

ICELANDIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA (IAAMN)

**Minutes from IAAMN Board Meeting held on
May 9, 2013, 7:30 p.m. at the Danish American Center in Minneapolis, MN**

PRESENT: Claire Eckley, Doug Rutford, Harvey Thorleifson, Mallory Swanson, TJ Johnson (via Skype),
and Chris Byron

1. Claire called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes
MSP Harvey/Mallory to approve the April 25th. 2013 Board meeting minutes as read. Unanimous.
3. Approval of tonight's agenda
MSP Harvey/Mallory to approve the Agenda. Unanimous.

4. Treasurer's report

- a. Balance is \$971.
- b. Harvey reviewed what we discussed in the Executive Board meeting. We looked at the financial cycle and recognized that some of our events are money making and some are money losing. We were pleased to hear Doug's recommendations on optimizing the fiscal year. We hear Doug's recommendation that we move the fiscal year to run July 1-June 30. We should then bring before the board a motion to shift the fiscal year.

Discussion of a fiscal year. Chris Byron brings up the point that the definition of the fiscal year would be in the bylaws and needs to be approved at the next annual meeting.

We are in agreement to consider draft bylaw changes at our June board meeting to accommodate fiscal year changes to July 1 and clarification that amendment is by vote of members. After the June board meeting the revisions would be taken to the membership for consideration at the August annual meeting

MSP Doug/Harvey to approve Treasurer's report. Unanimous.

5. Sunshine- No new information.
6. Correspondence – We have three Minnesotans going on the Snorri Program this year.
7. Board meeting dates
 - June 6th is going to be a meeting of the board
 - June 20th for an INL Conference planning meeting
 - July 11th we will have a regular board meeting

- In the fall we will want to look at other Icelandic-American community events and balance our meetings so everything doesn't fall on one week every month (Hekla, Tala Islensku, etc.)
- August 14th we will hold the Annual Meeting

8. INLNA Convention- No new information to report

9. Nordic Genealogy Conference- It was a wonderful conference. Harvey suggests we do this again, perhaps every three years or so. Things that were discussed that could be improved were signage and having a central place for lunch. Also, it would be nice if the fee could be lower next time an event like this is held.

10. Icelandic Day Picnic on June 15th- Sign-Up Genius seems as if it will work well for coordinating who is bringing some of the core supplies. Claire will send out the website link to the board again. Hekla Club liked the idea too.

11. Schwann's Soccer Tournament- Claire is going to email the team in Reydarfjordur and see if they are still coming.

12. Speakers for Thorrablot and Leifur Eiriksson- Harvey suggests that work with others to recognize Pat Allred at Leifur Eiriksson by giving her a certificate, flowers, and a hard bound copy of her book. Harvey will write to Diane O'Konski and ask her if she could help coordinate and perhaps present her with the honor. Harvey offers to help with costs associated with this recognition.

MSP Harvey/Chris to work on coordinating a recognition of Pat Allred at Leifur Eiriksson. Unanimous.

- We would like to invite the ambassador to the US from Iceland to Leifur Eiriksson.
- We would like to request Alene Thorunn Moris that spoke at the INL Conference to come speak at Thorrablot. We would need to look for a sponsor to support her travel costs. We will look into asking the Guttormsson Foundation for support

MSP Harvey/Doug to invite the speaker and make the travel support request to the Guttormsson Foundation

13. Finance and Fund Raising Report- See treasurer's report for fundraising discussion.

14. Library Report- The MN History Center is willing to take Pat Allred's genealogical research papers and house them. Harvey will supply banker's boxes, and Doug can provide a trailer.

MSP Harvey/Mallory we seek to help facilitate the transfer of Pat Allred's papers to the MN History Center. Unanimous.

Action Items: Claire will contact the center and Harvey will contact Pat.

b. Claire has been sending out emails to look into finding experts to join the team of people trying to combine the private collections of many Icelandic books in Minnesota, and also in finding a place or places to house them. Patrick Colman from the Minnesota History Center is in communication with Claire about locations and other options. The History Center could house boxes of Pat Allred's genealogical research papers. Claire proposes we meet with Helga Visir in June to see if she has recommendations.

15. Tears of Stone- We will talk to Sigga and see if she can help us plan a showing in Minneapolis. In Duluth and Minneota we will also set up showings.

16. Film Festival- No new information.

17. Posturinn- The next edition goes out in May. Please send information as Claire and Joe will begin working on it now.

18. Other Information-

a. Meet and Greets- Claire wants to spread the word to other Icelandic tour groups that there are Icelandic-Americans here who want to meet them and we could grow the program. There are some events held in Duluth too.

19. Adjournment

There being no further business for the Board, Claire adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Notes taken and respectfully submitted by Mallory Swanson.