

ICELANDIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA (IAAMN)

**Minutes from IAAMN Board Meeting held on
April 25, 2013, 7:30 p.m. at the Danish American Center in Minneapolis, MN**

PRESENT: Claire Eckley, Harvey Thorleifson, Mallory Swanson, Diane Greenwood, Lyle Hillman (via Skype), Elin Cadmus (via Conference Call), and Orn and Maddy Arnar.

1. Claire called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

MSP Harvey/Mallory to approve the February 2013 Board meeting minutes as read. Unanimous.

2. Approval of tonight's agenda

MSP Mallory/Harvey to approve the Agenda. Unanimous.

3. Treasurer's report

We will defer discussion until Doug is present. We are proposing that the financial procedures shared by Doug will be considered guidelines at this time.

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

4. Sunshine- No new information

5. Correspondence – No new information

6. Board meeting dates for the next 2 months have been set for May 9th and June 6th

7. INLNA Convention in Seattle- It was a beautiful conference highlighting the Icelandic settlement history of the area. Among other events, there was a bus tour available to Blaine, WA up near the Canadian Border. There was a speaker from Point Roberts. The theme was There's No Place Like Home. There were many wonderful speakers, particularly Alene Thorunn Moris, who spoke about "Women in Iceland are Unusual and Happy." The 2014 Conference is May 15th-18th in Winnipeg.

8. INL Conference 2015 in Minnesota- In Seattle the INL asked if we would host the conference in 2015, and we announced that we had taken an email vote for participation that would be ratified at this board meeting.

Proposal to Ratify the vote taken online which proposed:

"Harvey proposes to bring to the Association Board that if called upon, the IAAMN would agree to host INL 2015 and fulfill needed roles within the Minnesota Icelandic American Community to host the Convention, in accordance with the customary financial arrangements of the INL and local organizing committee."

MSP Harvey/Mallory. Unanimous.

- The next step would be INL passing a motion to approve Minnesota hosting the 2015 INL Conference. We will wait until after the INL motion to make the official announcement of MN holding the conference.
- We could possibly work on committee recruitment in May and perhaps hold a teleconference in June so that we can start making decisions for location and larger details this summer/early fall.
- We would aim for around 14 months for planning and organizing.
- We agreed it would be best to empower a committee to look into locations/facilities early this summer so that we have plenty of time to find a place to hold the event.
- Harvey suggests we should start to consider how an announcement of the convention be made and the launch of the core committee.
- A meeting has been set for June 20th to begin committee building

12. Hekla Club Samkoma April 20th- Congratulations to Hekla Club for a wonderful, successful event. There was lots of conversation and delicious food.

12. Nordic Genealogy Seminar April 26th and 27th in Inver Grove Heights

13. June 15th Icelandic Independence Day- Claire is proposing using an online Sign-Up Genius program to organize volunteers and who is bringing what sort of food/drinks. Dr. Arnar suggests that we honor Matta Bjornson and her grandfather Hannes Hafstein who was very important politically in Iceland and with the Independence of Iceland. Entertainment options were discussed for the picnic as well.

14. Finance and Fund Raising Report- We will defer this to our next board meeting.

15. Tears of Stone – INL Film Program. Movie showing possibly at the Danish American Center on May 19th. Possibly multiple dates.

16. Film Festival April 25 and 28- The Deep is showing Friday and Sunday.

17. POSTURINN goes out in May send information as will begin working on it now

18. Other Business: Rod Martel has invited us to watch a movie that was made about his family called The Heart of a Mother: Susette’s Story, this Sunday the 28th in St. Louis Park.

18. Adjournment

There being no further business for the Board, Claire adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Notes taken and respectfully submitted by Mallory Swanson.