is a 501c3 non-profit corporation. Since the 2013 Annual Meeting, we have been pleased to have hosted, co-hosted, or assisted events such as the Jólábarnaball family Christmas party, an Icelandic Christmas Service, a well-attended Thorrablót at which the Ambassador spoke, an Icelandic Independence Day Picnic associated with the Kvennahlaup women's walk and run, Meet and Greets to welcome visiting groups from Iceland, as well as a Leif Erickson Dinner and associated activity. Our focus now increasingly is on the planning of the 2015 Icelandic National League of North America, which we will co-host in May.

Appreciation is expressed to all for excellent work toward our shared objectives. Respectfully submitted, Harvey Thorleifson

6. Annual report of the Vice President

Stony has arranged for some of the event planning tasks to be directed by Doug and other members of the IAAMN.

7. Annual report of the Secretary

Meetings since the Nov. 15th, 2013 annual meeting: Nov. 26th, 2013; Jan 7th, 2014; Feb. 11th, 2014; March 25th, 2014; April 29th, 2014; May 27th, 2014; August 26th, 2014; Prior meeting minutes have been approved at each of the above regular meetings of the IAAMN Board.

Submitted by Mallory Swanson

8. Annual report of the Treasurer

We ended the fiscal year with a balance \$871.65 less than last year. We have started to get donations in for the convention. The Meet and Greet money arrived. A separate account has been created for funds intended for the 2015 INL Convention. We now have PayPal available as a payment option.

**Motion Doug/Mallory to change the fiscal year reporting to November 1-October 31 so that we match the 501c3 permit. Unanimous.**

Claire is owed money, but plans to give it as a donation to the IAAMN, and Doug plans to do the same for the money owed to him. Submitted by Doug Rutford

**Motion Claire/Stony to approve the Treasurer's Report; carried**

9. Annual report of the Past President

We had a presence at the Box Elder Bug Days in Minneota. The Meet and Greets have been wonderful. Nominations to the Board:

**Board of Directors 2014 - 2015**

<b>One Year 2014-2015</b>	<b>Two Year 2012-2015</b>	<b>Three Year 2014-2017</b>	<b>Ex-Officio:</b>
TJ Johnson	Lyle Hillman	Mallory Swanson	Craig Gudmundson
Remi Douah	Joe Bowen	Chris Byron	Non-Voting Hekla Club rep: Maggie Leshar
Steingrimur Steinolfson	Doug Rutford	Shawn Crist	Pall Skaftason
Elin Cadmus	Harvey Thorleifson	Claire Eckley	Barbara Gislason
Steve Guttormsson	Keith Stinson	Response Coming from Icelander or Minneota	Katrin Frimansdottir

## Executive 2014 - 2015

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

**Motion Doug/Mallory to approve the board nominations. Unanimous.**

**Motion Doug/Mallory to approve the Executive nominations. Unanimous.**

### 10. Coordination with Icelandic Hekla Club

The Hekla Club is starting it's 90th year. They are choosing a date for Samkoma. This season two meetings have already been held. There has been an increase in membership.

### 11. Jólábarnaball, December 7th

Confirmed in the large hall at the Knights of Columbus.

### 12. Christmas Service, December 21st

Not yet confirmed.

### 13. Thorrablót

We will have an email discussion to brainstorm speakers and dates.

### 14. Film

### 15. Picnic & Kvennahlaup

We have to make sure we consider Father's Day in scheduling, as it is a conflict for some families.

### 16. Soccer picnic

Claire confirms that there is a team coming for the 2015 tournament.

### 17. Meet and Greet

### 18. Leifur Eiríksson Dinner

#### 19. Library

Claire met with St. Cloud State University. St. Cloud State might be able to work with the community partners in Minnesota, Twin Cities, Wisconsin, North Dakota, The MN History Center, etc.. They could possibly develop the collection, maintain the database, keep photographs, and all other necessary works to build a collection of Icelandic books and papers. This could possibly be separate from the Bill Holm Library project.

#### 20. Nordic cooperation

The Nordic Breakfast is near 1000 people. The Nordic Singers event in June was a beautiful, although lightly attended event.

#### 21. Coordination with INLNA

Claire is the current INLNA President. The INLNA is in good shape, and running many programs. Snorri West will be coming to MN in 2016. IAAMN will pay dues on time.

#### 22. INLNA Convention 2015

We continue to make progress with planning. We have another meeting scheduled with the organizing committee in November. Communication is underway. We have a web presence initiated. Hotel rooms can be reserved now. We are working with the Hilton to clarify details on space and details for our programming. We will be updating the budget in coming days.

Ideas: Balance breakout sessions vs. plenary discussion, Pam's genealogy sessions may bring in some people for a one day session, Doug's friend Gummi wants to come over to share his photo book of North American Icelandic churches, contact Donald K. Johnson as a speaker, having panels

#### 23. Other Business

Nordic Breakfast is November 25th.

#### 24. Adjournment

Harvey called for adjournment at 8 PM.

**Motion Claire/Doug, to adjourn; carried**