

Sons of Norway
District Lodge 5



51st Biennial
District Lodge Meeting and
Convention

June 20-24, 2012
Appleton, Wisconsin

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The Radisson, Appleton, WI

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, June 21

Workshops

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| 1:00 pm | New delegate orientation – Mary Bennett |
| 2:00 pm | Genealogy – Blaine Hedberg |
| | Required Reports- Duane Kittleson and Darlene Arneson |
| 4:15 pm | Masse Moro Youth Camp – Don Hermanson |
| | Membership and Retention – Norlyset Lodge Panel |

Friday, June 22

President Bennett welcome everyone to the District Lodge Meeting. She introduced the District Five Officers: President – Mary Bennett, Vice President – Burton Bittner (Jean), Secretary – Darlene Arneson (John), Treasurer – Duane Kittleson (Nancy), Recreation Director – David Hermundson (Patricia), Publicity Director – Gary Melby (Cathy), Viking Correspondent – Diane Overby (Don), Cultural Director – Owen Christianson (Elsbeth), Youth Director – Donald Hermanson. District Five Directors- Zone 2 – Thomas Boudreau (Susan), Zone 4 - Nicholas Baldukas (Ann-Mari), Zone 5 – Thomas Maxson (Lynn), Zone 6 – Andrew Johnsen. International Director – Raymond Knutson (Sally). Past Officers and Directors: Jon Grinde - Past International Director and District 5 President; George Sievers, - Past International Director and District 5 Secretary-Treasurer; Eugene Steensma - Past International Director and District 5 President; Jean Bittner - Past Cultural Director; Marie Peterson – Past Publicity Director, Past District 5 Directors: Susan Boudreau, Lynn Maxson, Roy Peterson. She also welcomed Cindy Olson, Ken Thul, and Anna Grinde from the home office.

Darlene Arneson conducted the roll call of delegates. There were a total of 130 delegates for the Thursday morning session.

International

Board	Ray Knutson
District Board	Mary Bennett
District Board	Burton Bittner
District Board	Darlene Arneson
District Board	Duane Kittleson
District Board	David Hermundson
District Board	Gary Melby
District Board	Owen Christianson
District Board	Don Hermanson
District Board	Diane Overby
District Board	Thomas Boudreau
District Board	Nicholas Baldukas
District Board	Thomas Maxson
District Board	Andrew Johnsen

Lodge	Lodge Name	Member Name	Lodge	Lodge Name	Member Name
000	Central	Geoffrey Wodell	491	Norse Valley	Leonard Place
027	Norrønna	Roy Peterson	496	Rib Fjell	Bob Palmer
027	Norrønna	Marie Peterson	513	Vennelag	George Sievers
028	Wergeland	Shirley Schoenfeld	513	Vennelag	Philip Johnson
028	Wergeland	Vernetta Moe	513	Vennelag	Cheryl Schlessler
028	Wergeland	Eugene Johnson	523	Sognefjord	Merle Hanson
028	Wergeland	David Glomstad	523	Sognefjord	Gordon M Gutowski
028	Wergeland	Adrian Johnson	525	Cleng Peerson	Orion Carlson
028	Wergeland	Ramona Johnson	525	Cleng Peerson	Connie Kross
029	Løven	Jean Sivertson	534	Fossen	Mr. Lynn Hoffmeyer
029	Løven	Vicky Finstad	549	H R Holand	Myrle Welhaven
029	Løven	Patricia Hermundson	549	H R Holand	Joanne Coleman
053	Valkyrien	Sandy Olson	549	H R Holand	Jacqueline Lau
053	Valkyrien	Don Olson	549	H R Holand	Don Overby
053	Valkyrien	Arlys Olson	556	Elvedal	Susan J Boudreau
074	Idun	Jon Grinde	556	Elvedal	Karen Brinkman
074	Idun	Dee Grimsrud	556	Elvedal	Fred Brinkman
074	Idun	Gage Trader	570	Vakkertland	Alene N Olson
082	Fosselyngen	Helen Davison	570	Vakkertland	Allen V Olson
082	Fosselyngen	Janice Gregoire	580	Norskeland	Mary Larson
082	Fosselyngen	Jan Nilson-Schuldt	580	Norskeland	Roberta Louison
082	Fosselyngen	Jayne Murnane	580	Norskeland	Jan Lehrer
082	Fosselyngen	Marit Hoff	593	Elvesund	Nancy Robinson
097	Leif Erikson	William Covington	593	Elvesund	Phil Robinson
097	Leif Erikson	Joann Hansen	600	Scandiana	Denarie Kane
097	Leif Erikson	George Hardison Sr	600	Scandiana	Lawrence Vallem
100	Skjold	Jim Secora	609	Myrmarken	Florence Sorensen
100	Skjold	Lisa Solak	609	Myrmarken	Elizabeth Christianson
100	Skjold	Kathy Secora	609	Myrmarken	Juliane Varsho
168	Valhall	Vicki Rudh-Jones	610	Askeladden	Joyce Hare
168	Valhall	Betsy Fish	610	Askeladden	Chris Sitkins
168	Valhall	Nancy Mayfield	614	Circle City	John Bennett
183	Nordlyset	Thomas Haarstad	614	Circle City	Dagrun Bennett
183	Nordlyset	Michaela Decker	614	Circle City	Kathleen Krueger
183	Nordlyset	Diane Palecek	616	Fagernes	Charlotte Dahl
206	Hafrsfjord	Gerry Lachman	616	Fagernes	Eileen Trim
206	Hafrsfjord	Frieda Mathson	620	Nordlandet	Helen Sigurdson
206	Hafrsfjord	Brian Lachman	620	Nordlandet	Gladys Miller
220	Trygvasson	David Olson	622	Vennskap	Marjorie Giesen
220	Trygvasson	Craig Vold	622	Vennskap	Richard Peterson
286	Jotunheimen	Trygve Ostrem	622	Vennskap	Mary Peterson
286	Jotunheimen	Marilyn Forde	627	Vennligfolk	Carl Rasmussen
314	Mandt	Bonnie Selje	627	Vennligfolk	Karen Trzebiatowski
314	Mandt	Janis Wegner	632	Grønnavik	Rose Heitzkey
314	Mandt	Donna Maurer	632	Grønnavik	Peggy Schroeder
353	Dovre	Florence Weise	632	Grønnavik	Marlene Bergum
353	Dovre	Dennis Weise	642	Ostestaden	Maren Nelson
378	Nordkap	Carol Jehle	642	Ostestaden	Paul Nelson
378	Nordkap	Geir Grønstad	642	Ostestaden	Jeff Bergum
457	Solvang	Ron Iverson	650	Norsemen Of Lakes	Nordeana Nimphius

457	Solvang	Sandra Iverson	650	Norsemen Of Lakes	Brian Ogne
457	Solvang	Deborah Olson	657	Edvard Grieg	Carol Luiso
472	Polar Star	Ken Johnson	657	Edvard Grieg	Esther Charlton
472	Polar Star	Frank Krawczyk	657	Edvard Grieg	Robert Charlton
472	Polar Star	Carol Devito	677	Vikings Of The Smokies	Dee Bumper
473	Samhold	Gene Steensma	677	Vikings Of The Smokies	Trygve Myhre
473	Samhold	Delores Steensma	677	Vikings Of The Smokies	Elizabeth Myhre
491	Norse Valley	Diane L Hesselt van Dinter	681	Music City Vikings	Karen Sizemore
491	Norse Valley	Guri Wuellner	681	Music City Vikings	Christine Lewis

Note: This is the delegate list for the entire lodge meeting. Several lodges had a delegate change from Friday to Saturday.

President Bennett appointed officers:

Marshal . . . Marie Peterson - Norrønna 027
Assistant Marshal . . . David Olson - Trygvasson 220
Greeter ... Delores Steensma - Samhold 473
Greeter ... Delbert Nelson - Viking 625

Teller 1 . . . Dee Bumpers - Vikings of the Smokies 677
Teller 2 . . . Karen Sizemore - Music City Vikings 681
Teller 3 . . . John Bennett - Circle City 614
Teller 4 . . . Merle Hanson - Sognefjord 523

Cindy Olson

Cindy gave a history of the Sons of Norway Foundation, which is 46 years old. She explained it is an endowment foundation-- they spend only a certain percentage of their assets on scholarships and grants. The Board of Governors, established in 2011, are responsible for: establishing scholarship and grant guidelines; awarding grants and scholarships; fundraising to meet the needs of the Foundation; for financial investments and administration of Foundation funds; and setting policy. The Director of the Sons of Norway Foundation is a paid staff position. The Director works with the Board of Governors and is responsible to the CEO.

The Foundation's passion is creating opportunities for higher education as a means for success, showcasing our unique Norwegian heritage to wider audiences, exploring cross cultural exchanges, and providing humanitarian support to Sons of Norway members who are victims of natural disasters.

The Foundation annual averages are: Awards: between \$70,000-\$80,000; Draxten Fund camperships between \$8,000-\$10,000; Grants average between \$25,000 and \$35,000. Legacy gift donors give gifts of \$5,000 or more and they have been responsible for 85% of our Foundation assets. Donors with gifts of \$100,000 or more may establish scholarships or grants in their name.

She reviewed the Foundation support to District 5.

Ken Thul

"Committed to you-- what's in a name"? Ken introduced the Fraternal Benefit Counselors who were in attendance-- Orion Carlson, Greg Ragan and Jay Erickson. His presentation discussed the stability, strength and society Sons of Norway has. Sons of Norway focuses on three core business areas: Fraternal, Financial and Foundation. Each year the profit contribution from insurance operations are used to help offset the cost of publishing the **Viking** magazine and to support the cultural and heritage programs. In 2011, over \$1.2 million was given.

Folk Art Competition

Owen Christianson encouraged people to view the exhibits today and Saturday. Anyone with exhibits will need to remove their entries on Saturday. There were 49 entries in the competition and 11 in the exhibition area. Jean Bittner, Nancy Kittleson and Elspeth Christianson served as judges. He also explained the People's Choice voting process.

Joe Annotti

Joe is the President and CEO of American Fraternal Alliance (AFA). They represent 70 benefit societies across the country. They are a trade association which represents their members in advocacy, education and information. They engage with regulators and lawmakers on a federal and state level to represent the needs of their members. They offer all types of education for their members and others involved in Fraternal management. They offer a lot of information electronically on **www.fraternalalliance.org**. He explained what Sons of Norway does, reflects on others involved in Fraternal benefits.

He stressed solvency, relevancy and governance are critical to the success of Fraternal. Governance structure needs to be addressed in order for Fraternal to solve many of the other problems. Governance is the process of decision-making in an organization. The old fraternal model is based on the convention decision-making process who meet on a regular basis. Some still elect their CEO at these conventions and debate their salaries! We live in a democratic republic-- not a democracy-- and Fraternal can't survive on a purely democratic process. The members sole job needs to be elect a qualified Board of Directors who will make the decisions, hire a CEO, and have the CEO hire staff and manage the organization. He strongly urged the delegates to keep that in mind as we do the business of Sons of Norway. He quoted an author who states great companies must be profitable, be around for a long time (endurance), and answer the question- if they were gone, would they be missed? Who would fill that void? We need to be effective on the local level.

Joe answered questions from the delegates. He explained the importance of collecting volunteer hours because they report to Congress. Congress views tax exemptions as a loss of revenue so it is important to report the volunteer hours. Congress puts a value on the volunteer hours (over \$20/hour), and last year, the AFA reported 92 million hours of volunteer work valued at \$1.4 billion dollars.

Cindy Olson

Cindy gave a presentation on "The Sons of Norway Message.". She reviewed the Sons of Norway Mission and the ways members can help achieve it. Without the support of the insurance component, our dues would be over \$120/member. Sons of Norway has over \$325,000,000 in total assets. Current Norway is just as cool as the Norway of the past-- she talked about their environmental concerns, architecture, and other advancements, achievements and involvement their county has. She encouraged members to look to the future and support their lodge, the financial benefit portion of the organization, and becoming an organization of events and not just meetings. She encouraged the members to visit the Sons of Norway Website and to click on every part of it to learn all about the great things on it!

Coffee Breaks

President Bennett acknowledged Zone 1 lodges who sponsored the morning coffee break.

Credentials Committee

Thomas Maxson reported on the Credentials Committee. Their review of the delegates match the 130 who Secretary Arneson called at the start of the session. There was a motion to seat the delegates, 2nd and the motion passed.

2010 Minutes

Secretary Darlene Arneson presented the 2010 minutes which had been sent to all 2010 delegates and posted on the District 5 Website. The minutes were approved as presented.

The Rules for the 2012 District Lodge meeting were approved as presented.

1. The Regular meeting of District Lodge Five shall be one meeting, recessing from session to session within the meeting.
2. Delegate badges and voting materials will be issued at the Registration Desk upon presentation of some form of ID.
3. Delegates shall be seated in their seats at least **5** minutes before the scheduled time. Doors will be closed when each session begins. Persons awaiting admission will be at the direction of the Chair.
4. Any Delegate may speak to any subject before the Lodge. Any Delegate who desires to speak shall address the Chair by going to the microphone, with identification paddle raised, and state name and local lodge.
5. Each speaker will be allowed **THREE MINUTES**. No Delegate shall speak to the motion more than twice, unless allowed by the Chair. No delegate will be allowed to speak the second time until delegates stationed at the microphones have spoken.
6. The right to raise a Point of Order shall be reserved for Delegates **only**; the Chair will decide its validity.
7. If the previous Question is moved and carried, Delegates who are in line at the microphone at the time the motion is passed will be permitted to speak.
8. Only duly authorized seated delegates may vote – **ONE** vote per delegate.
9. Ballots shall be used in cases where there are two or more candidates for any office, otherwise election shall be by acclamation.
10. Any messages to Delegates shall be relayed through Greeters, Marshall or Assistant Marshall.
11. No smoking shall be permitted.
12. Any Lodge bidding to host the next District Convention shall present its bid, in writing, to the District Board of Directors prior to the District Lodge Meeting. The bids shall be referred to the Committee on Reports which shall present all bids received at the first session of the District Lodge. Representatives of the bidding local lodges or District Lodge shall immediately thereafter be permitted **TEN** minutes to present their proposal. The vote on Convention site selection shall take place at the last session of the District Lodge.
13. Any resolution or by-law which has financial impact must be introduced by 10:00 am Friday so that such resolution or by-law may be reviewed by the Finance Committee to determine the financial impact. The Finance Committee shall present an impact statement to the Delegates.

Committee on Finance was called:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Geoff Wodell, Chair – Central 5000
Janis Wegner - Mandt 314
Brian Ogne - Norsemen of the Lakes 650
Adrian Johnson - Wergeland 028
Ken Johnson - Polar Star 472

The committee has reviewed and clarified the reports and appreciate the clarity of all the financial reports. The committee recommended acceptance of the reports. 2nd. Motion passed.

The committee recommends Resolution #1 be approved when it is considered. They appreciated and commended the fiscal concern the Board has shown the past two years and their time devoted to reviewing the finances and making their recommendations to the delegates.

President Bennett excused the committee.

Committee on Reports and Publicity was called:

COMMITTEE ON REPORTS/PUBLICITY

Joann Hanson, Chair – Leif Erikson 097

Maren Nelson - Ostestaden 642

Gerry Lachman - Hafrsfjord 206

Gail Klima- H.R. Holand, 549

President Mary Bennett listed six goals for the past two years-- two were achieved and four were not. The two successful goals were expanded: financial benefit participation, and each Lodge participated in one zone activity.

Vice President Burt Bittner reported five Lodges had an increase in their adult members, but most Lodges had slight increases. If you need to increase your membership, - talk to Myrmarken, Mandt, Gjemtedal, Nordlyset and Tre Elver.

Secretary Darlene Arneson thanked webmaster George Sievers for maintaining a Website which serves all lodges and Duane Kittleson for helping with everything. All Lodges need to share ideas and programs.

Treasurer Duane Kittleson converted bookkeeping records to QuickBooks computer software program. The District Board continues to be very frugal and manages the treasury very well. The Lodge ended the year with a \$9,637 increase to the cash reserves.

Dave Hermundson, District Recreation Director, said *Barnebirkie* and the *Birkebeiner*- continue to be very popular and gives Sons of Norway good publicity. Fifth District bowling and golf events are also well-liked. The Sons of Norway Sports Medal program is still in transition, but one of its goals is for every Lodge to earn at least one sports medal each year.

Gary Melby announced the position of the *Viking* Correspondent will be combined with the office of the Fifth District Publicity Director. So, from now on, send pictures for the *Viking* magazine to the Publicity Director. He also announced that the Ole Bull News is now on the Fifth District Website.

Cultural Director Owen Christianson has finished building his Viking Longhouse and has given many talks about it and his "Eat like a Viking" report. SON headquarters is presenting revising cultural skills, making them easier to document and finish.

Youth Director Don Hermanson has posted forms needed for youth activities on the District 5 Website (www.sonsofnorway5.com). Many campers attending *Masse Moro* now come from outside District 5 because it has become so popular. *Masse Moro* has acquired new language tools for camp as well as improvements to the kitchen, main cabin, and now the Beaver Creek Reserve is renovating the shower house. Camper safety is still the district's paramount concern.

Diane Overby announced pictures which do not make the *Viking* magazine are displayed in albums at the Barnebirkie table.

The committee wished to thank all the Officers for their time and work for the Sons of Norway organization.

There was a correction to the Vice President's report which highlighted the lodges which had shown increases. The list should be: Viking, Solvang, Ostestaden, Mandt, Nordlyset, Tre Elver, Artic Circle and Music City Vikings who all had increases in membership.

There was a second to approve the report. The report was approved. The committee was excused.

Bids for 2014 Convention

A bid was presented by Darlene Arneson and Brian Ogne for the 2014 District 5 Lodge Meeting and Convention. The convention would be hosted by Nordland, Mandt and Norseman of the Lake Lodges. The dates would be June 25-29, 2014 at Lake Lawn Resort in Delavan, Wisconsin. The room rate is \$129 plus tax per night for a Luxury Lodge King or Queen Room (single/double).

Tubfrim

Darlene Arneson gave a presentation on their visit to Tubfrim's headquarters in Nesbyen, Norway. Mary Bennett will be the District 5 Tubfrim coordinator.

President Bennett distributed awards for the 2010 Lodge of the Year Awards.

- **2010 - Bronze:** Valkyrien 53, Sognefjord 523, Fossen 534, Nordland 544, Christian Radich 568, Viking 625, Norrønna 27, Skjold 100, Sonja Henie 490, Norskelandet 620, Tre Elver 628, Edvard Grieg 657Norskeland 580, Elvesund 593
- **2010 - Silver:** Idun 74, Fosselyngen 82, Samhold 473, Vennelag 513, Leif Erikson 97, Trygvasson 220, Hafrsfjord 206, Valhall 168, Dovre 353, Nordkap 378, Polar Star 472, Elvedal 556, Myrmarken 609, Circle City 614, Sjoland 635, HR Holand 549, Scandiana 600, Fagernes 616, Venenskap 622, Grønnavik 632, Vikings of the Smokies 677; Music City Vikings 681
- **2010 - Gold:** Wergeland 28, Løven 29, Nordlyset 183, Mandt 314, Ostestaden 642, Solvang 457 ,

The session recessed for lunch.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS – President Bennett

Marshal . . . Denaire Kane - Scandiana 600
Assistant Marshal . . . Nancy Robinson - Elvesund 593
Greeter . . . Linda Anderson - Cleng Peerson, 525
Greeter . . . Lois Stretlein - Christian Radich 568

Ken Thul

Two names were drawn for the Fraternal Benefits drawing.

Walk-A-Thon

There were 13 people who woke up early to walk and raised \$404

Committee on Laws was called:

COMMITTEE ON LAWS

Ron Iverson, Chair – Solvang 457
Jean Sivertson - Løven 029
Cheryl Schlessler - Vennelag 513
Janice Gregoire - Fosselyngen 082

District 5 Proposed By-laws

By-Law Change #1: District Five By-Laws (Requires a 2/3 vote)

Affects: Article VII, Paragraph 1,3, 7

WHEREAS: There have been changes in the distribution of the Ole Bull publication;

WHEREAS: All other Districts have one position who is responsible for *Viking* photo submission and other publicity;

WHEREAS: A Publicity Director can streamline efforts by working closely with our Webmaster;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The position of the *Viking* Correspondent be eliminated and all duties associated with it be transferred to the Publicity Director.

ARTICLE VII . . . OFFICERS AND SALARIES

Par. 1 The elected Officers of the District shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Recreation Director, Publicity Director, ~~Viking Correspondent~~, Cultural Director, Youth Director and the General Directors provided for in these By-Laws.

Par. 3. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Recreation Director, Publicity Director, ~~Viking Correspondent~~, Cultural Director and Youth Director shall be nominated and elected in that order, after which each Zone shall hold an election caucus and nominate the number of Directors and Alternates to which they are entitled as provided for in these By-Laws. These nominations shall be submitted to the District Lodge at the conclusion of the caucus.

Par. 7 The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Publicity Director ~~and Viking Correspondent~~ shall receive such compensation as determined by the District Lodge. The Board of Directors shall make recommendations to each District Lodge Meeting with respect thereto.

Motion passed.

Final (from Friday):

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By-Law Change #2: District Five By-Laws (Requires a 2/3 vote)

Affects: Article VI, Paragraph 2

WHEREAS: Solheim 278 has been disbanded; and

WHEREAS: Article VI, Paragraph 1 of the District 5 By-Laws mandates that lodges be assigned to zones;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Solheim 278 be removed from Zone 1.

Par. 2 Description of Zones

1. (9 lodges) Norrøna 27, Løven 29, Valkyrien 53, Trygvasson 220, ~~Solheim 278~~, Dovre 353, Nordlandet 620, Viking 625, Sjøland 635, Ulseth 670

Final:

Par. 2 Description of Zones

2. (9 lodges) Norrøna 27, Løven 29, Valkyrien 53, Trygvasson 220, Dovre 353, Nordlandet 620, Viking 625, Sjøland 635, Ulseth 670

Motion passed.

By-Law Change #3: District Five By-Laws
(Requires a 2/3 vote)

Affects: Article III, Paragraph 2

WHEREAS: Delegates and alternate delegates are elected in advance of the District 5 Convention and;

WHEREAS: A lodge may need to fill in a position in the delegation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Delegate Leader may designate a potential alternate to the credentials committee which, after review of the credentials of the designated alternate, may recommend to the District Lodge the seating of the alternate.

It was moved to add the words: If a lodge has exhausted its list of elected alternates. 2nd. Passed.

There were additional changes to the wording which were agreed to with unanimous consent. Motion passed.

Final: If a lodge has exhausted its list of elected alternates, the Delegate Leader may designate a potential alternate to the credentials committee which may recommend to the District Lodge the seating of the alternate.

The committee was excused.

Committee on Resolutions was called:

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Jon Grinde, Chair - Idun 74
Marlene Bergum - Grønnevik 632
Mike Hanson – Skjold 100
Richard Peterson – Vennskap 622
Guri Wuellner – Norse Valley 491

Resolution #1: Delegate Expense
(Requires a simple majority vote to pass)

WHEREAS: Article VIII, Par. 7 of the District Lodge 5 By-Laws require the District to provide an expense allowance, decided by the District Lodge, to Representatives to the International Lodge Meeting, and

WHEREAS: The District must also act with fiscal responsibility and must determine this expense allowance will not be a detriment to the continued financial health of the District treasury and therefore must also be considered reasonable and in line with projections, and

WHEREAS: Membership of this District is projected to remain steady or slight decrease over time, therefore creating a reduction in dues revenue without another dues increase and further causing a reduction to the General Fund where this expense allowance would be paid from, despite successful fund raising efforts over the past years, and

WHEREAS: The 2012 International Convention will be held Fargo, North Dakota. In addition, the Fifth District Board of Directors discussed all associated expenses for the 2012 International Convention at their Spring 2012 Board Meeting as well as the financial impact of various scenarios to support those delegates representing the Fifth District;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: delegates to the 2012 International Lodge Meeting shall receive an expense allowance of \$1000 to be used for traveling to and from their home to the convention site in Fargo, North Dakota, as well as to partially offset their hotel expenses, meals and International Convention registration expenses. The \$1000.00 support will be paid in two payments: One a check made directly to the International Lodge Meeting Committee for the full registration fee and given to the delegate at the district convention to send in with their registration form. The responsibility of a delegate is to conduct business at the International Lodge Meeting as well as reporting back to the members in the 5th District. Therefore, the balance would be paid to the delegate in one payment, after the International Lodge Meeting, and after they have completed one presentation which reaches two or more lodges. The presentation should be completed by December 1. If a husband and wife are both delegates, one spouse will receive full delegate expense allowance and 75% for the other.

The committee moved to add the following words: "*either in person or by written report, the written report sent by U.S. Mail or electronically.*"

The committee withdrew its amendment. The committee moved to add the words: *by any method.*

There was a motion to refer it back to the committee. 2nd. Motion defeated.

There was a suggestion for the Board to consider a flat fee and then a mileage calculation for future deliberations. The resolution passed.

Final:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: delegates to the 2012 International Lodge Meeting shall receive an expense allowance of \$1000 to be used for traveling to and from their home to the convention site in Fargo, North Dakota, as well as to partially offset their hotel expenses, meals and International Convention registration expenses. The \$1000.00 support will be paid in two payments: One a check made directly to the International Lodge Meeting Committee for the full registration fee and given to the delegate at the district convention to send in with their registration form. The responsibility of a delegate is to conduct business at the International Lodge Meeting as well as reporting back to the members in the 5th District. Therefore, the balance would be paid to the delegate in one payment, after the International Lodge Meeting, and after they have completed one presentation by any method, which reaches two or more lodges. The presentation should be completed by December 1. If a husband and wife are both delegates, one spouse will receive full delegate expense allowance and 75% for the other.

**Resolution #2: Officer Salaries
(Requires a simple majority vote to pass)**

WHEREAS: Article VII, Para. 7 of the District 5 By-Laws requires the District Lodge to determine compensation for the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Director, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the following officer salaries be set for the coming biennium:

President	\$1500 per year
Vice President	\$300 per year
Secretary	\$1500 per year
Treasurer	\$1500 per year
Publicity Director	\$300 per year
Sports Director	\$300 per year
Youth Director	\$300 per year

There was a motion to add "Cultural Director for \$150."- The motion died for a lack of a second.

There was a motion to Refer the Motion back to committee.

There was an announcement of the oversight of the Board to add the two new compensations (Sports and Youth Directors) to the by-law changes. The Laws committee will address it as well as the references to both salaries and compensation.

Coffee Break and Entertainment

There was a coffee break and the District Board conducting a fund-raising effort to raise money for the Beaver Creek Reserve- *Masse Moro* Shower Project.

**Resolution #3: District 5 shall allow e-mail submissions of photos and descriptive information for *The Viking* publication.
(Requires a simple majority vote to pass)**

WHEREAS: It is difficult to send pictures via mail, and

WHEREAS: District 5 is the only District not allowing e-mail photo submissions and descriptive information for *The Viking* publication, and

WHEREAS: This would allow local lodges more flexibility to submit their photos and information and a better chance to get their photos published;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the Publicity Director/Viking Correspondent for District 5 shall allow e-mail submissions of photos and descriptive information for *The Viking* publication.

Motion passed.

Final:

the Publicity Director for District 5 shall allow e-mail submissions of photos and descriptive information for *The Viking* publication.

The committee was excused.

Committee on Fraternal Affairs was called:

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL AFFAIRS

Esther Charlton, Chair - Edvard Grieg 657
Mary Larson – Norskeland 580
Michaela Decker – Nordlyset 183
Vicki Rudd-Jones – Valhall 168
Karen Brinkman – Elvedal 556

The committee spent considerable time discussing what “Fraternal” meant to each of us and our lodges. We then focused on some particular issues we wished to share with the convention delegates.

Terminology – Sometimes we use terms at lodge meetings and in our newsletters which might be unknown to new members. Our suggestion would be for some type of information sheet to be given to new members on their first contact. It would explain things like *Masse Moro*, Midsummer, *Julefest*, district, zone, *Unge Venner*, etc.

Family/Youth – Where possible have separate meetings and events for the youth at the same time as the lodge meetings. Find ways to give the youth members things to do during the lodge meetings. If your lodge is blessed to have youth members, make them feel they are useful at the lodge meetings. Be sure to include the youth when it is time to give out the membership service pins.

Promotion/Publicity – When you have the opportunity to promote your lodge by participating in a festival, parade or special event, take advantage of it. Whether it be having a booth at a festival or working in a booth for a special event, like the Lola Car Show, DO IT!

Delegate – When working on special lodge events like *Syttende Mai* or *Julefest* for example, break down the tasks and ask lodge members to help. This process will help newer members get involved with the lodge and the other members.

Resources – Make sure all of your lodge board members are aware of information available on the Sons of Norway Website. The Media Library is especially helpful in planning lodge programs.

Member Retention – We strongly suggest two and three year payment plans for membership be instituted. If a member wished to pay for two years, they could have a \$5.00 discount, and for a three-year payment a \$10.00 discount.

We thank Sister Bennett for having us serve on the Fraternal Affairs Committee

The report was approved. President Bennett excused the committee.

Silent Auction

George Sievers conducted the first round of final bids on the Silent Auction including a live auction of one item.

Finance Committee

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Whereas, the expenses both in time and money, for preparing the Biennial District Lodge Meeting Report Books is significant; now, therefore

Be it resolved, all future District Lodge Meeting Report Books should only be made available on the District Website with any sensitive material posted on a password protected Website available only to members of District 5; and, further, if hard copies are needed, they may be provided upon request of the District 5 Secretary.

Be it resolved, the only required reports be from the District President, District Secretary and District Treasurer and any other reports are encouraged, not required.

President Bennett referred this to the Resolutions Committee.

**Resolution #5 - Little Norway Support (Finance Resolution #2)
(Requires a simple majority vote to pass)**

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Whereas, the loss of Little Norway would be detrimental to the story of Norwegian immigration; now, therefore

Be it resolved, District 5 SON work with any available parties to preserve Little Norway as a heritage site.

President Bennett referred this to the Resolutions Committee.

The committee was excused.

Folk Art Competition Results

- Youth Photography: Blue- Mary Bittner, Circle City; Red- Mary Bittner, Circle City.
- Youth Ceramics: Blue- Mary Bittner, Circle City; Red- Mary Bittner, Circle City
- Acrylic Painting- Amateur: White- Elaine Bethke, Ostestaden
- Chip Carving-Amateur: Blue- David Wantz, Circle City
- Wood Turning- Bowl- Amateur: Blue - Darlene Henderson, Scandiana
- Figure Carving- Amateur: Blue- Paul Trondson, Grønnavik; Red- Fred Brinkman, Elvedal; White- Darlene Henderson, Scandiana
- Knitted Mittens- Amateur: Blue- Barb Johnson, Polar Star
- Knitting- Amateur: Blue- Dagrún Bennett, Circle City; Blue- Dagrún Bennett; Red- Guri Wuellner, Norse Valley; White- Barb Johnson, Polar Star
- Hardanger-Professional: White- Karen Trzebiatowski, Vennligfolk
- Needlework: Blue- Diane Hesseltvan Dinter, Norse Valley; Red- Guri Wellner, Norse Valley; Red- Paul Nelson, Ostestaden; White- Diane Hesseltvan Dinter.
- Rosemaling- Professional: Blue- Ellen Whalen, Hafrsfjord; Red- Loretta Paulmen; White- Ellen Whalen, Hafrsfjord
- Rosemaling- Amateur: Blue- Bonnie Selje, Mandt; Red- Lynn Sove Maxson, Carol Devito; White- Bonnie Selje, Mandt

These members have been awarded culture pins for the three areas of rosemaling. They are to be congratulated: Lois Mueller, Mary Vandenberg, Carol Brunner, Barb Johnson, Karen Grayson, Ann Marie Johnson, and Ann Mari Baldukas

After announcements, President Bennett recessed the meeting.

Saturday, June 23

The meeting resumed at 8:05 AM.

Darlene Arneson conducted the roll call of delegates. There were 131 delegates at the beginning of the Saturday session.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS - President Bennett

Marshal . . . Carol Jehle – Nordkap 378

Assistant Marshal . . . Florence Weise – Dovre 353

Greeter . . . Don Olson – Valkyrien 053

Greeter . . . Helen Sigurdson – Nordlandet 620

International Director

International Director Ray Knutson's comments focused on "Your Sons of Norway Membership-- A Bargain," - Knutson covered topics such as Adopt a School, Resource database, lending library, Viking Magazine, Viking Resource, the Sons of Norway Blog, Guide for Leadership, sports and cultural medals, membership discounts at hotels, Avis car rental and Visa cards. He discussed Masse Moro, Tubfrim, Foundation, the importance of filling out the Lodge Achievement and D17 forms. He also stressed the importance of the insurance products and the free financial reviews offered by Financial Benefit Counselor's. He introduced Anna Grinde who is from District 5. He discussed the 990 forms, Website resources, and then gave a welcome to the International Lodge Meeting and Convention in Fargo as well as the Innovative Leadership Conference. He ended his talk with a rousing Hip! Hip! Hooray!

Recall of Committees

The Laws Committee was recalled:

By-Law Change #4: District Five By-Laws (**from Laws Committee for Saturday**) (Requires a 2/3 vote)
Affects: Article VII (in the title and Par. 7)

WHEREAS: The language in the by-laws should be consistent and use the term "compensation" vs. "salaries"; and

WHEREAS: The positions of Recreation Director, Cultural Director, and Youth Director should be added to the list of Officers eligible for compensation;

THEREFORE: The word "compensation" should replace "salaries" in the Article title and "Recreation Director, Cultural Director, and Youth Director" should be added to Par. 7

ARTICLE VII . . . OFFICERS AND SALARIES (COMPENSATION)

Par. 1 The elected Officers of the District shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Recreation Director, Publicity Director, Cultural Director, Youth Director and the General Directors provided for in these By-Laws.

Par. 3. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Recreation Director, Publicity Director, Cultural Director and Youth Director shall be nominated and elected in that order, after which each Zone shall hold an election caucus and nominate the number of Directors and Alternates to which they are entitled as provided for in these By-Laws. These nominations shall be submitted to the District Lodge at the conclusion of the caucus.

Par. 7 The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, **Recreation Director**, Publicity Director, **Cultural Director, and Youth Director** shall receive such compensation as determined by the District Lodge. The Board of Directors shall make recommendations to each District Lodge Meeting with respect thereto.

Motion passed.

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President Bennett excused the committee.

The Resolutions Committee was recalled.

**Resolution #2: Officer Compensation (From Resolutions Committee for Saturday morning)
(Requires a simple majority vote to pass)**

WHEREAS: Article VII, Para. 7 of the District 5 By-Laws requires the District Lodge to determine compensation for the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Recreation Director, Publicity Director, Cultural Director, and Youth Director;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the following officer compensations be set for the coming biennium:

President	\$1500 per year
Vice President	\$300 per year
Secretary	\$1500 per year
Treasurer	\$1500 per year
Recreation Director	\$300 per year
Publicity Director	\$300 per year
Youth Director	\$300 per year

Motion passed.

**Resolution #6: *Masse Moro* Alumni Association
(Requires a simple majority vote to pass)**

WHEREAS: Our District 5 Youth attend the *Masse Moro* Heritage Camp from age 9 to 15; and

WHEREAS: Our youth make lifetime friendships from their camp experience: and WHEREAS: Sons of Norway greatly needs our youth to become active in our lodges; and

WHEREAS: District 5 should make every effort to reconnect with the close to 1000 *Masse Moro* alumni;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: a *Masse Moro* Alumni Association be established by the next District 5 Board of Directors and its Youth Director, to encourage our youth to continue their involvement in the Sons of Norway and creating a path to active adult membership. The District Board shall report its progress through The Ole Bull News and at the next District Lodge Meeting.

Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION #7: Zone Membership Support Persons
(Requires a simple majority vote to pass)**

WHEREAS: District 5 Sons of Norway membership is down 9% over the past two years; and

WHEREAS: There is a need for Local Lodge Membership Chairpersons to have the attention of a motivated support person focused strictly on membership recruitment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: a Volunteer Membership Support Person be established in each zone of District 5 to assist in membership recruitment efforts. They would not be District Board members and would be provided mileage expense only.

Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION #8: Honoring both the Bicentennial of the Norwegian Constitution and the Centennial of District 5 Sons of Norway
(Requires a simple majority vote to pass)**

WHEREAS: The Year 2014 will mark the 200th Anniversary of the Norwegian Constitution, established at Eidsvoll on May 17, 1814; and

WHEREAS: The Year 2014 will also mark the 100th Anniversary of District 5 Sons of Norway, established as "The Ole Bull District #5" at Madison, Wisconsin, on September 7, 1914;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: District 5 honor both these historic events, beginning the celebrations of both at the earliest appropriate times, but especially as a part of the 2014 District Lodge Meeting and Convention.

Motion passed.

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There was a motion to amend the motion by striking the words: Be it resolved, the only required reports be from the District President, District Secretary and District Treasurer and any other reports are encouraged, not required. Motion passed.

Final:

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Motion passed. President Bennett excused the committee.

Walk-A-Thon Update

Dave Hermundson updated the Walk-A-Thon: \$573 has been raised! The funds will be used for first-time campers at *Masse Moro*.

President Bennett distributed awards for the 2011 Lodge of the Year Awards.

- **2011 – Bronze** Fossen 534, Venenskap 622, , Grønnevik 632, Edvard Grieg 657, Elvesund 593, Fagernes 616, Leif Erikson 97, Music City Vikings 681, Myrmarken 609, Nordland 544, Norse Valley 491, Scandiana 600, Sjoland 635, Skjold 100, Sognefjord 523, Tre Elver 628, Ulseth 670, Valkyrien 53, Vikings of the Smokies 677

- **2011 - Silver** Loven 29, Idun 74, Fosselyngen 82, Hafrsfjord 206, Nordkap 378, Elvedal 556, Ostestaden 642, Polar Star 472, Cleng Peerson 525, Circle City 614, Samhold 473, Askeladden 610, Viking 625, Vennelag 513, Wergeland 28, HR Holand 549, Solvang 457
- **2011 - Gold** Mandt 314, Nordlyset 183

Recall of Committees:

- President Bennett dismissed the Reports and Publicity Committee.
- President Bennett dismissed the Fraternal Reports Committee.
- President Bennett dismissed the Finance Committee.
- President Bennett dismissed the Laws Committee.

The bid for the **2014 District Lodge Meeting** and Convention by Nordland, Norseman of the Lakes and Mandt Lodge was approved.

Cindy Olson discussed \$127.50 was given by a Sons of Norway member, Jan Finlay, who donated money during her colon cancer treatments- Cindy issued a challenge for people to match that donation.

A presentation on the **Barnebirkie** was given.

A **cookie break** was held.

President Bennett introduced **Past District President** Clifford Feggestad.

Fund-raiser Updates

Dave Hermundson: The first-time camper fund-raiser is now at \$622. Don Hermanson reported \$469 was raised for the Beaver Creek Reserve- *Masse Moro* Shower Fund

Election of officers:

- President- Don Hermanson – Valkyrien Lodge (Zone 1).
- Vice President- Nicholas Baldukas - Nordlyset Lodge (Zone 4)
- Secretary – Darlene Arneson- Mandt Lodge (not assigned to a zone)
- Treasurer- Duane Kittleson- Vennelag Lodge (Zone 3)
- Recreation- Andrew Johnsen- Scandiana Lodge (Zone 6)
- Publicity Director - Gary Melby- Valhall Lodge (Zone 5)
- Cultural Director- Owen Christianson- Myrmarken Lodge (Zone 2)
- Youth Director- Mary Bennett- Idun Lodge (Zone 3)

Darlene Arneson explained the election process in the zone meetings.

For the International Convention

President Don Hermanson will be one district delegate. There was a motion the second District at-large delegate to the International convention be District Secretary Darlene Arneson. 2nd. Passed

FBC Drawing

Ken Thul conducted a raffle from the Financial Benefit's display for a Sons of Norway ornament.

The zones all met for caucus during the lunch break.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS - President Bennett

Marshal . . . Ramona Johnson- Wergeland 28
Assistant Marshal . . . Joyce Hare – Askeladden 610
Greeter . . . Bob Palmer – Rib Fjell 496
Greeter . . . Charlotte Dahl – Fagernes 616

Zone caucus reports

- Zone 1-- David Hermundson and Donald Hermanson had been elected as officers. Priority alternates: Marie Peterson and Roy Peterson
- Zone 2-- Owen Christianson had been elected as an officer and Thomas Boudreau was elected as a director. Specific alternates: Adrian Johnson for Owen Christianson and Elspeth Christianson for Thomas Boudreau.
- Zone 3-- Duane Kittleson and Mary Bennett had been elected as officers. Specific alternates: Cheryl Schlessor for Mary Bennett and Dee Grimsrud for Duane Kittleson.
- Zone 4-- Nicholas Baldukas had been elected as an officer. Diane Hesseltvan Dinter was elected as a director. Priority alternates: Michaela Decker and Tom Haarstad
- Zone 5-- Gary Melby had been elected as an officer. Thomas Maxson was elected as a director. Priority alternates: George Hardison, Sr and Vicki Rudh-Jones
- Zone 6-- Andrew Johnsen had been elected as an officer. Esther Charlton was elected as a director. Priority alternates: Merle Hanson and Gene Steensma

Motion to approve the election of directors and alternates. 2nd. Motion passed.

International delegates elected at zone meetings:

- Zone 1-- David Hermundson
 - Alternate- Roy Peterson
- Zone 2-- Ron Iverson and Shirley Lokstad Schoenfeld
 - Alternates- Owen Christianson and Adrian Johnson
- Zone 3-- Cheryl Schlessor
 - Alternate- Janis Wegner
- Zone 4-- Michaela Decker and Nicholas Baldukas
 - Alternates- Diane Overby and Tom Haarstad
- Zone 5-- Thomas Maxson
 - Alternate- George Hardison, Sr.
- Zone 6-- Esther Charlton and Andrew Johnsen
 - Alternates- Burton Bittner and Gene Steensma

Names for International Delegates from the pool were collected. Introductions were made and ballots cast.

Best of Show for the Folk Art Competition

David Wants of Circle City Lodge and Paul Trondson, Grønnevik Lodge, were selected by the bean count!

Delegates should know there were three judges using a seven-point system. The points from all three judges were added up to place the participants.

Motion to approve the election of International delegates from the caucuses. 2nd. Motion passed.

Final list of delegates to International convention elected:

President- Don Hermanson

Secretary- Darlene Arneson

- Zone 1-- David Hermundson
Alternate-- Roy Peterson
- Zone 2-- Ron Iverson and Shirley Lokstad Schoenfeld
Alternates-- Owen Christianson and Adrian Johnson
- Zone 3-- Cheryl Schlessner
Alternate-- Janis Wegner
- Zone 4-- Michaela Decker and Nicholas Baldukas
Alternates-- Diane Overby and Tom Haarstad
- Zone 5-- Thomas Maxson
Alternate-- George Hardison, Sr.
- Zone 6-- Esther Charlton and Andrew Johnsen
Alternates-- Burton Bittner and Gene Steensma

From the election from the pool

1. Owen Christianson
2. George Sievers
3. Jon Grinde
4. Geoff Wodell

Alternates

1. Diane Overby
2. Janis Wegner
3. Dee Grimsrud
4. George Hardison, Sr.

Nominations were closed. Motion passed

Recall the Resolutions Committee

RESOLUTION #9: Thank You Resolution

(Requires a simple majority vote to pass)

WHEREAS: Host lodges Norse Valley 5-491, H.R. Holand 5-549, and Grønnevik 5-632 have provided wonderful accommodations and attention to detail for this 51st Biennial District Five Lodge Meeting and Convention; and WHEREAS: District President Mary Bennett and the Board of Directors have provided diligent leadership at this meeting and over the course of the biennium; and

WHEREAS: Director Raymond Knutson has represented our district's interests on the International Board of Directors and shared his steady leadership with all those assembled here; and

WHEREAS: Director Cindy Olson shared the wonderful story of our Sons of Norway Foundation with enthusiasm and encouragement; and Foundation Board Member Blaine Hedberg gave generously of his time and talent while promoting the organization; and

WHEREAS: Sons of Norway Financial Consultant Ken Thul and Financial Benefits Counselors Greg Ragan, Orion Carlson, and Jay Erickson all gave of their great energy to bring the Benefits Message to those present; and

WHEREAS: Sons of Norway's Home Office Cultural Coordinator Anna Grinde graced this gathering with her "homecoming" presence; and

WHEREAS: Homestead Meadows and Hosts Stephen and Arlene Nagy provided a very pleasant evening in the country; and

WHEREAS: Parliamentarian George Sievers shared his knowledge of Sons of Norway and his expertise on proper procedure with generosity and equanimity; and

WHEREAS: The Radisson Paper Valley Hotel provided all delegates and guests with fine food, meeting space, and places of rest; and

WHEREAS: Especially the delegates assembled, both rookies and veterans alike, who came with an interest in their organization, a love of their heritage, a preparation to participate, and a willingness to learn more about Sons of Norway;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: we thank all those above with a Hjaertlig Tusen Takk for each one's contribution in making this 51st Biennial Lodge Meeting and Convention of District Five, Sons of Norway, the very best it could be.

The motion passed. The Resolutions Committee was dismissed.

Other Items of business

- Announcements were made by various members
- There was a motion to adjourn. 2nd. Motion passed

Saturday Afternoon and Evening

Installation of District Board

George Sievers installed the Board. Honorary installation officers were Gene Steensma and Clifford Feggstad. Marshals were Jon Grinde and Geoff Wodell.

Awards Presented at Banquet:

2010 Awards

- Family - Mandt
- Lodge Achievement Small tier - Nordlyset
- Lodge Achievement Large tier - Ostestaden

2011 Awards

- Family Lodge - Nordlyset
- Lodge Achievement Small tier - Viking
- Lodge Achievement Large tier - Mandt

Post convention report from Treasurer Duane Kittleson:

Cookbook sales 13 @\$12	= \$156.
Fundraising products sold	= \$355.
Walk-a-thon	= \$800
Silent Auction	= \$2,389.95