

**Sons of Norway District Five Lodge Meeting Minutes**  
**June 29-30, 2018**  
**Hotel Radisson, La Crosse, Wisconsin**  
**Approved by District 5 Board- October 20, 2018**

**Friday, June 29, 2018**

Call to Order of Lodge Meeting- Ballroom- President Johnsen

Colors were presented by Wergeland Lodge. The three national anthems were sung and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Welcome and greetings by President Johnsen and La Crosse Mayor Tim Kabat

International President Jon Tehven presented District Secretary Darlene Arneson with the District 5's "Shellie Milford Spirit of the Birkie Award" that was given to the District at Birkebeiner Association.

Introduction of International Board President Jon Tehven, COO Chris Pinkerton, International Treasurer Elaine Nelson, Fraternal Director Linda Pederson and Parliamentarian Robert Schuck.

Appointment of Officers- President Johnsen

**Tellers will serve the entire District Lodge Meeting**

Teller #1	Curt Osborn	Askeladden	5-610
Teller #2	LaVonne Wier	Fagenes	5-616
Teller #3	Liv Ramstad	Edvard Grieg	5-657
Teller #4	Richard Wang	Valhall	5-168

Marshall	Frank Krawczyk	Polar Star	5-472
Asst. Marshall	Jane Grinde	Idun	5-074
Greeter	Don Overby	HR Holand	5-549
Greeter	Diane Lieber	Elvedal	5-556

Introductions: District Five Officers, District Five Directors, International Treasurer

**District Five Officers**

President – Andrew Johnsen (Erlene)  
Vice President – Kathleen Secora (Jim)  
Secretary – Darlene Arneson (John)  
Treasurer – Mike Palecek (Diane)  
Recreation Director – Michaela Decker  
Publicity Director – Christina Fairchild (Richard)

Cultural Director – Esther Charlton (Robert)  
Youth Director – Cheryl Schlessner (Roger)

**District Five Directors**

Zone 1- David Hermundson (Patricia)  
Zone 1 Central- Geoff Wodell (  
Zone 2- Tom Boudreau (Sue)  
Zone 2 – Ron Iverson (Sandy)  
Zone 4 – Joy Bashara (Frank Ingram)- NOT HERE

**International Director-** Jon Grinde (Jane)

**Past Officers and Directors:**

Past International Director and District 5 President - Eugene Steensma -

Past District 5 Directors and Officers- Susan Boudreau, Thomas Maxson, Dennis Westgor, Mary Bennett, Mary Zoroufy, Diane Overby, Oleif Olsaker, Jean Bittner and Burton Bittner

Past International Director- Geoffrey Wodell

District Secretary Darlene Arneson conducted the **Roll Call of Delegates**. There were 109 delegates seated.

<b>Lodge</b>	<b>Lodge Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>
027	Norrøna	<b>No delegates</b>	
028	Wergeland	Eugene	Johnson
028	Wergeland	Beverly	Ranis
028	Wergeland	Karen	Broadhead
028	Wergeland	Mark	Quade
028	Wergeland	Pam	Knudtson
029	Løven	Patricia	Hermundson
053	Valkyrien	Audrey	Severson
053	Valkyrien	Sandy	Olson
053	Valkyrien	Susan	Faber
074	Idun	Mary	Bennett
074	Idun	Mary	Zoroufy
074	Idun	Jane	Grinde
082	Fosselyngen	<b>No delegates</b>	
100	Skjold	Lisa	Solak
100	Skjold	Jim	Secora
100	Skjold	Laurie	Sorman

168	Valhall	Richard	Wang
183	Nordlyset	Happy (Randall)	Youngs
183	Nordlyset	Cheryl	Green
183	Nordlyset	Cheryl	Miller
206	Hafrsfjord	Gerry	Lachman
220	Trygvason	David	Fischer
220	Trygvason	Alton	Staff
286	Jotunheimen	Irene	Fortney
314	Mandt	Vicky	Goplen
314	Mandt	Scott	Wegner
314	Mandt	Sharon	Vance
314	Mandt	John	Arneson
353	Dovre	Robin	Fossum
353	Dovre	Robert	Fossum
378	Nordkap	Merete	Stenersen
378	Nordkap	Mark	Eelnurme
378	Nordkap	Dennis	Flessland
417	Trollhaugen	<b>No delegates</b>	
457	Solvang	Corky (Corrine)	Olson
457	Solvang	David	Amundson
457	Solvang	Roger	Hanson
472	Polar Star	Ken	Johnson
472	Polar Star	Frank	Krawczyk
472	Polar Star	Steve	Tanda
473	Samhold	Gene	Steensma
473	Samhold	Bill	Injerd
490	Sonja Henie	<b>No delegates</b>	
491	Norse Valley	Linda	Hash
491	Norse Valley	Mary	Vandenberg
491	Norse Valley	Judy	Ghastin
496	Rib Fjell	David	Berge
496	Rib Fjell	Harlan	Grinde
513	Vennelag	Tiffany	Schwoerer
513	Vennelag	Carolyn	Johnson
513	Vennelag	Karen	Eberhardt
513	Vennelag	Tamiko	Clary
523	Sognefjord	Eloise	Cihos
523	Sognefjord	Janice	Mjovig
523	Sognefjord	Merle	Hanson
525	Cleng Peerson	Connie	Kross
525	Cleng Peerson	Dawn	Gunderson

525	Cleng Peerson	Sheila	Gunderson
534	Fossen	<b>No delegates</b>	
544	Nordland	Bill	Hendrickson
544	Nordland	Doug	Mahlum
544	Nordland	Pat	Mahlum
549	H R Holand	Diane	Overby
549	H R Holand	Don	Overby
556	Elvedal	Susan	Boudreau
556	Elvedal	Diane	Lieber
568	Christian Radich	<b>No delegates</b>	
570	Vakkertland	Alene	Olson
570	Vakkertland	Allen	Olson
580	Norskeland	<b>No delegates</b>	
593	Elvesund	Marie	Gillespie
593	Elvesund	Nancy	Robinson
593	Elvesund	Thomas	Maxson
600	Scandiana	James	Nelson
600	Scandiana	Melvin	Sorensen
600	Scandiana	Oleif	Olsaker
609	Myrmarken	Sherrie	Framness
609	Myrmarken	Doug	Framness
610	Askeladden	Curt	Osborn
610	Askeladden	Holly	Jensen
614	Circle City	Jerry	Rud
614	Circle City	Burt	Bittner
614	Circle City	Susan	Alden
616	Fagernes	Marlys	Britten
616	Fagernes	Eileen	Trim
616	Fagernes	LaVonne	Wier
620	Nordlandet	<b>No delegates</b>	
622	Vennskap	<b>No delegates</b>	
625	Viking	<b>No delegates</b>	
627	Vennligfolk	Arno	Morton
627	Vennligfolk	Susan	Morton
627	Vennligfolk	C. Marvin	Lang
628	Tre Elver	<b>No delegates</b>	
632	Grønnavik	Peggy	Schroeder
632	Grønnavik	Marlene	Bergum
635	Sjoland	<b>No delegates</b>	
642	Ostestaden	Paul	Nelson
642	Ostestaden	Jean	Busker

650	Norsemen Of Lakes	Carol	Anderson
650	Norsemen Of Lakes	Dennis	Westgor
657	Edvard Grieg	Susan	Herman
657	Edvard Grieg	Liv	Ramstad
657	Edvard Grieg	Kathy	Skinner
662	Arctic Circle	<b>No delegates</b>	
670	Ulseth	<b>No delegates</b>	
677	Vikings Of The Smokies	Dee	Bumpers
677	Vikings Of The Smokies	Olaf	Storaasli
681	Music City Vikings	Sara	Richter
000	Central		
999	Spirit New Century		
	International Board Member	Jon	Grinde
	District Board	Geoff	Wodell
	District Board	Tom	Boudreau
	District Board	Michaela	Decker
	District Board	Lucy	Ghastin
	District Board	Darlene	Arneson
	District Board	Mike	Palacek
	District Board	David	Hermundson
	District Board	Cheryl	Wille-Schlesser
	District Board	Ron	Iverson
	District Board	Christina	Fairchild
	District Board	Kathy	Secora
	District Board	Esther	Charlton
	District Board	Andrew	Johnsen

#### Report of Credentials Committee

District Board-Chr	Darlene	Arneson
Løven	Patricia	Hermundson
Nordland	Doug	Mahlum

#### Seating of Delegates

The motion that the roll of delegates submitted be the official roll of the voting delegates for the Sons of Norway District Five Lodge Meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

Secretary Darlene Arneson reported the **minutes of the 2016 District Lodge Meeting** were approved by September 24, 2016 and sent to the 2016 District Lodge members.

There was a motion to approve the **rules for the 2018 District Meeting**. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.  
Approval of Rules for 2018 District Lodge Meeting

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 **FIVE** 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 **TWO 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 12:00 PM Friday so 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.

### **International Presentation**

There was a presentation about the Fraternal part of Sons of Norway by International Sons of Norway

Fraternal Director Linda Pederson, COO Chris Pinkerton and International Board President Jon Tehven.

Linda Pederson covered the Fraternal side of Sons of Norway: Sons of Norway was organized in Minneapolis, MN on January 16, 1895 by 18 Norwegian immigrants who sought to protect their families in times of sickness or death in the family. Today Sons of Norway is the largest Norwegian organization outside of Norway. The updated branding reflects the principles of modern Scandinavian design while maintaining the warmth, tradition and spirit of the logo we have used since 1955. Working closely with the strategic planning and financial teams, Sons of Norway has updated materials to reflect our evolving brand and promote our latest financial products. A few of the latest materials a flyer that introduces that introduces our array of financial products, a newly updated design for the advisor newsletter mailed to all members with the imprint of their financial benefits counselors, and one of several product cards that showcase our products in a bright and inviting format.

This Year's Campaign- Our 2018 member recruitment campaign calls for an increase of 3,300 new members. As of end of April, 596 members have joined our ranks. As we approach our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020, we'll continue to provide lodge incentives to grow. There were 13 District 5 lodges that made the Growing to 2020 campaign. They included Skold, Valhall, Nordlyset, Solvang, Polar Star, Vennelag, Elvesund, Fagernes, Vennligfolk, Gronnvik, Edvard Grieg, Vikings of the Smokies, and Music City Vikings.

We have made excellent strides toward our goals so far. We need your continued support, especially with the last three goals. Website visitors are spending more time on the website and we are seeing a dramatic increase in page views. The "social referral" and "email referral" percentages have risen. This means efforts to drive email and social media subscribers to our website to access more information are succeeding.

We're continuing to see growth on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Since June 2017, as of March 2018: Our Twitter account has 2,849 followers, up by 6.4% and our Facebook account has an 8.7% engagement rate, increased from an average of 3%, and currently sees an average of 1,750 impressions per post. In addition, our newly created Instagram page continues to gain followers and is averaging a 14% engagement rate.

Available for your use: Using Facebook to Connect with Members, Social Media Policy for Lodges and Sons of Norway Facebook Policy. Our newsletters reach a wide readership of members and non-members alike. Lodges are encouraged to use articles provided in newsletter service, sent to lodge editors every other month, as space allows in their own newsletters.

The ever popular Viking magazine continues to be a favorite among members. Overall readership is estimated to be 100,000 readers per month! Features continue to strike a balance between Nordic traditions and heritage and modern Norway.

The Growth Initiatives were designed to help recruit new members, contact more members about our financial products and services, reach more members in geographical areas currently not reached,

help grow Sons of Norway so as to pass on our heritage to the next generations, and to help with members needs that weren't addressed before. We also hope to increase the number of Financial Benefits Counselors, increase the number of new insurance and annuity products to better meet your needs, enhanced marketing expertise, new National Sales Manager and enhance our website regarding our insurance products.

Chris Pinkerton covered the Financial part of Sons of Norway: Importance of Life Insurance and Annuity Sales to You and Your Lodge. Financial security and peace of mind to our members, keeping true to our mission and the intent of our founders to support and care for those of Nordic heritage in our communities. He covered the dollars in support of our Fraternal operation, support for Lodge Revenue Sharing, funds to help grow the Foundation, and the Scholarships and Humanitarian Grants. For example, dollars to help pay the cost of publishing the Viking Magazine. In 2017, the dollar amount was \$1.415 million to help support the Fraternal operation. The Financial side provides dollars to lodges based on the number of insured members and how it provides dollars for the lodges to spend on lodge programs, social functions, etc.

Nordics Pay it Forward — 5 Steps: To explain in a clear fashion how the purchase of a Sons of Norway financial product benefits members, lodges and communities, the “Nordics Pay it Forward” infographic was developed. It consists of 5 steps, beginning with a member purchasing a financial product and ending with the lodge receiving a check that can be used in a number of ways.

Chris reviewed the 5 Steps:

- Step One — Life insurance and annuity premiums received.
- Step Two — Premiums are allocated to certificate issuance and maintenance, reserves to fund future claims and business operations.
- Step Three — Business operations funds are allocated to certificate benefit payment, legally required surplus account and membership benefits and lodge activities.
- Step Four — Membership benefits and lodge activity funds support publications, cultural programming, sports medal program, lodge management and community outreach and lodge revenue sharing.
- Step Five — Lodge revenue sharing – A check is presented to the lodge based on the financial products purchased by its members.

Simplified Issue Whole Life- Fewer Medical Questions fulfills the need for a lower death benefit at an affordable rate with fewer health questions. This product will also cover final expenses plus other debts, thus providing peace of mind.

Guaranteed Issue Whole Life- No Medical Questions Asked and Guaranteed Acceptance: Funeral costs, medical bills, left-over debts; these are expenses that you and your family can expect upon the death of a loved one. But with the affordable insurance plan, you can ease the burden of immediate final expenses, regardless of your health.



Annuities- Features a solution for retirement, accumulate money on a tax-deferred basis, periodic withdrawals of your cash – both principal and interest, guaranteed lifetime income options available, and ideal for rollover of 401k, 403b and other qualified retirement plans.

International Jon Tehven presented the Foundation part of Sons of Norway. The Sons of Norway Foundation is dedicated to funding activities that preserve and promote Norwegian heritage, positively affect members, and make Sons of Norway communities a more vibrant place to live.

Foundation's Core Values are Building the heritage of the future, 2) Sustaining the link to contemporary Norway, Committing to life-long learning and service, Preserving compassion for those in need, Supporting the right things for our communities, and Fostering a cohesive community of generosity.

#### 2016 & 2017 Camperships & Grants:

##### Camperships:

- Over \$24,000 provided to Districts 1-6 for camperships through the Draxten Fund
- Foundation sends funds to the District, who in turn makes the awards
- \$2,500 awarded to District 5

##### Grants:

- Over \$143,000: 113 grants (includes Draken Viking Ship)
- District 5: Over \$9,300 awarded for 16 grants
- CONGRATULATIONS on your leadership conference!

2016 & 2017 Scholarship Recipients- Over \$173,500 awarded to 56 students and District 5: \$16,000 for 9 scholarships

#### Astrid G. Cates

- 2016: Karianne Mau, Dovre Lodge, 5-353, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
- 2017: Lolly Duus, Nordkap Lodge, 5-378, University of Michigan

#### Lund Fund

2016: Melanie Sorman, Skjold Lodge, 5-100  
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

2017: Brittany Dunnum, Solvang Lodge, 5-457  
University of Wisconsin-Madison

#### 2016 & 2017 Scholarship Recipients

##### King Olav V Norwegian-American Heritage

2016: Lianna Stewart, Oslo International Summer School

2017: Alexis Dunnum, Solvang Lodge, 5-457, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Erin Pevan, University of Oslo

#### 2016 & 2017 Scholarship Recipients

##### Myrtle Beinhauer

2016: Erik Queoff, Vennskap, 5-622,

## Norwegian University of Science and Technology

Douglas Warne-Rolf & Wenche Eng

2016: Erin Pevan, Oslo International Summer School

Oslo International Summer School

2017: Jonathan Grinde, Idun Lodge, 5-074

Oslo International Summer School

### 2018 Grant Changes

- Lodge Vitality Grant: due December 31 - Operational support for lodges, up to \$1,000
- Lodge Culture and Heritage: due December 31 - Focusing on Norwegian heritage and culture, lodges only, up to \$1,500
- Helping Hands to Children: due December 31- Partnering with local agencies to support kids or developing lodge programs, up to \$500
- Community Partnership: due December 15 - Norwegian heritage and culture, non-members only, up to \$1,000
- Helping Hands to Members: rolling basis all year – do you know of anyone who was affected by the hurricanes or wildfires?
- All match requirements removed!

### 2018 Scholarship Changes

New Scholarship: Helen Tronvold Adult Learner Scholarship: due January 15

- Age 40+
- Insurance members for at least one year
- Study in Norway or take a cultural class in Norway
- All grant and scholarship applications open in October
- Deadline is January 15

### How is the Foundation Sustainable?

#### Endowment Foundation:

- Keep the principle of endowment gifts in tact
- Initial gift is never spent down, but earns interest annually
- Spend a portion of the every year in order to support the donor's wishes
- The endowed fund grows with the rate of inflation
- Leaves a legacy

#### Endowment purposes:

- Currently camperships, grants and scholarships
  - Can be for anything within the bounds of the Foundation's mission
- Example: Chair, Lodge operations, Norwegian business development, etc.

If you want to create a named endowment to benefit your lodge, here is how it works. These accounts are real Foundation accounts with the names changed. As you will see, we use a five-year rolling average to determine the value of what we use from each endowed account every year. We use this

method to protect our donors' gifts. We value your generosity and intend to protect it!

#### How Can I Give?

What is most meaningful to you for your philanthropy?

- Share your Norwegian heritage and values?
- Provide an income stream for your lodge?
- Leave a legacy?
- Honor a loved one?

#### How may I make a difference?

- Give annually to your charity of choice
- Make a major gift pledge (over five years) to the project that touches your heart
- Leave a planned gift in your estate, life insurance or other assets

#### How Can I Participate?

Become a District or Lodge Foundation Director

- Inform your Zone Director and Lodge members of our grant and scholarship opportunities
- Be an ambassador for the Foundation's grant and scholarship recipients
- Help the raise funds for our programs
- Promote the Foundation's Core Values

#### Apply for the Board of Governors

- Accepting applications until September 10
- Take on a leadership role with an organization that is passionate about serving others and sharing our Nordic values
- Searching for people with business, finance, fund development and social media skills

#### Who may I contact with questions?

- Corrie Maki Knudson, Director- [cknudson@sofn.com](mailto:cknudson@sofn.com), 612-821-4632
- District 5 Foundation Board of Governor, Blaine Hedberg is here helping with the tours.
- District 1 and 4 Governors, Jon Tehven and Elaine Nelson are also attending the District 5 Convention – please ask them questions!

International President Jon Tehven introduced **International Treasurer Elaine Nelson**. She encouraged members to apply for applications as they don't get enough turned in. She gave some examples of how many applied, how many qualified and what the final results were. She started her own scholarship fund. There are also King Harald Medallions that can be earned if members give \$250 to the Humanitarian Fund. They are available at the convention and there are twelve available. Elaine explained what the International Treasurer does and a bit about herself.

President Johnsen asked Cultural Director Esther Charlton announced the **Cultural Skills Contest** winners for the second half of the year. There was also a display made by Barbara Johnson of Polar Star on how their lodge promotes the Cultural Skills Program.

President Johnsen asked James Nelson of Scandiana to play some **songs**- Nidelven and Per

Spelmann. Jon Grinde also helped lead the songs.

District Treasurer Mike Palecek shared information about the **District fundraisers**. Copies of Hidden Heroes that was compiled by Jean Bittner. Flagship pins and Norwegian flags are also available for sale.

The meeting recessed and there was a coffee break and announcements made.

President Johnsen called the meeting back to order.

Idun Lodge of Madison presented their **2020 Convention Bid Presentations** for June 24-28, 2020 at the Radisson Hotel on Grand Canyon Drive in Madison. Lucy Ghastin and Jane Grinde made the presentation. The room rate would be \$109 for a standard and \$119 for an upgrade. They also introduced Idun Lodge co-Presidents Mary Zoroufy and Mary Bennett and International Director Jon Grinde who were present from Idun Lodge.

President Andrew Johnsen introduced **Wendy Winkelman** who has been working hard to start a new lodge in southern Illinois.

#### Report of the Nominating Committee

International Board-Chr	Jon	Grinde
Fosselyngen	Sue Berg	Roedel
H.R. Holand	Diane	Overby

The members of the District Five **2018 Nominating Committee** wish to thank the District Five Board of Directors for electing us to serve the District in this biennium.

As was the case in the previous biennium, the Committee has been tasked with “sifting and winnowing” through the District Five Local Lodge Delegate List for those who are Sons of Norway Benefit Members; for those who are willing, motivated, and interested in serving the District for the next biennium; or for those who can be persuaded to serve, whether or not they possess the necessary qualifications from the get go. We have been successful, we believe, in securing candidates from both groups. Of the 118 Delegates on the Delegate List, 56 are Sons of Norway Benefit members.

The Committee believes our work is ongoing right up to the time of the Election of the District Board and Election of the District Five Nominee to the International Board, both held on Saturday at the District Lodge Meeting in La Crosse in June. So, the Nominee List is incomplete, but we are confident that it will be full and complete by the time of the elections.

The following is our List of Nominees, as it now stands:

District President  
Vice President

Andrew Johnsen  
Kathy Secora

Zone 6  
Zone 5

Secretary	Darlene Arneson	At Large
Treasurer	Michael Palecek	At Large
Sports & Recreation Director	Cheryl Wille-Schlesser	Zone 3
Publicity Director	Karen Eberhardt	Zone 3
Cultural Director	Geraldine Lachman	Zone 4
Youth Director	Sandra Olson	Zone1
Director Zone 1	Audrey Severson	Zone 1
Director Zone 2	Tom Boudreau.	Zone 2
Director Zone 2	Karen Broadhead	Zone 2
Director Zone 4	Peggy Schroeder	Zone 4
Director Zone 5	Connie Kross	Zone 5
Director Zone 6	Dee Bumpers	Zone 6

### Report of the Finance Committee

Dovre- Chr	Robert	Fossum
Scandiana	Oleif	Olsaker
Vennelag	Tamiko	Clary
Skjold	Jim	Secora
District Board- Board Advisor	Mike	Palecek

We would like to thank and compliment our treasurer Mike Palecek on his reports.

The committee recommends that delegates read Treasurer Palecek's comments on page 21-22 of the reports book. The committee met on June 28 and referred to pages 39-43 of the reports book. The change in the dues structure has put the financial footing of District 5 in a much more positive position going forward. However, declining membership continues to be an important issue for the lodges and zones which make-up District 5.

District 5 turned itself around and is in good financial standing. The committee began exploring ways to attract and maintain membership levels through additional support and programs. We discussed possibly pursuing investing funds more aggressively to increase returns voting no for this option at this time. We agreed with the Treasurer's suggestion to merge the District 5 designated funds checking account with the Nordic Legacy Foundation checking account to be effective the next fiscal year, January 1, 2019.

Concerning Resolution # 3, Officer Compensation: The Finance Committee moves to amend Resolution #3 to State:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The following officer salaries be set for the 2018-2020 biennium:

President - \$500.00 per annum;

Secretary - \$1,500,00 per annum;

Treasurer - \$500.00 per annum.

Reasoning: the salaries were reduced the last 2 years due to the financial position of District 5. With the turn-around and current financial health, we recommend reinstating the previous compensation levels. Treasurer Palecek was not present during the time this recommendation was discussed and approved.

Concerning resolution #4, p. 32, regarding District Board of Directors Travel: We recommend approval.

Concerning By-Law Proposal #1, To reinstate the Golden Membership Classification: We recommend approval with support in no change with the dues structure.

Concerning By-Law #2, Fees and Dues: We recommend adding clarification to Par 3, second sentence as follows:

If a husband and wife are both delegates, one of the spouses will receive the full amount and the other spouse will receive half of the amount.

Concerning By-Law #3, Fraternal Project: We recommend approval.

We would like to commend the Treasurer for recommending improvements and self-funding of Masse Moro through the Nordic Legacy Foundation.

The Chairman would like to thank the Finance Committee for an excellent job done.

### **Report of the Reports/Publicity Committee**

District Board-Chr	Kathy	Secora
District Board	Christina	Fairchild
Norse Valley	Judy	Ghastin
Idun	Mary	Bennett
Vikings of the Smokies	Dee	Bumpers

The Reports and Publicity Committee met on Thursday, June 28, 2018 and reviewed the reports of the District 5 Board members. In attendance were Kathy Secora (Chair), Mary Bennett, Judy Ghastin, Christina Fairchild and Dee Bumpers.

President Andrew Johnsen expressed his privilege to serve as president for the past two years. He was pleased with the results of the first District 5 President's Leadership Conference held in the fall of 2017 for the purpose of training lodge leaders and is looking forward to having another in 2019.

He indicated the financial well-being of the youth camp Masse Moro due to donations, tuition increase and the establishment of the 501(c) (3) Fifth District Nordic Legacy Foundation.

President Johnsen also highlighted District Five receiving the "Shellie Milford Spirit of the Birkie Award". He stressed the importance of recruitment and retention for all district lodges.

The Reports and Publicity Committee commended President Johnsen for establishing the District Five "President's Leadership Conference".

Vice President Kathy Secora addressed the issues of declining membership and lodges disbanding. She congratulated District Five lodges which met their goals to increase membership in 2017. Under her leadership, the membership committee posted weekly tips for increasing membership on the District Five Facebook page.

The Reports and Publicity Committee commended Vice President Secora for this and also suggested placing that information on the District website.

Vice President Secora also addressed the importance of training and communication between lodges and Board members. There is only so much the District Vice President or the District Board can do to increase membership. It is up to every member.

Secretary Darlene Arneson welcomed delegates to the 54th Biennial Lodge Meeting of Sons of Norway Fifth District. She thanked everyone for their hard work and summarized some of the many changes that took place during the biennium. She mentioned the possibility of a new lodge in southern Illinois.

The Reports and Publicity Committee commended Secretary Arneson for continuing the Friendly Fifth Friday News and in keeping the membership informed.

Treasurer Mike Palecek highlighted the cyclical nature of the treasury, areas of greatest cost and greatest income; Masse Moro finances, changes in the dues structure, the Nordic Legacy Foundation and District Five fund raising efforts.

The Reports and Publicity Committee commended Treasurer Palecek for establishing the Nordic Legacy Foundation and for compiling the Hidden Heroes book which brought in over \$6000.

Recreation Michaela Decker highlighted her areas of responsibility: Barnebirkie, bowling tournament, chili cook-off, and the District 5 walk-a-thon. She was pleased that District Five Sons of Norway received the "Shellie Milford Spirit of the Birkie Award" for the many years of Birkie volunteers.

The Reports Publicity Committee commended Recreation Director Decker for inaugurating the chili cook-off.

Publicity Director Christina Fairchild has been honored to serve and would like to thank everyone who sent photos in for the Viking magazine and also the information and suggestions submitted for the District 5 website. She highlighted how important the District 5 website is in informing our members. She and the District 5 webmaster, Richard Fairchild welcomes information from all members.

The Reports and Publicity Committee commended Publicity Director Fairchild and Youth Director



Cheryl Wille-Schlesser for compiling and refining a web based list of available speakers and programs for District Five lodges.

Cultural Director Esther Charlton implemented contests to encourage participation in the cultural skills programs. . She cited Polar Star Lodge for an extraordinary effort of involving their members in the cultural skills program.

The Reports and Publicity Committee commended Cultural Director Charlton for this effort and challenges all lodges to involve members in a similar manner.

Youth Director Cheryl Wille-Schlesser reported on her duties related to Masse Moro and administration of the District Five scholarship program. She encouraged members to check the District Five website for the availability of grants and scholarships including studying abroad and Masse Moro.

The Reports and Publicity Committee commended Youth Director Wille-Schlesser for her enthusiastic and creative support of Sons of Norway.

In summary, the Reports and Publicity Committee was pleased with the quality and thoroughness of the director's reports and looks forward to reviewing similar reports in the future.

The group sang Hils fram mig der hjemme and then the meeting recessed for lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 PM.

Nominating committee chairman Jon Grinde reported:

International Director Nominee	Robin Fossum
International Director Alternate Nominee	Cheryl Wille-Schlesser

Cheryl Green was the winner of the Heads & Tails of Nordlyset Lodge of \$205. The other \$205 will be donated to the Viking House at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

Appointment of Officers- President Johnsen

Marshall	David Berge	Rib Fjell	5-496
Asst. Marshall	Peggy Schroeder	Grønvik	5-632
Greeter	Alene Olson	Vakkertland	5-570
Greeter	Allen Olson	Vakkertland	5-570

Report of the Laws Committee

Sognefjord-Chr	Merle	Hanson
Valkyrien	Sandy	Olson
Nordkap	Dennis	Flessland



Hafersfjord	Gerry	Lachman
Circle City	Jerry	Rud

### **By-Law proposal #1**

By-Law Proposal #1 was withdrawn and referred to the Resolutions Committee on the recommendation of Sons of Norway legal counsel.

By-Law proposal #1 is withdrawn as a bylaw amendment and is resolution #6.

### **By-Law Proposal # 2**

The Committee recommends adoption of paragraph 1 as presented.

The Committee recommends amending Paragraph 2 by striking out the current wording and inserting the following:

**Funds shall be annually earmarked for the purpose of offsetting the cost of hosting a District Lodge Meeting and Convention and will be distributed to the host lodge during the month of January of the convention year.**

The Committee recommends amending Paragraph 3 by striking out the current wording and inserting the following:

**Funds shall be annually earmarked for the purpose of offsetting delegates' expenses to the International Lodge Meeting and Convention, with all delegates getting an equal share. If a husband and wife are both delegates, one of the spouses will receive a full share and the other spouse will receive a half-share.**

The Committee recommends amending Paragraph 4 by striking it out completely as it is unnecessary.

The motion to amend the bylaw proposal passed. The amended bylaw proposal as amended passed with a 2/3 vote.

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### **NEW WORDING OF ARTICLE IX**

A new unified SON dues structure is in place, effective January 1, 2018

BE IT RESOLVED that Article IX shall be changed to:

Article IX... FEES AND DUES

Par. 1 District dues shall be set by the International Lodge, per the Simplified Dues Structure of 2018.

Par. 2 Funds shall be annually earmarked for the purpose of offsetting the cost of hosting a District Lodge Meeting and Convention and will be distributed to the host lodge during the month of January of the convention year.

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Par. 3 - Funds shall be annually earmarked for the purpose of offsetting delegates' expenses to the International Lodge Meeting and Convention, with all delegates getting an equal share. If a husband and wife are both delegates, one of the spouses will receive a full share and the other spouse will receive a half-share.

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### **By-Law Proposal #3**

The Committee recommends amending By-Law Proposal #3 by strike out the current wording for Article X...FRATERNAL PROJECT and inserting the following:

Paragraph 1. The District Lodge #5 adopts for itself as a Fraternal Project a Norwegian Heritage Camp to be located within the Fifth District. This Fraternal Project shall be as financially self-supporting as possible. District Lodge #5 will pay Masse Moro administrators to operate the heritage camp and will match scholarships provided to campers by their local lodges up to an amount to be determined by the District Lodge #5 Board.

The motion to amend the bylaw proposal passed. The amended bylaw proposal as amended passed with a 2/3 vote.

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### **NEW WORDING FOR Article X...FRATERNAL PROJECT**

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Par. 2 The District Lodge shall have the authority to levy a fraternal fee, not to exceed \$1.00 per member, per year, with the exception of life members, upon lodges within the boundaries of the Fifth District. The fraternal fee must be approved by a 2/3 majority vote.

Par. 3 The authority to assess said fraternal fee shall remain in effect for a period of two (2) years and then terminate unless renewed by the District Lodge at its biennial meeting.

WHEREAS:A new unified SON dues structure is in place, effective January 1, 2018 and District 5 has established the Sons of Norway District 5 Nordic Heritage Foundation, a 501(c)(3)

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### **By-Law Proposal #4**

The Committee recommends adoption of the resolution as presented.

The bylaw proposal passed with a 2/3 vote.

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## **NEW WORDING**

### **Affects: ARTICLE VI . . . ZONES, Par 2**

#### Par. 2 Description of Zones

Zone 1- Loven 29, Valkyrien 53, Trygvason 220, Viking 625, Ulseth 670, Dovre 353, and Sjoland 635

Zone 2- Wergeland 28, Jotunheimen 286, Solvang 457, Fossen 534, Fagernes 616, Rib Fjell 496, Elvedal 556, Norskeland 580, Myrmarken 609 and Vennligfolk 627.

Zone 3- Idun 74, Mandt 314, Vennelag 513, Nordland 544, Vakkertland 570, Ostestaden 642. and Norsemen of the Lakes 650.

Zone 4- Fosselyngen 82, Nordlyset 183, Hafrsfjord 206, Norse Valley 491, H R Holand 549, and Gronnvik 632.

Zone 5- Skjold 100, Valhall 168, Polar Star 472, Cleng Peerson 525, Trollhaugen 417 and Elvesund 593.

Zone 6- Nordkap 378, Samhold 473, Sonja Henie 490, Sognefjord 523, Christian Radich 568, Scandiana 600 Askeladden 610, Circle City 614, Edvard Grieg 657, Arctic Circle 662, Vikings of the Smokies 677 and Music City Vikings 681.

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#### Report of the Resolutions Committee

District Board	David	Hermundson
Samhold	Gene	Steensma
Nordland-Chr	Bill	Hendrickson
Elvedal	Susan	Boudreau
Mandt	Scott	Wegner

Bill Hendrickson will serve as the Chairman at the request of David Hermundson who originally was asked.

#### **Resolution #1- International Forms Approved at Spring Meeting**

The committee recommends its adoption.

Therefore be it resolved that the International Board shall approve all changes in forms for the D17, Building D17, Lodge Achievement and Family Lodge of the Year forms at the spring board meeting. The International staff shall have until September 1 to finalize and post the forms on the website and

communicate to the District and local lodges the deadlines, changes and finalized forms.

The resolution passed by a majority vote.

### **Resolution #2- Central Lodge Member Involvement**

The Resolution Committee approves of resolution # 2 with amendment.

The motion to amend the resolution by striking the words “field staff” and inserting “Financial Benefit Counselors” passed.

Therefore be it resolved: the International Board, District Board and Financial Benefit Counselors develop a plan to encourage bringing these members into membership within a local lodge.

Resolution #2 passed as amended.

### **Resolution # 3 - Officer Compensation**

The Resolution Committee approves of Resolution # 3 as written and understands that Finance Committee will propose increased salary/stipend.

The Finance Committee moved to amend the proposal to President \$500, Secretary \$1500, and Treasurer \$500. 2<sup>nd</sup>. The amendment to resolution #3 passed.

The following officer salaries be set for the 2018-2020 biennium:

- President - \$500.00 per annum
- Secretary - \$1,500.00 per annum
- Treasurer - \$500.00 per annum

Resolution #3 as amended passed with a majority vote.

### **Resolution # 4 - District Board of Directors Travel**

The Resolution Committee recommends approves Resolution # 4 as presented.

Officers and Directors may request reimbursement for authorized travel in the following amounts:

- Personal vehicle mileage rate be set at the International Board of Directors’ rate (\$.41/mile) or 75% of the IRS rate;
- Food allowance of up to \$30.00 per day (must include receipts);
- Toll road charges as needed (no receipt needed);
- Reasonable lodging costs as needed.

Resolution #4 passed with a majority vote.

### **Resolution #5 – Emblems and Regalia**

The Resolution Committee recommends approval of amended Resolution # 5. There was a suggestion that the amendment was for the support and not the actual resolution.

The amendment to delete improve and “Providing mentoring and ideas sharing to (Delete -improve) (Insert-support) lodge leadership”.

The amendment to Resolution #5 passed.

There was a motion to table the resolution. 2<sup>nd</sup>. President Johnsen asked if there were any objections to postponing the motion until Saturday. There were none. The resolution will be handled on Saturday.

### **Resolution # 6 To reinstate the Golden Membership Classification**

The Resolution Committee Defeats by majority resolution # 6

There was a motion to amend Resolution #6 by inserting after classification, “with its original benefits”. There was an amendment to the amendment to strike “original” and add “(prior to January 1, 2018). The amendment to the amendment passed.

The amended amendment passed.

Therefore be it resolved, That the International Sons of Norway reinstate the Golden Membership classification, with its benefits (prior to January 1, 2018) to recognize members for long and faithful service, who, after January 1, 2018, attain the requirements of age (65 or older) and length of good standing (30 or more years).

Resolution #6 was adopted.

Resolution 7 and 8 will be handled together. There was a motion to amend Resolution #8 to strike the words “If a husband and wife are both delegates, one of the spouses will receive half-share that would equal \$500”. There was a Point of Order and the amendment was struck.

Without objection, the question was divided.

### **Resolution #7 Start Up Funds for District Convention**

From Laws Committee and Finance Committee submittal of Resolution # 7 and # 8 which were formally portions of Bylaws proposal #2 that should state as follows.

Be it resolved that \$2500 shall be allocated for startup funds for the year 2020 District 5 Meeting and Convention.

Resolution #7 passed by majority vote.

### Resolution # 8 International Delegate Support

Be it resolved that \$1000 per Finance Committee recommendation be allocated as International Delegate stipend for the 2018 International Lodge meeting. If a husband and wife are both delegates, one of the spouses will receive half-share that would equal \$500.

Resolution #8 was defeated by 62 to 39.

There was a motion to refer Resolution #8 back to the Resolutions Committee. 2<sup>nd</sup>. The question was called and passed with a 2/3 vote. The motion to refer to committee passed with a majority vote.

### Report of the Fraternal Affairs Committee

District Board-Chr	Cheryl	Wille-Schlesser
District Board	Lucy	Ghastin
Dovre	Robin	Fossum
Scandiana	James	Nelson
Cleng Peerson	Connie	Kross
Wergeland	Mark	Quade

The Fraternal Committee voted to accept the District 5 Directors reports: sports and recreation, cultural, heritage and grants/youth, as written.

Local activities, events, and outreach programs were presented. Members reviewed the recommendations from the 2016 Biennial Convention Fraternal Affairs Committee. Lastly, the members of the committee made recommendations for further action to the District 5 Board.

One recommendation from the 2016 District 5 Convention that was implemented was the creation of an on-line speakers' bureau which would be easily accessible to all members. This was accomplished with the assistance of Richard Fairchild, District 5 webmaster, who formatted the information for posting.

To use the information posted, visit the District 5 website: [www.sonsofnorway5.com](http://www.sonsofnorway5.com). From the ribbon at the top of the page, select Programs. A dropdown menu will appear. Choose Speakers' Bureau. A listing of possible speakers and program topics are given, providing contact information and costs associated with each option. A wide variety of programming is available. This resource will become more powerful, as all District 5 Lodges contribute information for posting. If speaker costs are prohibitive, lodges could consider joining together to share the cost of speaker fees.

Later, members explained how their lodges are volunteering at numerous community events outside of The Order. One key part to this volunteerism is to identify your group as members of the Sons of Norway. One will recall that community involvement is also stressed on the End of the Year Lodge Report which is filed with the International Office annually. It is through volunteer efforts that Sons of

Norway International is able to retain its 501C3 tax exempt status. It is imperative that all lodges document their events, as well as the number of hours served.

The Committee makes the following recommendations for future District 5 Conventions:

- 1) To institute a cultural activity for all attendees. It has been suggested that a project such as a simple rosemaled pin, (a clay troll, or a small nisse, etc.) be part of the convention registration. Not only would these items serve as talking points, but they would provide an idea for local lodges to implement. They could be used at the convention and implemented at the local level, as conversation starters or ice breakers. They could be further used by Youth Directors and Zone directors.
- 2) Time should be provided on future convention agendas for idea exchange. The ideas could be gathered from each delegate table, compiled, and later shared on the District 5 webpage or in another manner such as a Zone training, the Friendly Friday Fifth Update, or the District President's biennial seminar.
- 3) Access to classes and fieldtrips should be available to all attendees, and may need to be offered one day before the scheduled convention begins. This could follow a similar format to the Leadership Conference which is held before each International Convention.

The recommendations of the Fraternal Affairs Committee were accepted by a majority vote.

#### **Remarks by International Director Jon Grinde**

Jon shared a humorous story to end the day. He also shared concern that 15 of our 53 lodges do not have representation at this meeting. It puts a strain on the host lodge who is trying to organize the convention. He encouraged lodges to do things with neighboring lodges, to assist and offer to help each other, and to reach out for help during the biennium. He shared that 13 lodges were started when he was a District President and thanked members who helped achieve that. He highlighted Wendy Winkelman and her efforts to start a lodge in southern Illinois. We need to go back to the basics and visit with your leadership about how to strengthen your lodge.

The meeting was **recessed** until Saturday morning at 8am.

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## **Saturday, June 30**

President Andrew Johnsen called the meeting back to order.

Appointment of Officers- President Johnsen

Marshall	Arno Morton	Vennligfolk	5-627
Greeter	Melvin Sorensen	Scandiana	5-600
Greeter	Sheila Gunderson	Cleng Peerson	5-525

**Roll Call** of Delegates- Secretary Arneson- there were 107 seated at the start of the meeting.

**President Johnsen recalled the committees.**

The Finance committee did not have any more business to report.

The Reports/Publicity committee did not have any more business to report.

The Fraternal Affairs committee did not have any more business to report.

The Laws committee did not have any more business to report.

The Resolution committee was brought back to complete their business.

#### **Resolution # 8**

Be it resolved that \$1000 be allocated as the International Delegate stipend for the 2018 International Lodge meeting (per the Finance Committee's recommendation).

Resolution #8 passed with a majority vote.

#### **Resolution #5 – Emblems**

The Sons of Norway International Board shall develop a local and district level leadership recognition program and providing mentoring and ideas sharing to support lodge leadership.

Resolution #5 passed with a majority vote.

#### **2020 Convention Bid by Idun Lodge**

There was a motion to accept the bid by Idun Lodge to host the 2020 District 5 Convention passed with a majority vote.

The **Nominating Committee** was recalled and presented this slate of officers:

District President	Andrew Johnson	Zone 6
Vice President	Kathy Secora	Zone 5
Secretary	Darlene Arneson	At Large
Treasurer	Michael Palecek	At Large
Sports & Recreation Director	Cheryl Wille-Schlesser	Zone 3
Publicity Director	Karen Eberhardt	Zone 3
Cultural Director	Geraldine Lachman	Zone 4
Youth Director	Sandra Olson	Zone1



Director Zone 1	Audrey Severson	Zone 1
Director Zone 2	Tom Boudreau.	Zone 2
Director Zone 2	Karen Broadhead	Zone 2
Director Zone 4	Peggy Schroeder	Zone 4
Director Zone 5	Connie Kross	Zone 5
Director Zone 6	Dee Bumpers	Zone 6

The chair declared the candidates elected by acclamation.

International President Jon Tehven and Treasurer Elaine Nelson encouraged members to purchase a Foundation medallion.

Darlene Arneson presented the Memorial Service.

Sports and Recreation Director Michaela Decker thanked those who had walked in the morning Walk-a-Thon and had envelopes for donations to Masse Moro.

Youth Director Cheryl Wille-Schlesser announced that there will be 55 campers at Masse Moro this year.

Darlene Arneson recognized Mary Bennett as both the International and District 5 Tubfrim Coordinator. Lodges are encouraged to promote the Tubfrim program to their members.

Other announcements included Burt Bittner encouragement to help provide rides to lodge members who can't drive. Jim Nelson to ask local libraries to have a Sons of Norway display. He also encouraged delegates to support the Norwegian American Historical Society. The Norwegian-American newspaper is a bi-weekly publication that offers great articles. LaVonne Wier encouraged delegates to have a Facebook page for their lodge and to invite the social media friends. They also have a reading program for youth. Michaela Decker has a card for Past District Vice President Nicholas Baldukas who is struggling with health issues. Geoff Wodell explained how to get our children and grandchildren involved. Bill Injerd spoke about the Sloop Society in Norway, IL. Jon Grinde spoke of a website that focuses on the watershed projects that Norwegian farmers started.

Barb Johnson of Polar Star gave a presentation on their cultural skills program.

Mike Palecek reminded the members of the flag lapel pins, flags and books.

There was a coffee break and final voting on the banners took place.

After the break our Parliamentarian Robert Schuck was presented with a one-year membership in Sons of Norway.

Publicity Director Christina Fairchild presented the winners of the Banner Contest. "People's Choice" of \$100 gift card went to Ostestaden Lodge and (2) \$50.00 "Honorable Mention went to Circle City and Norse Valley.

Sports and Recreation Director Michaela Decker announced that \$627 was raised for Masse Moro.

Webmaster Richard Fairchild reviewed the District 5 website.

There was around \$1300 raised in the Silent Auction.

Secretary Darlene Arneson gave the instructions for the caucus.

### **Noon**

#### **Lunch and Zone Caucus- Award presentations in caucus**

Zone 1	<i>Wisconsin 1</i>
Zone 2	<i>Wisconsin 2</i>
Zone 3 and Central Lodge	<i>Wisconsin 3</i>
Zone 4	<i>Minnesota A</i>
Zone 5	<i>Minnesota B</i>
Zone 6	<i>Illinois</i>

### **1:00 pm**

#### **Business Meeting Resumes**

Resume Lodge Meeting- President Johnsen

Marshall	Dennis Westgor	Norsemen of the Lk. 5-650
Asst. Marshall	Cedric Veum	Solvang 5-457
Greeter	Burton Bittner	Circle City 5-614
Greeter	Jean Busker	Ostestaden 5-642

Financial Benefit Counselor Tom Kunkel drew four names for the Foundation ornaments.

### **Caucus Reports**

District President	Andrew Johnson	Zone 6
Priority for Zone 6- Merle Hanson and Holly Jensen		
Vice President	Kathy Secora	Zone 5
Specific Lisa Solak		
Secretary	Darlene Arneson	At Large
Specific- Mary Bennett		
Treasurer	Michael Palecek	At Large
Specific- Geoff Wodell		
Sports & Recreation Director	Cheryl Wille-Schlesser	Zone 3
Specific- Lucy Ghastin		
Publicity Director	Karen Eberhardt	Zone 3
Specific- Dennis Westgor		
Cultural Director	Geraldine Lachman	Zone 4
Specific- Judy Ghastin		

Youth Director	Sandra Olson	Zone1
Priority for Zone 1- Dave Hermundson and Patricia Hermundson		
Director Zone 1	Audrey Severson	Zone 1
Priority for Zone 1- Dave Hermundson and Patricia Hermundson		
Director Zone 2	Tom Boudreau.	Zone 2
Priority for Zone 2- Sherrie Framness and LaVonne Wier		
Director Zone 2	Karen Broadhead	Zone 2
Priority for Zone 2- Sherrie Framness and LaVonne Wier		
Director Zone 4	Peggy Schroeder	Zone 4
Specific- Diane Overby		
Director Zone 5	Connie Kross	Zone 5
Specific- Ken Johnson		
Director Zone 6	Dee Bumpers	Zone 6
Priority for Zone 6- Merle Hanson and Holly Jensen		

Zone 1- (1) Sandra Olson  
Alt- Patricia Hermundson

Zone 2- (2) LaVonne Wier and Sherrie Framness  
Alt- Douglas Framness and Karen Broadhead

Zone 3- (2) Lucy Ghastin and Jean Busker  
Alt- Dennis Westgor and John Arneson

Zone 4- (2) Mike Palecek and Judy Ghastin  
Alt- Diane Overby and Don Overby

Zone 5- (1) Connie Benson Kross  
Alt- Tom Maxson

Zone 6- (2) Gene Steensma and Dee Bumpers  
Alt- Holly Jensen and Burt Bittner

Central (1)- Geoff Wodell  
Alt- Jane Grinde

District Representatives-(2) Andrew Johnsen and Darlene Arneson (unanimous consent)

District at Large (3)  
Robin Fossum, Cheryl Wille-Schlesser (unanimous consent) and the delegates elected David Hermundson

Alternates: Tom Maxson, Peggy Schroeder and Christina Fairchild

## Recall Resolutions Committee

### Thank You Resolution #9

Whereas: The 54th Bienial District Five Assembly is coming to a successful conclusion; and

Whereas: District President Andrew Johnson conducted the meeting with professional dispatch; and

Whereas: District Secretary Darlene Arneson has managed her office with gracious diligence; and

Whereas: The District Board has performed its duties and obligations in a timely manner including being host to this fine assembly; and

Whereas: International Director Jon Grinde has represented our District on the International Board with distinction; and

Whereas: Our Home Office Staff and Field Staff have been well represented and an integral part of this biennial meeting; and

Whereas: The various seminar presenters were well received and did a fine job; and

Whereas: The Wergeland Lodge performed to the delight of all; and

Whereas: The Parliamentarian Robert Schuck handled his duties professionally; and

Whereas: The management and staff provided excellent service and accommodations; and

Whereas: The outgoing and current District Board members deserve our gratitude for their service; and

Whereas: those who participated in the Walk-a-thons and donated gifts to the fund-raising auction are to be commended; and

Whereas: Thanks to the appointed District Convention committees and temporary officers is due; and

Whereas: Delegates, Alternates, and Visitors have given much of their time and talents to attend this convocation and much appreciation is due them; and

Whereas: We extended safe travel wishes to the Delegates to the International Convention in Minneapolis Minnesota in August; and

Now therefore be it resolved: The incoming District Board of Directors extend our gratitude and thanks to any person or group inadvertently omitted from this resolution.

Resolution #9 was approved by a majority vote.

There were no final Final Lodge Meeting Actions. There was a question how to

President Johnsen declared the 2018 District 5 Lodge Meeting adjourned.

Announcements were made about clean-up of the meeting room, moving the District Board installation up to 2:30 PM, and banner take down.

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At the banquet, President Johnsen presented the following awards:

Lodge Achievements:

2016 Large Lodge - Wergeland

2016 Small Lodge – Ostestaden

2017 Large Lodge- Valhall

2017 Small Lodge- Ostestaden

Family Lodge of the Year

2016- Mandt

2017- Nordkap