

Friendly Fifth Friday News August 4, 2023

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Sons of Norway Book Club Selections and Zoom Sign-on Information

August 31, 2023

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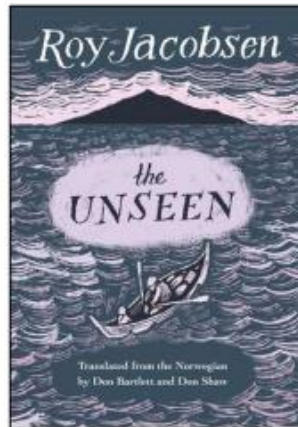
All books are available from Amazon or Barnes & Noble

Main Selection:

The Unseen

by Roy Jacobsen

Translated by Don Shaw and Don Bartlett



Synopsis: Born on the Norwegian island that bears her name, Ingrid Barøy's world is circumscribed by storm-scoured rocks and the moods of the sea by which her family lives and dies. But her father dreams of building a quay that will end their isolation, and her mother longs for the island of her youth, and the country faces its own sea change: the advent of a modern world, and all its unpredictability and violence. Brilliantly translated into English by Don Bartlett and Don Shaw, *The Unseen* is the first book in the Barøy Chronicles and a moving exploration of family, resilience, and fate.

Shortlisted for the 2017 International Man Booker Prize

Shortlisted for the 2018 International Dublin Literary Award

Review: "Even by his high standards, his magnificent new novel *The Unseen* is Jacobsen's finest to date, as blunt as it is subtle and is easily among the best books I have ever read." — Eileen Battersby, *Irish Times*

All synopses and review quotes are from Amazon.com.



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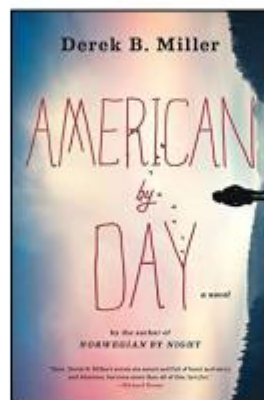
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Mystery Selection:

American by Day

by Derek B. Miller



Synopsis: A gripping and timely novel that follows Sigrid—the dry-witted detective from Derek B. Miller’s best-selling debut *Norwegian by Night*—from Oslo to the United States on a quest to find her missing brother.

She knew it was a weird place. She’d heard the stories, seen the movies, read the books. But now police Chief Inspector Sigrid Ødegård has to leave her native Norway and actually go there; to that land across the Atlantic where her missing brother is implicated in the mysterious death of a prominent African American academic—America.

Sigrid is plunged into a United States where race and identity, politics and promise, reverberate in every aspect of daily life. Working with—or, if necessary, against—the police, she must negotiate the local political minefields and navigate the backwoods of the Adirondacks to uncover the truth before events escalate further.

Refreshingly funny, slyly perceptive, *American by Day* is “a superb novel on all levels” (*Times*, UK).

“Ingenious. Humorous. Wonderful.”—Lee Child

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Book Club Zoom Meeting - Eastern U.S.

August 31, 2023, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84738578369?pwd=WTM1RFJyYlhMUFNZZjIvaHBmcE1TUT09>

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Book Club Zoom Meeting - Western U.S.

August 31, 2023, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Mountain Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83418078260?pwd=QU9POExtMFBok0J6cnRwNys2bURXUT09>

Trivia contests based on this month's books

Updates/Book Club News

To let us know if you will be participating this month or to ask questions about the book club, please send an email to: [**SonsofNorwayBookClub@gmail.com**](mailto:SonsofNorwayBookClub@gmail.com)

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P.O. Box 1050
Roswell, GA 30077**



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2023 Sons of Norway Zone 3 and Mandt Lodge Picnic

Sunday, August 13, 2023 at 12:30 PM

New Location- SN Mandt Lodge, 317 South Page Street, Stoughton, WI 53589

It is necessary to move the Zone 3 summer picnic from the Arneson family farm to the Mandt Lodge on Sunday, August 13th. Join neighboring lodge members for a good time of fellowship and a preview of what is to come this fall. Arrival around 12 noon, serving begins at 12:30 PM. Mandt Lodge is located at 317 S. Page Street in beautiful downtown Stoughton, WI. Mandt Lodge is handicapped accessible with a lift located on the south side of the building. There is parking on the street, public parking lot behind the Stoughton Senior Center, or in the Livsreise parking lot if their building is closed. Since they are closed on Sundays, you can use their parking lot!

Please bring a dish to pass. Tableware, coffee, juice, and other beverages will be provided.

There will be Kubb (tabletop, indoor and outdoor) available so you can test out your Viking skills! All members of your lodge, prospective members, and Masse Moro campers (past and present) are encouraged to attend. Two of this year's Mandt Lodge Masse Moro attendees will be present to speak about their experience.

We will have basket drawing for some great items- feel free to bring items for it or just support it at the picnic! Proceeds will be assigned to the D5 Nordic Legacy Foundation. Bring along announcements and flyers for "Remarks for the Good of the Order." For more information, contact your zone 3 directors, Scott Wegner: srweg61@gmail.com or Cheryl Wille-Schlesser: cwschlesser200bc@gmail.com

2023 District 5 Lodge New Member Recruitment Contest starts August 1

REMEMBER, OUR RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN STARTED AUGUST 1ST. HAVE FUN!

Sons of Norway District 5 is pleased to announce the launch of our 2023 recruitment campaign.

Starting August 1, 2023, all lodge members are asked to recruit new members to their local lodge. For every new member (not Heritage Member) recruited, the lodge will receive \$10 for an individual or \$20 for a family membership. This does not include adding adults to an existing Adult Family membership. The money awarded will be sent to the local lodge of the recruiting member to be used as the lodge would like.

This campaign is an opportunity for all members to get involved and support their local lodge in meeting their membership goals. As well, it helps continue to grow the Sons of Norway organization. The contest will begin August 1, 2023 and go until October 31, 2023.

Please turn in all paper membership applications to Headquarters by October 31, 2023. This will ensure that they are processed by the deadline. New members who are signed up online via <http://www.sofn.com> should also be entered by October 31, 2023.

If you sign up a new member online, please email District VP, Wendy Winkelman, advising of that new membership (wendyathadeland@yahoo.com).

Contact wendyathadeland@yahoo.com with any questions!
Wendy K Winkelman - District 5 Vice President

Odd Lovell Presentation on September 9 in Wind Lake

On Saturday, September 9 at 3 PM, Odd Lovell, the leading Norwegian-American historian, will present on the life of Hans Heg at the Norway Town Hall, 6419 Heg Park Road, Wind Lake WI. The event will include a book signing by Lovell and a tour of the Heg Park museum.

As a youth, Heg emigrated from Norway with his family in 1840. Heg became the first Norwegian-American to hold a statewide elected office anywhere in the United States. When the Civil War broke out, he resigned his position and recruited an all-Scandinavian military unit, the 15th Wisconsin "Iron Brigade." Heg was the highest-ranking Wisconsinite to die in a Civil War battle.

Heg Park was the first county park in Racine County. One of three bronze Heg statues is located there. Another marks his birth in his hometown of Lier, Norway. The third was defaced during the 2020 Madison capital square riot and has been restored. This event has brought Heg and his abolitionist views back into the news.

In his lifetime, Professor Lovell has written many books and articles on Norwegian-American topics. Lovell was born in Norway and emigrated to the Pacific Northwest just after World War II. He taught at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. Many of his books have been published by the Norwegian-American Historical Association, where he was publications editor.

Lovell's new book "Colonel Hans Christian Heg and the Norwegian American Experience" has been described as "a full, rich harvest gained from years of teaching and scholarship on Norwegian Americans' immigrant history... Readers will treasure this new work."

Directions:

FROM RACINE OR CHICAGOLAND - From I-94 & Hy. 11 (Racine County): Travel west on Hy. 11 for 14 miles to the Hy. 36-83 bypass. Turn right onto the onramp, then go north on Hy. 36 for 8.7 miles. Get into the left lane and turn west (left) onto Heg Park Road. Go 0.6 miles on Heg Park Road. The Norway Town Hall is on your right, just past the Norway Lutheran Church.

FROM MILWAUKEE - From Big Bend (I-43 & Hy. 164): Travel south on Hy. 164 for 8.7 miles to Hy. 36. Turn left (northeast). Go 2 miles. Get into the left lane and turn west (left) onto Heg Park Road. Go 0.6 miles on Heg Park Road. The Norway Town Hall is on your right, just past the Norway Lutheran Church.

FROM MADISON - From East Troy (I-43 & Hy. 20): Travel east on Hy. 20 for 9.5 miles to Waterford. In downtown Waterford, after crossing the Fox River, continue straight on E. Main Street to Hy. 36, and go 0.7 miles. Turn left (northeast) onto Hy. 36. Go 2.8 miles. Get into the left lane and turn west (left) onto Heg Park Road. Go 0.6 miles on Heg Park Road. The Norway Town Hall is on your right, just past the Norway Lutheran Church.

CONTACT INFO:

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Racine Heritage Museum, Executive Director
262-636-3926

crpaulson@racineheritagemuseum.org

District 5 Task Force Survey Final Results Summary

August 1, 2023- 49 total responses

What do you expect from your zone directors as far as visits, contacts, or other help?

Visit once a year;Hosting zone meetings or events;In-person visits;
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Visit once a year;Regular communications via email, virtual platforms, or phone calls
I don't expect much from the zone director, based on history.
Hosting zone meetings or events;Regular communications via email, virtual platforms, or phone calls;In-person visits
Hosting zone meetings or events;In-person visits
Visit once a year;Assistance with forms and filings
Hosting zone meetings or events;Regular communications via email, virtual platforms, or phone calls;Assistance with forms and filings
Hosting zone meetings or events;Regular communications via email, virtual platforms, or phone calls;Answer any question that the lodge has
Regular communications via email, virtual platforms, or phone calls
No expectation.
Visit once a year;Hosting zone meetings or events;Regular communications via email, virtual platforms, or phone calls;In-person visits;Assistance with forms and filings
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Do you feel connected to the other lodges in your zone?

We have limited dealings with other lodges.

We have limited dealings with other lodges. I would like to see more social or cultural events.

We have limited dealings with other lodges.

We never get together or work with them. I would like to have leadership training provided. I would like to see more social or cultural events.

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 We have limited dealings with other lodges.
 We do things with other lodges, but these are organized by other groups and include other Scandinavian organizations.
 Yes- we do many things with other lodges.;I belove there are ontl 3 lodges in the Chicago area. Polar Star lodge, due to our connection with the Norsk Museum interact with Cleng Peerson
 Yes- we do many things with other lodges.;We have limited dealings with other lodges.
 We have limited dealings with other lodges.;I think lodges should have cooperative events, like joint travel to local historical locations
 I'd like to see more social or cultural events.;See other lodges when someone from the district has a program.
 We never get together or work with them.
 We have limited dealings with other lodges.
 We have limited dealings with other lodges.;BUT WHAT WE DO IS AMAZING!
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 Yes- we do many things with other lodges.

Looking at the distance between some lodges and where the zone directors live, what suggestions do you have for addressing communications/visits/outreach in some areas?**Question about this topic**

I'd like to have some in-person events. I would like to have some monthly/quarterly opportunities to meet.

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One meeting/event every two years is reasonable.

Meeting via a virtual platform (ZOOM, TEAMS) is fine. I would like to have some in-person events.

I'd like to have some monthly/quarterly opportunities to meet.

We can contact them ourselves

I'd like to have some in-person events. I would like to have some monthly/quarterly opportunities to meet.;I haven't found training to be helpful.

Meeting via a virtual platform (ZOOM, TEAMS) is fine.;Meet at least once a year; Andy came to our lodge.

Meeting via a virtual platform (ZOOM, TEAMS) is fine.

No expectation or suggestion

Meeting via a virtual platform (ZOOM, TEAMS) is fine. I would like to have in-person training at least once a year.

I'd like to have some in-person events.

Meeting via a virtual platform (ZOOM, TEAMS) is fine.;We can notify them with our events or special info would like to share.

I'd like to have some annual/semi-annual opportunities to meet.

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Would be good if directors could be closer to lodges

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Email communications to members from zone director and an annual visit

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Do you have any suggestions for realignment, changing the number of zones, or other ways that would make the zone assignments equal in numbers, distance and services provided by the District Board.

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 not having been to the meetings, I don't know what the zones are, and I can't find them on the S of N website.
 More zones; some have six lodges now.
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 I don't think we need zones at all.
 I am happy to work with the decision made by the members.
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 I don't think we need zones at all.;I feel like zones should not be more than 6-7 hours across and should be decoupled from voting/representation.
 I want to leave the zones as they are.
 I have reviewed the maps and think that some look like would work well.;I think all the Michigan Lodges should be in the same zone.
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 I have reviewed the maps and think that some look like would work well.;Green Bay & Wausau
 I have reviewed the maps and think that some look like would work well.;Green Bay with Central Wis (Wausau)
 I don't think we need zones at all.
 I don't think we need zones at all.;It would be nice to have a Zone Leader, but not extremely necessary in rural areas.

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I will leave this to the directors to decide

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For the structure of the District Board

I think the number of zone directors should be based on the number of lodges.

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elect the executive committee and other support directors at large so that

I don't think any officer should be a zone director.

I like the structure as it is- 2 zone directors per zone, all officers except Secretary and Treasurer are zone directors.

One zone director is enough.

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Elect an Executive Committee and then one zone director per zone.

The D5 BOD should define the zones and policies, not the lodges.

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Executive board of officers plus at large directors

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If no zone, you can have an executive committee and directors at large
The small lodges are quite independent and working hard to just keep membership
interested in attending once a month meetings. Distances are too long for further
participation in SON events....unfortunately!
One zone director is enough.
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Other thoughts or comments!

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Communication between lodges as well as the SON office could improve. Sometimes, it's not easy to find out what is happening in the other lodges. However, I'm a relatively new member and probably don't know where to find everything. Thanks.

I think the map "Judy 1" is the best for us.

It seems like getting zone directors is a difficult task

Thank you for all of your work!!

With excellent communication (as shown by Darlene Arneson there is not a need for zones.

I strongly feel an in-person training for our lodges is important.

Thankful for technology where folks can communicate without extensive travel.

What is important is that some D5 director reach out somewhat regularly to lodges with info and to discuss how things are going.

Leadership training, recruitment. Have a hostile board member and would like guidance on how to address.

I don't think the lodges have the knowledge to make changes about the board structure. The D5 board should make necessary changes.

Don't know enough to make real educated answers. Would like more contact & togetherness with closer lodges (Rapids, Point, Wausau, Iola), but we are all getting OLD! Tom Boudreau is an excellent rep for us!!!!!!

Thanks to Darlene for doing such a wonderful job. Much appreciated! job. job. Much appreciated!

Reorganization is hard- it's almost like robbing Peter to pay Paul! I do think the current Zone 6 and huge distances between lodges should be addressed. Would an additional zone director be a partial solution?

I can not see directors spending time to visit lodges, It is a waste of time and money. They can use other means of communication. There is not need for Wendy and Bill to come and visit our lodge again. With Jim Herman's experience and my 23 years of membership plus my six years on the board as director our lodge is really stable and growing.

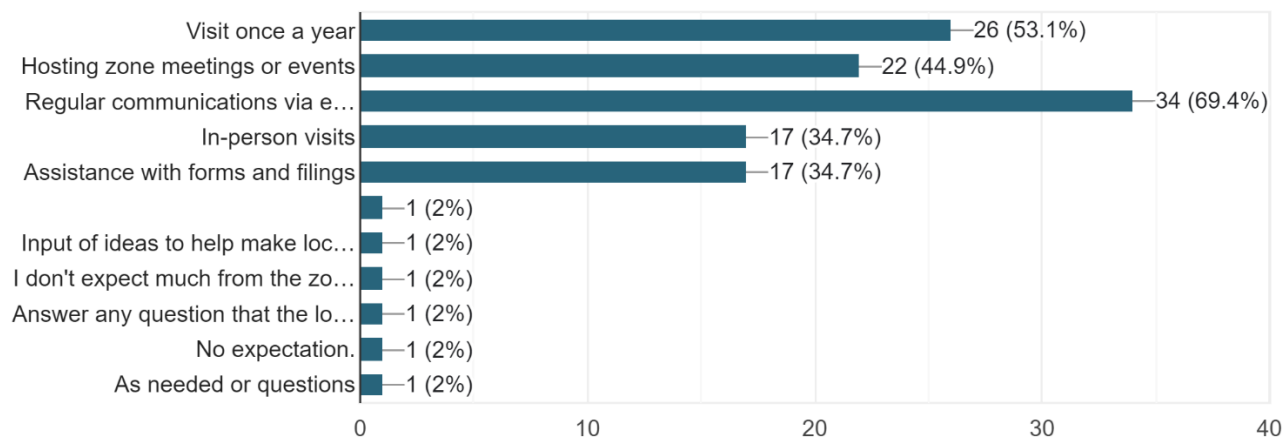
Charts from Final Task Force Survey – August 1, 2023

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- ☐ Visit once a year
- ☐ Hosting zone meetings or events
- ☐ Regular communications via email, virtual platforms, or phone calls
- ☐ In-person visits
- ☐ Assistance with forms and filings
- Other:

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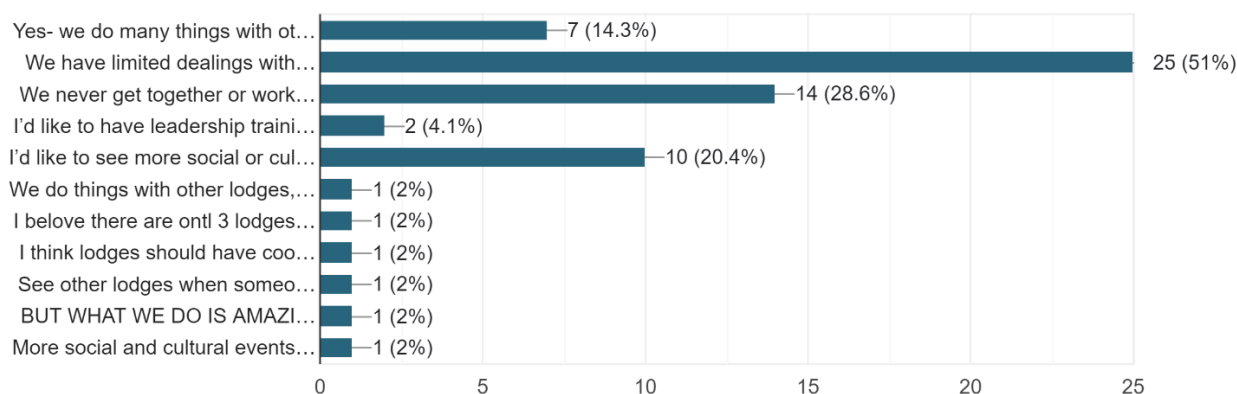


Do you feel connected to the other lodges in your zone?

- ☐ Yes- we do many things with other lodges.
- ☐ We have limited dealings with other lodges.
- ☐ We never get together or work with them.
- ☐ I'd like to have leadership training provided.
- ☐ I'd like to see more social or cultural events.
- Other:

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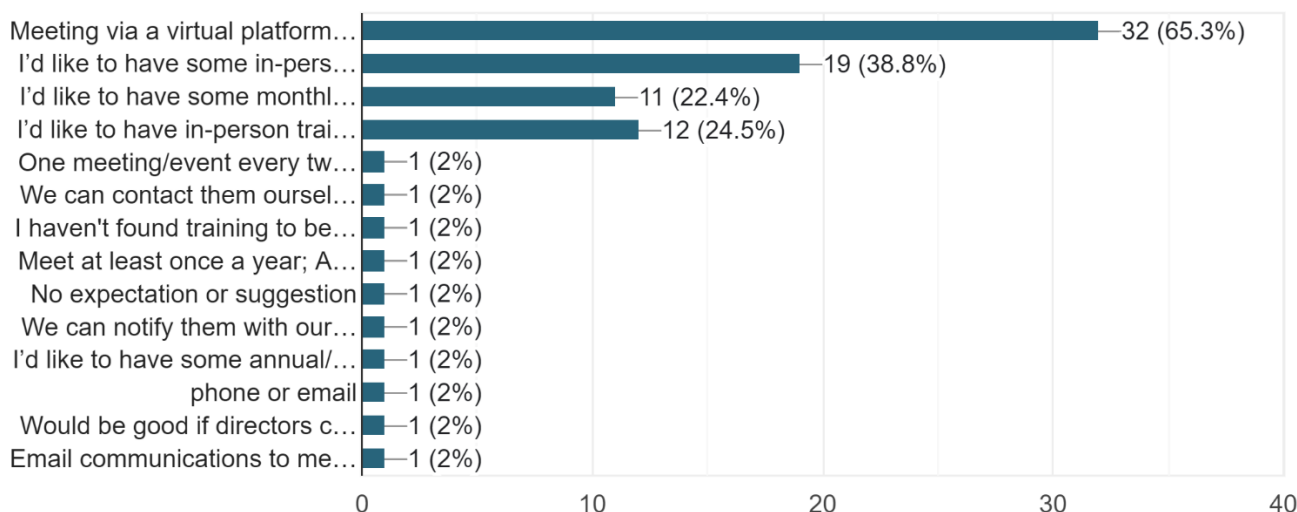
Looking at the distance between some lodges and where the zone directors live, what suggestions do you have for addressing communications/visits/outreach in some areas?

- ___ Meeting via a virtual platform (ZOOM, TEAMS) is fine.
- ___ I'd like to have some in-person events.
- ___ I'd like to have some monthly/quarterly opportunities to meet.
- ___ I'd like to have in-person training at least once a year.

Other:

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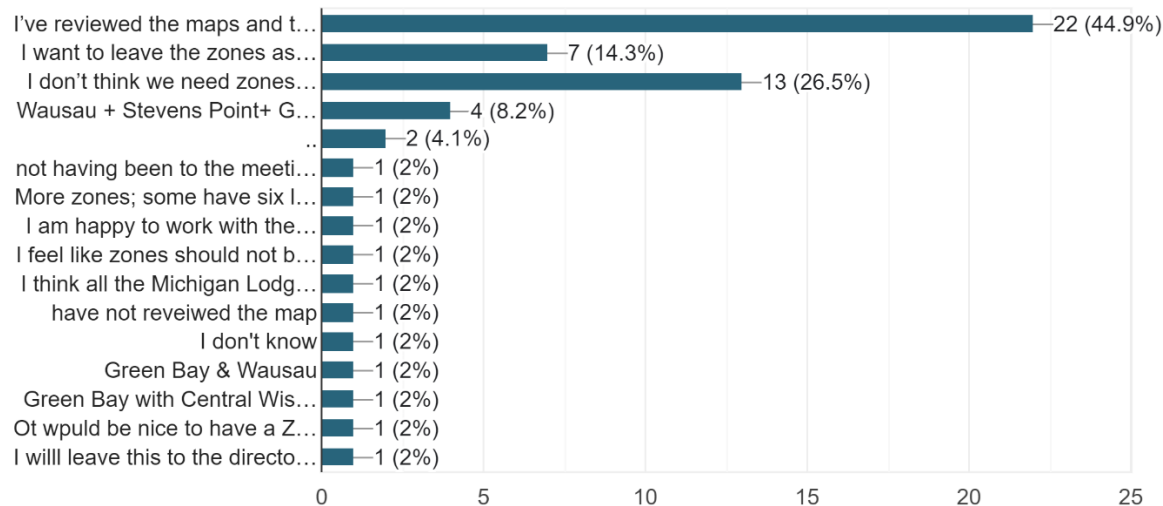
Do you have any suggestions for realignment, changing the number of zones, or other ways that would make the zone assignments equal in numbers, distance and services provided by the District Board.

- ☐ I've reviewed the maps and think that some look like they'd work well.
- ☐ I want to leave the zones as they are.
- ☐ I don't think we need zones at all.

Other:

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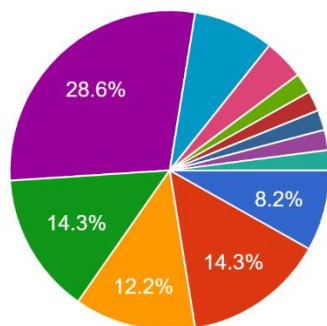
For the structure of the District Board

- ☐ I like the structure as it is- 2 zone directors per zone, all officers except Secretary and Treasurer are zone directors.
- ☐ I don't think any officer should be a zone director.
- ☐ One zone director is enough.
- ☐ Elect an Executive Committee and then one zone director per zone.
- ☐ I think the number of zone directors should be based on the number of lodges.
- ☐ I think the number of zone directors should be based on the membership in the zone.

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Hello to you District 5 Lodges!

This photo submission reminder is being sent early for the **August 5th** deadline to get photos sent to me for consideration in the Viking.

I was pleased to see two District 5 photos that were submitted **DID** make it into the latest Viking magazine. Yes, it is too bad not more were published, but they had to let the other districts have some space, also.

I just went to the Happenings area on the www.sofn.com website. There, under District 5, are some of the photos that were submitted, but didn't make it into the magazine. Maybe the photo you sent in is in the Happenings! I get great pictures of lodge activities. Lucky me!

Please remember to include the **Photo Submission Form** for each photo so the information on who, what, where is provided. I've already received a few photos for my August submission. Please get yours in by August 5th. The form can be found at: https://sonsofnorway5.com/publicity_director_messages/

Also, remember that it may take awhile for your photo to show up in the magazine or in Happenings, as they work on it way ahead of when it is printed.

I hope you all are enjoying your summer!

Fraternally,

LaVonne Wier

Publicity Director

Deadlines and Dates! Changes in red!

- August 1- October 31- District Membership Drive
- August 5- Task Force Call 9:00 AM CST
- August 5- Viking photo submissions due to LaVonne Wier
- August 13- Zone 3 picnic at Sons of Norway- Mandt Lodge in Stoughton
- September 5- Viking photo submissions due to LaVonne Wier
- October 5- Viking photo submissions due to LaVonne Wier
- October 7- Zone 2 Meeting in Blair
- October 13-14- District 5 Board Meeting in Mt. Horeb, WI
- October 27-29- District 5 Adult Heritage Camp and Destination Stoughton Weekend in Stoughton, WI
- November 5- Viking photo submissions due to LaVonne Wier
- December 5- Viking photo submissions due to LaVonne Wier

Who to contact at the home office when you need help

- You can email cbs@sofn.com for any member updates that need to be made.
- For anything fraternal- Connie O'Brien (COBrien@sofn.com) or Amy Tuchenhausen (ATuchenhausen@sofn.com). Sherry Gorse is no longer employed at Sons of Norway.
- For matter like submitting a death, a change to a members address or other info please email cbs@sofn.com
- For issues with passwords or website use ithelp@sofn.com.
- The 800 number to call in for member support is 800-945-8851
- If you need something related to sales, you can use sales@sofn.com

Viking Chest / Immigrant Trunk Schedule

Apr 2023 to Oct 2023:

Chest--zone 4 – Contact Connie Aiello and Judy Ghastin to reserve them

Trunk--zone 3 – Contact Scott Wegner and Cheryl Wille-Schlesser to reserve them

Oct 2023 to Apr 2024:

Chest--zone 6

Trunk--zone 5

Apr 2024 to Oct 2024

Chest--zone 2

Trunk--zone 1

Oct 2024 to April 2025

Chest--zone 3

Trunk--zone 4

Note:

- Check correspondence from the International and District and the International (www.sofn.com) and District (www.sonsofnorway5.com) websites for any updates and changes.
- Additional deadlines for the District 5 and International Conventions/Lodge Meetings will be added as those dates are established. Watch for future mailings and the District 5 website.

FFFN Basics

In an attempt to help our lodge leaders become more familiar with resources, changes, deadlines and other information, I will compile a weekly "Friendly Fifth Friday News" email to our leadership. Some of the information you might already have, but hopefully it will be a good reminder for all of us (me included) of all the great resources that Sons of Norway has to offer. **Please feel free to cut and paste any of this information for your lodge's use!**

Send all web posting info and calendar dates/events directly to our webmaster at inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com

With our new arrangement, I actually send the FFFN pdf to our webmaster on Thursday morning before I go to work. So if you have anything you'd like me to consider putting in, please send it by 4 am on Thursday morning. Please do not send pdf's as I have a hard time cutting and pasting them. The Word Document works best for me. Don't forget that lodge events should be submitted to inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com as I have a hard time keeping track of all lodge activities. I'll put some in but that is more the role of the website event calendar.

If you would like to get the MS Word document, just shoot me an email and I'll add you to the list. I send it out right after I send the email to the large group.

Darlene Arneson – arnesonfamily5@gmail.com