

**ICELANDIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA (IAAMN)**  
**Minutes from IAAMN Board Meeting held on**  
**January 7, 2014, 7:00 p.m. at the Danish American Center, Minneapolis MN**

PRESENT: Claire Eckley, Doug Rutford, Harvey Thorleifson, Lyle Hillman (Via conference call), Mallory Swanson, Orn Bodvarsson (via Skype), Steingrímur (Stony) Steinólfsson, TJ Johnson (Via Skype),

1. Welcome, Call to Order

- a. Harvey called the meeting to order at 7p.m.

2. Approval of agenda

3. Approval of November 26th minutes

- a. **Motion Claire/Doug to approve the November 26, 2013 Board meeting minutes as read. Unanimous.**

4. Remarks from the Chair

- a. Harvey notes that he is pleased that everything is moving along well.

5. Treasurer's report

- a. Doug reports that we have 1,300. The deposit was paid for the June Picnic. We have some outstanding liabilities that we hope will soon be taken care of.

- b. Membership: We need to begin being more careful about keeping track of who has paid membership, and who is active in the Association. Doug and Mallory are working on this.

- c. We have some Danish American Center bills and Posturinn postage bills to pay.

**MSP Stony/Claire to approve the Treasure's Report. Unanimous.**

6. Sunshine

- a. We will stay in touch and look forward to a swift recovery among friends such as Steve Guttormsson & Pat Allred.

7. Review of Jólábarnaball & Christmas Service

- a. Both were wonderful successes. The Jólábarnaball was well attended and held at the Knights of Columbus in Bloomington. The Jólábarnaball date has already been booked for next year.

- b. The Christmas service was also well attended and followed by a nice reception. The organist, Steven Self was very helpful and did a great job providing us with music and the facilities at Grace University Lutheran Church. We hope to do a similar event next year.

8. Thorrablót

- a. To be held at the Knights of Columbus in Bloomington on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

- b. The Ambassador will be attending and serving as speaker. He has confirmed his availability. He is arriving the day of the event at 2:18pm. He is booked in at the Marquette Hilton in downtown, Minneapolis. He wants all of Sunday free. On Monday he is going to St. Cloud State University to give a talk titled, Iceland: On the Move. Orn Bodvarsson is hoping to host a lunch there that day before the Ambassador returns home that afternoon or evening.

- c. Bjorgvin will be our Emcee for the night.

- d. Stony has talked to Sigga about having the choir sing as well.

- e. There are a number of people that we would like to invite to Thorrablót and the dinner at St. Cloud presentation.

- f. Honorary Member proposal: Merlin Johnson from Minneota
  - g. John Magnusson will be available to represent the Consuls from Minnesota.
  - h. **Action Items:** The invitation for Thorrablót will come out soon. Harvey will contact the Canadian Consul General. Claire will contact the State of Minnesota, and people such as Eyglo. Orn will work with Dr. Arnar to contact a number of people as well, letting them know that the Ambassador is coming and to invite them to join us. Stony will talk to the Danish Consul. Lyle will donate a paper subscription to L-H. Orn is going to talk to Dr. Arnar and protocol. Doug will order the cake. Stony will take care of the lamb, and make brown bread.
9. Film; March 30<sup>th</sup>?
- a. Living with Lava, the INL sponsored film. A proposal has been made to the Bell Museum, but it has not yet been confirmed.
10. Picnic; June 15<sup>th</sup>
- a. Doug has booked the park for Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. We will talk to Sigga and see if there is a possibility to hold the Hvannahlaup (Women's Run) on the same day.
11. Leif Dinner, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- a. Already reserved the space at the Knights of Columbus in Bloomington. There are 60 people coming from Iceland that sing in a choir that will be coming, possibly with their families.
12. Library
- a. Orn has briefed the Dean of the library at St. Cloud State about what is happening with this project. It will be a premiere collection of Icelandic books/documents.
  - b. Some of this will be discussed when the Ambassador is in town.
13. Liaison with INL- INL Convention in Winnipeg
- a. We have to send a report to INL and pay dues, based on our member count.
  - b. Harvey, Claire, Mallory, Lyle and Orn & hopefully others will attend Winnipeg.
14. Brief update on INL 2015 planning
- a. A broad group that is making steady progress on planning.
  - c. Doug suggest we seize opportunities to promote the library project.
  - d. Doug's friend Gummi may be able to share Icelandic Church books at INL 2015.
  - e. Claire suggest contact with ND, WI, IA, & IL.
  - f. Stony proposes a short story contest.
15. Other business
- a. We were expecting to have received our 501c3 by now, but have not. Claire is going to be following up on this. She will be following up with the Senator's office to assist.
16. Next Board Meeting- Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM
- a. Followed by an INL Planning meeting at 7:30PM to focus on theme, communication and promotion, and a second draft budget.
17. Adjournment

**Notes taken and respectfully submitted by Mallory Swanson.**