

ICELANDIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA (IAAMN)

**Minutes from IAAMN Board Meeting held on
January 10, 2012, 7:30 p.m. at the Danish American Center in Minneapolis, MN**

PRESENT: Claire Eckley, Steingrímur (Stony) Steinólfsson, Doug Rutford, Dr. Stefan Guttormsson (via Skype), Harvey Thorleifson, Mallory Swanson and Diane Greenwood, Dianne O’Konski, TJ Johnson (via Skype).

1. Claire called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

MSP Harvey/Stony to approve the October 18, 2012 Board meeting minutes as read. Unanimous.

2. Genealogy Conference at the Inver Grove Community College on April 26th and 27th. A key note speaker will be present in the morning followed by breakout sessions, a lunch time panel, more breakout sessions in the afternoon and a closing key note speaker. All 5 countries under the Nordic title as well as the Sami people will be participating. We will have translators and genealogists available for all of the different countries. Vendor tables, a silent auction and door prizes. Dianne is looking for support in advertising this event (in the Posturinn, Facebook, the IAAMN website and anywhere else). The Icelanders will have at least 2 translators, at least 1 genealogist, breakout sessions, vendor table, (non profits will be providing vendor tables for free). The predicted cost to attend the conference is thought to be \$25 for the dessert reception on Friday, and around \$45 for the day on Saturday.

MSP Stony/Harvey to approve the IAAMN helping to advertise this event. Unanimous.

3. Treasurer’s report – No questions or discussion.

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

4. Sunshine- Dan Simundson broke his hip about a week ago and is recovering. In related business, Claire proposes to put in an honorary INL membership for Dan Simmundson

MSP Stony/TJ to approve application for honorary INL membership. Unanimous.

5. Correspondence – Mallory spoke with Gisli Gisslasson briefly (Snorri West) and he wished to pass along a hello and Happy New Year to everyone in Minnesota.

6. Board Offices:

MSP Harvey/Stony to adopt the Executive Board as slated. Unanimous.

7. Meeting Date for the IAAMN Board: It was suggested that we move meetings to the second Thursday of each month due to the third week being very busy. Starting March 2013 meetings will be held the second Thursday of the month.

MSP Harvey/Doug to approve the changing of the meeting date for the board. Unanimous.

8. Review December 2012

- a. Jolabarnaball December 9- It was a beautiful event this year, but sadly the Swedish Institute where it was held this year is booked through 2015! Hekla Club is looking into possibly holding next year's event at Luther Seminary. Steve Guttormsson reports that the book drive was a great success and the librarian in Vopnafjordur was very pleased.
- b. Icelandic Christmas Service December 16 Dan Simundson- It was a nice service and the choir performed. Next year it would be nice to have the program in Icelandic and in English to allow everyone present to follow along.

9. Discuss IAAMN becoming 501c3 organization

- a. Our next step is llc and then we can submit the application.

10. Thorrablot

- a. Icelandic Choir at Thorrablot
 - i. Bjorgvin is working on coordinating this
- b. Bjorgvin Franz Gislason, Gudny Hardarsson will be emceeding the event
- c. Raffle- Icelandic Air raffle, Doug will take care of getting the vouchers for the airline tickets
- d. Speaker- Claire is working on getting a speaker for the event.
- e. Silent Auction-
 - i. Art – Petrina Cordes
 - ii. Icelandic Sweater

11. Fundraising: We need to form a committee to come up with a financial plan for fundraising. At our next board meeting we will have a more detailed discussion regarding this issue.

- a. T-shirts

12. There being no further business for the Board, Claire adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Notes taken and respectfully submitted by Mallory Swanson.