

*Sons of Norway*  
**DISTRICT IV 54<sup>th</sup> BIENNIUM CONVENTION**  
**HOLIDAY INN PARKSIDE**  
**MISSOULA, MONTANA**  
**JUNE 17, 18, 19, 2010**  
**“SHARING A CAROUSEL OF CULTURE”**

**Thursday, June 17, 2010**

**Memorial Service**

Betty Rude, Chairperson of the District IV Convention, opened the Memorial Service. Processional music was provided by three young violinists, Jonathan Hamilton, Analisa Hamilton, and Konnor Johnston, whose parents are members of the Normanden Lodge 4-424, Missoula, MT. The Zone Directors and a member of their zone entered, one carrying a carnation and the other carrying a candle and placed them on the table in the front of the hall. They were followed by the District IV Officers and International Director Elaine Nelson.

Invocation was given by Rev Everett Tande, Normanden 4-424, Missoula, MT

Sister Elizabeth Olsen, Normanden Lodge 4-424, Missoula, MT read from Ecclesiastes and made a few comments

Jackie Bjergo accompanied soloist Julie Peters..

International Director Elaine Nelson gave a tribute to those Sons of Norway members who had passed away the past biennium.

*Each Biennium at our District Sons of Norway Convention we set aside a time to pay Fraternal Tribute to the memory of our departed brothers and sisters. We call them brothers and sisters because Sons of Norway is not just another organization that has monthly meetings. Like a family, we have become involved in the lives of one another. Like a family, we help celebrate joyous events and we mourn in times of distress and illness.*

*To the families of these departed brothers and sisters, we extend on behalf of Sons of Norway and all its members, our deepest sympathy may their memory linger long in your hearts as a sweet benediction and as a rich heritage of love, companionship, and devotion. Among those who have passed away, there are a number who have served their fellow members in positions of honor and trust, and whose contributions to our Order will be a permanent monument to their memory. All of us in Sons of Norway have a common-goal; perhaps our ways are different at times, but when everything is said and done our objective remains the same. All of our brothers and sisters who have since passed away helped build that bridge or pave the way so the path to our common goals is much easier to follow. It has been said that no finer tribute can be paid those who are no longer among us that to carry their ideas and dreams to fulfillment and success.*

*This biennium we have been saddened by the death of:*

- *Eloda Sangray: Past Zone 6 Director*
- *Selma Sorenson: Past Zone 4 Director, Cultural Director and District Vice President*

- *Vivian Moy-wife of Past District President and Past International President Marshall Moy*
- *John West: Past District Board Member*

*As we remember all our brothers and sisters who have gone, let us remember them for their gentle hearts, their devotion to a cause, and their untold contributions to further the ideals and purpose of our Order.*

Please join hands:

**SADLY MISSED ALONG LIFE'S WAY**

Quietly remembered every day,  
No longer in our life to share  
But in our hearts they're always there

Those we love don't go away  
They walk beside us every day  
Unseen, unheard but always near  
Still loved, still missed and very dear

Silently we grieve  
And brush away our tears  
The memories they left behind  
Will last throughout the years

Those we love we never lose  
For always they will be  
Loved, remembered, treasured  
Always in our memory

Jackie Bjergo accompanied soloist Julie Peters.

Recessional music was provided by the Jonathon Hamilton, Analisa Hamilton and Konnor Johnston. .

The Memorial Service was followed by the District IV President's Welcome Reception.

**Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - 8:30 AM**

**Welcome:**

Betty Rude, chairperson of the District IV Convention, greeted and welcomed the convention delegates and guests to Missoula and the convention. She thanked them for coming and hoped they will enjoy their stay in Missoula. The District IV Officers were introduced and escorted to their places.

### **Entrance of the District IV Board of Officers and Directors**

Please stand for the entrance of our Officers and Directors.

1. From Grand Forks, North Dakota - Bonnie Jacob-Forseth, Zone 1 Director and from Bozeman, Montana - Jerry Swenson, Zone 6 Director.
2. From Fargo, North Dakota - Carrol Juven, Zone 2 Director and from Livingston, Montana - Carol O'Dell, Zone 5 Director
3. From Scranton, North Dakota - Vicki Anderson, Zone 3 Director and from Grande Prairie, Alberta - Milton Hommy, Zone 4 Director
4. From Minot, North Dakota - Martha Elliot, Cultural/Publicity Director and from Helena, Montana - Karen Huck, Treasurer
5. From Calgary, Alberta - Russell Wiigs, Vice President and from Missoula, Montana - Nordy Riley, Secretary
6. From Minneapolis, Minnesota - Eivind Heiberg, Chief Executive Officer and from Rugby, North Dakota - Elaine Nelson, International Director
7. From Missoula, Montana - Sharon Tandberg, President and from Missoula, Montana - Dan Rude, International President

### **Presentation of Flags:**

The convention assembly rose for the presentation of the flags, by the Missoula Police Department, of the provinces of Albert and Saskatchewan, Canada, the states of North Dakota and Montana, the United States of America and Norway. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthems: *O Canada*, *Ja Vi Elsker*, and the *Star Spangled Banner*.

The invocation was given by Pastor Everett Tande, Normanden 4-424, Missoula, MT.

### **Welcome:**

*Betty Wing*, President of Normanden 4-424, Missoula, welcomed the delegation to the convention. Betty talked about the theme of the convention "*Sharing A Carousel of Culture*," and how the Carousel in Missoula came into being. Schleipner is the name of the horse the Normanden Lodge 4-424 had commissioned at the Carousel.

She also talked about another treasure we have in Missoula who are worth their weight in gold. They are International President, Dan Rude and his wife, Betty, who is the Chairperson of the District IV Convention.

Normanden Lodge is very happy to be co-sponsors for the convention with the Bitterrootdalen Lodge in Hamilton. She encouraged everyone to enjoy their stay and let us know if there is anything we can do to make your stay better.

*John Trangmoe*, President of Bitterroot Dalen Lodge 4-656 in Hamilton, MT and International Small Lodge of the year 2006 welcomed the delegates and guests to Missoula. He said to enjoy the scenery and that forty miles south of Missoula it is even more beautiful. If they could not see it at this time maybe sometime soon they could return and spend some time in the beautiful Bitterroot Valley.

He encouraged everyone to participate and get involved in the convention and exercise real commitment on issues and items that will affect our lodges.

**Introductions:**

District IV President, Sharon Tandberg, said she has been very fortunate to have an excellent Board to work with during the past biennium. They have worked hard for the betterment of our District. I would like to take this opportunity to present them again to you and the International Officers and Director from our District. I also want to introduce their spouses if they are present. We on the board realize that it would be very difficult to serve on the Board without the encouragement and support of our spouses.

*International President, Dan Rude and his wife and convention co-chair Betty*

*International Director, Elaine Nelson*

*District IV Board of Directors:*

*My husband Rolf participated in the Memorial Service last night and will be at the banquet and dance on Saturday night.*

*Russell Wiigs, Vice President wife, Alison*

*Nordy Riley, Secretary*

*Karen Huck, Treasurer husband, Dennis*

*Martha Elliott, Cultural/Publicity Director, husband Craig*

*Bonnie Jacob-Forseth, Zone 1 Director*

*Carroll Juven, Zone 2 Director*

*Vicki Anderson, Zone 3 Director husband, Robert*

*Milton Homme, Zone 4 Director wife, Pat*

*Carol O'Dell, Zone 5 Director, husband, Kenny*

*Jerry Swenson, Zone 6 Director*

I would also like to introduce the visitors to our convention who will be giving presentations at a later time in the convention.

Introduction of home office staff and their spouses:

*Eivind Heiberg, Chief Executive Officer Sons of Norway*

*Len Carlson, Director of Agencies, and his wife, Kathy*

Introduction of Financial Benefit Counselors in attendance are:

Lowell Hanson

Anne Krause

Ken Agather

Linda Pender

Counselor District 2 Chris Brevik  
District President 2 Waldo Bueing

Carl & Beth Ingvaldstad District 6

**Past district and International officers**

Ella Noyes, Treasurer, and husband, LeRoy  
Audrey Solheim, Secretary and Publicity Director  
Arthur Buen, Zone 5 Director, and wife Eleanor  
President Cathy Bergan, Zone 3 Director  
Delores Baldry, Zone 5 Director  
Judy Fisher, Zone 6 Director  
Gloria Johnson, Publicity Director  
Arden Shores, Counselor, Treasurer, International Director and Intl Treasurer  
Treasurer Otto Brevik, Past District president and Past International Director

**STATE OF THE DISTRICT** – District IV President, Sharon Tandberg

**Velkommen to the 54<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention!!**

*On behalf of the District IV's Board of Directors and Officers, Velkommen to the 54<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention and the 96<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Distinct. In 2014 the District will be celebrating it's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary!! We meet every two years to review the activities of the last two years, conduct the business of our District and elect officers and plan for the next biennium. Our host lodges, Normanden 4-424 and Bitterrootdalen 4-656, have been working diligently to make this a memorable convention. In 2008 our District Convention was reduced to two days. The response on the evaluation forms was positive to this change and we will continue with this format.*

*The purpose of the reports in this booklet is to reflect the health of the District during the previous two years as reflected through our activities. As you read these reports I hope that you are impressed by the activities and support that the District provides to its members and lodges.*

*Once again, District IV was honored to have one of its lodges selected as an International Lodge of the Year at the 2008 International Convention in San Diego. Congratulations to Bitterrootdalen 4-656 in Hamilton, Montana (who will be celebrating their 10th anniversary this year) for being selected as the 2006 International Lodge of the Year (Small)!*

*I had the opportunity to attend the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversaries to two lodges in 2008: Bjarne 4-086 in Williston, ND and Odin 4-087 in Rugby, ND. Mjosen 4-078 in Mayville, ND, also celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2008. In 2010 Sverdrup 4-107 will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.*

*Along with the good news of anniversaries, the District also experienced the bad news of four lodge closings. Fridtjof 4-080 in Petersburg, ND, Per Sivle 4-129 in Simcoe, ND and Sentrum Byen 4-527 in Carrington, ND were closed for inactivity and failure to submit required reports for several years. By a vote of the lodge, Norden 4-319 in Havre, MT closed in March of 2009. As of the close of 2009 District IV consisted of 55 lodges.*

*A challenge facing twelve lodges in the District is how to maintain the buildings they own. With buildings getting older and in the current economic times; one lodge sold its building and two more are considering selling. The challenge facing these lodges is planning for the continuance of their lodges after they lose their "brick and mortar" base.*

*Our cultural camps continue to expand and grow and are well attended and supported by the lodges. Trollhaugen in Red Deer, Alberta, Trollfjorden near Bottineau, ND and Bjornetann in Red Lodge, MT are*

*all multi-generational camps with campers aged 5 to 90 attending. All three camps receive support from the Distinct Cultural Fund. Two additional 1 and 2 day-cultural-events have been started by Nisse-4-567 in North Battleford, SK and by Brubyen 4-576 in Saskatoon, SK and will receive financial support from the District beginning in 2010.*

*Two great events that occur in our District is the annual Canadian Sports Weekend in Zone 4 and the District Dance Workshop. The Canadian Sports Weekend celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2010. I had the opportunity of attending this fun filled event hosted by Solglyt 4-143 in Edmonton, AB in March of 2009. The event gathers 130-140 Sons of Norway lodge members from almost all of the lodges in Alberta and Saskatchewan for a weekend of activity and social events. The District Dance Workshop celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2010 and gathers folk dancers from all over District 4 and adjoining districts. These events are stellar examples of what can happen through dedication of committed leaders and participating members.*

*One of our goals this biennium was that a zone director or district officer would visit each lodge. Only four lodges were not visited in some way by a District Board member. Visit activities included training sessions, zone gatherings, installation of officers and attendance at a social or business meeting.*

*Another goal was to have a net increase in juvenile and adult membership. Unfortunately this goal was not met and we actually had a 7.25% loss in membership in the last two year. But 18 lodges, or 33%, did have a zero loss or an actual net increase. We must find a way to pass on the success of these 18 lodges to the other 37 lodges and encourage and assist them in gaining new members and retaining current members.*

*Another goal was to increase our insurance participation by 78 new certificates. Thanks to the hard work of our Financial Benefits Counselors and the reputation of our insurance products among members we met this goal with 87 new certificates!*

*As District President I serve on the District President Council (DPC). The DPC meets twice a year for two days in conjunction with the International Board meeting. I have had the honor of being the secretary of the DPC for the last two years. The DPC is a great opportunity for the exchange of ideas between the Districts and to discuss our common challenges. It is a time of information sharing and goal setting. The DPC has meetings with the home office staff and we have a joint session with the International Board where accomplishments, progress and ideas are exchanged.*

*I want to thank the District Board for all of their hard work during the biennium and for their dedication to Sons of Norway. They have been an outstanding group to work with and always have the best interests of Sons of Norway at heart. I have had a great time on the board for the past 14 years and have witnessed many positive changes. The District has many challenges facing it in the future, but with the dedication of the District Board and the entire District membership we can find the solutions!*

*Fraternally,  
Sharon Tandberg, District IV President*

### **Greetings from Missoula Mayor John Engen:**

*The following remarks have been reviewed by the City of Missoula's Human Resources Department and the City Attorneys Office. Some of the content has been changed to better reflect regulatory and legal constraints:*

*Good morning, gender neutral gathering of the Sons of Norway. (Please note that the term "good" in "good morning" is not intended to imply that morning is necessarily better than any part of the day.) It is my pleasure (in a completely non-sexual sense of the word) to welcome you (as I would any visitors to our*

*city without regard to race, gender, religious preference or national origin) to Missoula. I'm proud to serve as mayor (an elected official with executive and fiduciary responsibilities to the citizenry) of my hometown (which in no way makes me superior, nor does it qualify me for special rights or privileges) and thank you for selecting (through a lengthy, documented and fair process) our city for your meeting.*

*I'd like to draw your attention (in an open, collaborative and non-demanding way) to some of Missoula's attractions. (Please note that there are many fine attractions in the city and these are only a few and only representative of one opinion and are in no way intended to suggest that alternative attractions are without merit.) As you may have noticed, I have a slight weight problem (this revelation is voluntary and in no way violates personal privacy regulations), in no small part because of the many great spots to eat and drink in our fair city. (Which is not to suggest that I don't take personal responsibility for my health and well-being, nor do I blame any of these establishments for my condition.) I'd encourage you to enjoy Missoula's epicurean hospitality. (With moderation. And the beverages you are about to enjoy may be hot or cold.)*

*A couple of blocks west (these directions are for general guidance only and should not be taken literally), you'll find Missoula's hand-carved carousel packed with colorful wooden ponies. (Which is not to suggest that wooden ponies are better or worse than plastic or real ponies.) And while these ponies seem to wince when I saddle up, I suspect they'd be happy to give you a ride. (This self-effacing joke indicates low self-esteem and may indicate a clear need for an intervention by the wellness team.)*

*Finally, our trail system provides great access to our parks, conservation lands and the beautiful Clark Fork River (which was named for an early explorer who may or may not have been lost when he wandered through the valley). Here, you may take in views of our mountains (though OSHA regulations suggest that you not exceed a 20-degree spinal ratio when sightseeing), the river and our big sky. (Though size does not determine the quality of the sky or its relative effectiveness.)*

*Again, gender neutral gathering of the Sons of Norway, welcome to Missoula. And just between you and me, I hope you have a damn nice time here.*

### **International President Dan Rude**

I bring greetings to you from the International Board and wish you a very successful Convention. I extend my thanks to Normanden and Bitterrootdalen Lodges for host this event. I know it takes a great deal of work to put on a convention and we appreciate all of your efforts.

This is the 4th of the six conventions that I will be attending this year. I have been made welcome and treated royally in the other districts but for me there is no place like being in my home district. 22 years ago, here in Missoula when we hosted the 43rd Convention I started my involvement on the District Board which lead to the position I hold today. I thank the district for its support over the years.

Thanks for being here - have a great time in my hometown.

### **International Director – Elaine Nelson**

*International President Dan Rude, CEO Eivind Heiberg, District IV President, Sharon Tandberg, District Board-Delegates & Visitors*

*I am honored to be here at this district convention we are here to conduct the business of our district. The theme of the convention is: "Sharing a Carousel of Cultural." I want you to think of them for a few minutes. My name is: Elaine Mardell Nornes-Arneson-Bjerkhagen-Solberg-Johnson Nelson. I was born in Rugby, ND. My grandfather-Anton Bjerkhagen and his girlfriend Martha Solberg came to America in 1901 thru Ellis Island, New York. It was there where they were married and it was there where the name of Bjerkhagen was changed to Johnson. I was told Grandpa Anton had \$3.00 on him. They came and settled in North Dakota, little town called Churchs Ferry, and he built their home. He worked and made money so he could send for his two brothers to come in 1903. The three brothers worked so they could bring their mother and sisters to America. His father died in Norway.*

*Grandpa Anton was the only grandparent I had. He was a special person to me. I have great memories of Grandpa Anton. They never talked much of Norway as they knew they would not come back. I remember very well the International Convention at Stavanger, Norway. The program of the immigrants coming over, they could only bring so much with them. When the names were called, only so many could go, I remember the first trip my parents and I took to Norway was in 1983. We found relatives. It was a great connection that we still have. I wanted to share this culture of mine with you because this is part of Sons of Norway. We need to share with our friends and relatives who we are. What Sons of Norway means to us. We have our own cultural story-share it!*

*In the last two years since our convention at Grand Forks, ND our membership has decreased. What can and what do we need to do? Sons of Norway have so much to offer. We have something for everyone. Are we as members telling everyone what we have to offer?*

*I had a lady come to me and say-how much does it cost me to join in case something happens to my husband. I want to be a member so my grand children can have chance for scholarships. I told her, in less than 6 minutes, I had a new member.*

*We need to look at our future of our district. If it is going to grow-we all need to work-together for the good of the order and tell the story of Sons of Norway benefits. Thanks to the District Board for their dedication and work, to our International President Dan Rude, and CEO Eivind Heiberg and to each delegate here.*

*Let us have a great convention-remember, "if it is to be it is up to me and you."*

*Elaine Nelson*

*International Director District IV*

### **Chief Executive Officer – Eivind Heiberg**

President Sharon said Eivind Heiberg was born and raised in Norway. He graduated from Concordia University and received his Masters in speech communication from the University of Minnesota. He became our Fraternal Director in 2002 and initiated many new and innovative projects. When John Lund announced his retirement as our Chief Executive Officer, the International Board conducted an extensive and thorough search for a new Chief Executive Officer. Eivind Heiberg was selected as our new Chief Executive Officer. I now ask him to come forward and bring greetings from the home office.

*It s great to be back in District IV this is actually my first District IV Convention. I heard Sharon say I was born and raised in Norway. The first year of my stay in the US I spent in District IV, in the huge metropolitan area of Larimore, North Dakota. One half hour west of Grand Forks, North Dakota. I had a tremendous time and that is where I also met my wife, Stephanie. It's great to be here. There are two people that had a lot to do with me coming to District IV. First I received and invitation from Sharon. Then I had a conversation with Dan Rude how we were going to split up attendance to all the District Conventions amongst our staff. Dan said he wanted me to come to the District IV Convention and I just said "okay boss." Thank you Sharon and Dan for the invitation and I'm delighted to be in Missoula for the first time. I've heard so many wonderful things that take place at your conventions. I'm glad to be here and I have to say the cultural expertise is phenomenal. Just look at the tables and all the decorations, so kudos to you for a great job well done. Congratulations to the host lodges; Normanden and Bitterroot Dalen for what already seems to be a terrific convention. I bring you greetings from all the Sons of Norway staff headquarters and I WISH YOU a fun festive convention. Thank you.*

**Song:**

*Nidelven - Led by Betty Wing – accompanied by Jackie Bjergo*

**Foundation Report** – Elaine Nelson

*At the fall 2009 Sons of Norway International Board Meeting a resolution was passed requiring all candidates and alternates for the office of international Sons of Norway Board. Each candidate for office will need to complete an application. Every delegate needs to receive a copy of the filled out application for either International Director or Alternate International Director.*

*In 2008 and 2009 District IV received 25 grants totaling \$9,460.00 that helped local lodges with Norwegian heritage programming. Grants can often make the difference in turning a nice event into a grand event. Lodges are encouraged to take advantage of these grants to help them reach their fraternal goals.*

*Norwegian-Americans are passionate about higher education as a means to success and that is why we offer five district scholarship opportunities. Scholarships are also awarded to children who attend Skogfjorden, Concordia's Norwegian Language Village in Bemidji, Minnesota.*

*In March of 2009 our Foundation Humanitarian Fund was called on once again to award six member families from the Fargo-Moorhead area that lost their homes due to the spring flood and with "Helping Hands to Member Grants."*

*How can you help grow our Foundation so that we may offer more scholarships and grant opportunities? You may donate on –line, give through memorial donations to honor lodge members, include us in your will, host a Foundation Month fundraiser and "Pass the Piggy" at each meeting*

**Membership Update:** Vice President Russell Wiigs

District IV Vice President, Russell Wiigs, gave a Power Point presentation from home office. Is our future in jeopardy? We need work on the negative to a positive. Make sure we have interesting programs and make people feel welcome and encourage them to participate in activities. Encourage everyone to work on retention of members. Have we recruited our children and grand children to become

members? Target the younger people. How long can we survive at the rate we are going? Ask the members how can we make this a better experience for you?

When we attend conventions and seminars what do we bring back to our lodges? Many people come for the cultural programs. Make sure we are updating our programming. Use e-mails as a tool for communication. A lot of our older members have the cultural and heritage knowledge that the younger generation is interested in learning.

We all need to get involved both with the cultural, heritage and social aspects of the Sons of Norway. Get information from the home office, board members; use our computers as a great resource.

Russell encouraged everyone to look at the tri-fold on display in atrium and pick up the informational pamphlets.

### Announcements

### *Coffee Break*

### Announcements

#### Director of Agencies: Len Carlson

*Len thanked Sharon and Dan for inviting him to the convention.*

*He related the main function of the Sons of Norway Agency is being in charge of the insurance sales operation. He appoints and over sees Financial Counselors. Len has been with Sons of Norway for 37 years and he travels a lot for the organization.*

*Sons of Norway is committed to its members. Sons of Norway have been around for 115 years and were founded in 1895 by 18 Norwegians. We now have \$282,000,000.00 in assets \$6,800,000.00 in surplus, and have approximately 70,000 members. The main purpose the 18 men started Sons of Norway was for insurance purposes.*

*There are three main departments in Sons of Norway; Fraternal, Financial and the Foundation. We are comparative to the top companies in America. We provide quality insurance to our members. Many people ask "what kind of insurance should I own?" Sons of Norway can help provide sound financial stability. We need to invest our money wisely and be pro-active with our money. We should all have a financial goal. Financial counselors are ready and able to help the members. They can explain the different aspects of investing our money. They are available to help protect our assets.*

*Len encouraged everyone to look at the home office display and pick up the brochures that are available.*

Len introduced the financial counselors present

Anne Krause – Minot, North Dakota

Lowell Hanson – Missoula, Montana

Ken Agather – Fargo, North Dakota

Linda Pender – Fargo, North Dakota

Lynnette Jacobs and Gary Olson were not able to attend.

Carl Ingvaldstad, a guest from California, was also present.

**Information to the Lodge:**

President Sharon explained the use of the paddle how to use it to be recognized. She pointed out the election ballots that were included in each delegate packet, to be used for voting only at the convention. The first Zone Caucuses will be held this a.m.

**Appointment Marshalls and Greeters:**

District IV Vice President, Russell Wiigs appointed the Marshals and Greeters for the first General Session.

*Marshals:*

Craig Elliott – Thor Lodge #067, Minot, North Dakota  
John Kamp - Fjellsyn Lodge #591, Olds, Alberta

*Greeters:*

Rodger Zurcher - Thor Lodge #067, Minot, North Dakota  
Dick Closson - Valhalla Lodge #3341, Calgary, Alberta

**Delegate Verification Committee Report:**

(I would now like to make a change in our agenda and ask the Delegate Verification Committee Chairman, Vicki Anderson, Zone 3 Director, if her committee is ready to give their report.)

There are several changes to the delegate list as printed in our report book. The committee met with the Registration Committee Chairman, Jennae Carter and District IV Secretary, Nordy Riley last night and I met with Jennae this morning and we are now prepared to give our report.

I am Vicki Anderson, Zone 3 Director; my committee consists of: Bonnie JacobForseth, Zone 1; Carroll Juven, Zone 2; Milton Hommy, Zone 4; Carol O'Dell, Zone 5; and Jerry Swenson, Zone 6.

The changes to be made are:

**Alternates elected, registered and listed in the reports book are:**

Gyda-Varden Lodge 21 - Dorothy Bennett is replaced by Viditte Knain  
Gordon Bennett is replaced by Harold Vold  
Sverdrup Lodge 107 - Addie Thiede is replaced by Lyle Hanson  
Sidney Lodge 489- Charlotte Anvik is replaced by Mark Halverson  
Sally Amundrud is replaced by Joyce Rudie  
Snofjeldet Lodge 531 - Pam Brurud is replaced by Hans Stokken

**Alternates elected and registered but not listed in reports book:**

Heim Lodge 178 - Harris Saele is replaced by Sam Johnson  
Solsyd Lodge 603 - Evelyn Greddert is replaced by Ed Theriau  
Vidda Lodge 663 - Arlene Myers is replaced by Bernell Rosenquist

**Delegates elected and registered but not listed in the reports book are:**

Kringen Lodge 25 - Kenneth Hatlestad and Diane Sanders  
Sverdrup Lodge 107 - Lois Hanson  
Fjellidal Lodge 543 - Susan Howe and Jed Huseby

Dalen Lodge 553 - Arthur Buen and Alice Tracy

Delegates listed in the reports book, but are not registered:

Kringen Lodge 025 - Keith Satermo  
Gladys Smith  
Janice Tommerdahl  
Frode Tilden  
Alan Oak  
Marlys Oak

Thor Lodge 67 - Kathy Holte  
Irene Solie

Heim Lodge 178 - Dianne Saele

Hamar Lodge 345 - Alfred Hansen  
Russell Hudson

Normanden Lodge 424 - Peter Benson

Northern Lights Lodge 493 - Joyce Cooper  
Muriel Day

Nisse Lodge 567 - Bjorn Torkle

Vidda Lodge 663 - Ethel Helen Dahlke

Delegates registered and listed in reports book but name is misspelled:

Sverdrup Lodge 107 - Marion Hansen should be Marcia Hansen

After these changes there are **135** registered delegates. The Delegate Verification Committee moves that the above delegates be seated. (The Delegate Verification Committee may need to report again during the convention in the event that changes are necessary.) Motion carried.

**Meeting rules:**

President Sharon asked if there were any questions about the meeting rules. **Paddle 67, Gloria Johnson, Lodsén Lodge 4-138, Great Falls, MT moved to accept the meeting rules. Paddle 100, Vi Hills, Jotunheimen Lodge 4-499, Billings, MT seconded it. Motion carried. Meeting rules were accepted. (See attached)**

**Minutes of 54 Biennial Convention**

President Sharon asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the 54<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention. There being no corrections or additions to the minutes, the minutes will stand approved as written.

**2014 Convention:**

The District Board has not received any bids for the 2014 Convention. Our policy manual states that when this happens the board will solicit the lodges. Any bids that are received the board will decide as to the location of the convention. In the Caucasus the lodge members will receive a bid application.

**Zone Caucuses:**

The delegates were dismissed to in their Zone Caucuses.

## Announcements

### *Lunch*

#### General Session cont:

President Sharon Tandberg called the afternoon session to order.

#### Presentation of Lodge of the year and Founders awards

President Tandberg passed out the Lodge of year and Founders awards for 2008 and 2009. (See attached) International President Dan Rude assisted President Tandberg by presented the Founders Awards.

#### Membership recruiting awards

Russell Wiigs, District IV Vice President presented the Membership Recruiting awards for 2008 and 2009. (See attached)

#### Appointment of Marshalls & Greeters

##### *Marshalls*

Sam Johnson - replaced by Gerald Reihard – Bjarne Lodge #086  
Paul Vesladahl – Kringen Lodge #025

##### *Greeters*

Mark Halvorson – Sidney Lodge #489  
John Knudson – Normanden Lodge #424

#### Delegate Verification Committee Report:

The following changes have been made to the delegate list:

Alternates elected, registered and listed in the reports book are:

Lodsen Lodge 138 - Arlene Swenson is replaced by Judy Fisher  
Normanden Lodge 424 - Peter Benson is replaced by Paul Bjerke

Delegates registered and listed in the reports books but name is misspelled:  
Gyda Varden 21 - Voilette Knain should be Vidette Knain

The Delegate Verification Committee moves that the above delegates be seated. Motion carried.

#### Roll Call

District IV Secretary, Nordy Riley took the roll call of the lodge delegates  
There are 137 Delegates seated.  
A simple majority is 70.  
2/3 majority is 90.

#### Greetings from Foundation in Canada:

**SONS OF NORWAY FOUNDATION IN CANADA**  
*Est.1971May 2010*

**To: The members of District Lodge #4, Sons of Norway**  
*Both Foundations of Sons of Norway continue to provide financial assistance to*

*our members and lodges in the development and delivery of cultural and educational programs. Because of varying laws of Canada and the US, differences exist but the basic philosophy of extending 'a helping hand' remains constant and true to both entities.*

*In spite of the recent turmoil in our financial markets, the Sons of Norway Foundation in Canada did not lose any ground in our financial assets level. Some years ago, our Board of Directors established a policy that our investments would be limited to low risk Investment Certificates. While few could have foreseen the crisis of 2008, it paid off. We are still realizing only modest earnings from our certificates as we to look for growth in the donations received.*

*On the giving side, we continue to support our post secondary scholarship program and the summer and winter events in both Districts in Canada. We also provide financial support for various cultural skills. I wish to mention our newest fund, the Lysne Rosemaling Bursary, established to assist those who want to develop and enhance their skills in Rosemaling.*

*Effective communication with our members and lodges is a constant challenge. This is much easier when the lodge Foundation Director Position is filled. It is so much easier when there is a resource person available to provide information for making donations and accessing available funding. In addition we now have a web page which is appended to the District 7 web page. This can be accessed through [www.sofn7.com](http://www.sofn7.com) and then clicking on "Sons of Norway Foundation in Canada" at the bottom of the Home Page. Please keep in mind that this web spot is in the development stage so some items may not yet be available.*

*On the general category of governance, it should be mentioned that all Canadian members of Sons of Norway are sustaining members of the Sons of Norway Foundation in Canada. Voting memberships are held by many local lodges and affiliate groups as well as by each Canadian District and each International Director position of Canadian Districts. Seven National Directors are elected to the Board of Directors from the representatives of these voting memberships and those elected Directors elect the Officer positions on the Board of Directors.*

*2010 will see the first Annual General Meeting of our Foundation being held outside of the Vancouver area of BC. This will be held in Red Deer, Alberta on September 11. This will be a great opportunity for the lodges of Zone 4, District 4 to participate at such an event without the challenges of costly travel.*

*I would like to acknowledge the participation of all those who have contributed to our Foundations whether it is in a monetary way, or in support roles of our programs. All efforts are most valuable in helping each other and in leaving legacies for future generations. A monetary gift, will over time, provide benefits it many ways. Please continue to help.*

*Fraternally,*

*Tore Pettersen, President*

*Sons of Norway Foundation in Canada*

*Given by Elaine Nelson, District IV International Director*

**Delegate Verification Committee Report:**

Heim Lodge 178 - Diane Saele

- Harris Saele replaced Sam Johnson

Delegate Verification Committee moved these delegates be seated. Motion carried.

The delegat count is 138.

The simple majority is 70.

The 2/3 majority is 91.

Sam Johnson is no longer a seated delegate so he was replaced by Gerald Reighard, Bjarne Lodge 4-086, Williston, ND as a Marshal.

**US Foundation Report**

International Director, Elaine Nelson, gave the US Foundation Report.

**Lund Fund:**

Information has been sent out to the lodges, District IV Delegates and Sons of Norway members announcing the establishment of the Lund Fund as part of the Sons of Norway Foundation. The Lund Fund is established to honor the service and dedication of former Legal Counsel and Chief Executive Officer, John Lund and his father former General Counsel, Allan Lund. Following the announcement of the fund at the International Convention, the Lund family will help determine the specific scholarship or grant they wish to fund that is consistent with the mission of the Sons of Norway Foundation.

**Parliamentarian:**

President Sharon introduced Ann Mary Dussault, Parliamentarian for the District IV Convention. Ann Mary Dussault is a former Missoula County Commissioner and a former president of the Montana State Senate.

**Appointment of Tellers:**

- Zone 1 – Mary Ann Johnson, Heim Lodge 4-178, Devils Lake, ND
- Zone 2 – Kent Hochgraber, Kringen Lodge 4-025, Fargo, ND
- Zone 3 – Marcia Hansen, Sverdrup Lodge 4-107, Bismarck, ND
- Zone 4 – Alfred Hansen, Hamar Lodge 4-345, Claresholm, AB
- Zone 5 – Otto Cornthwaite, Fjell Heim Lodge 4-524, Big Timber, MT
- Zone 6 – Daniel Howard, Norhaven Lodge 4-536, Libby, MT

**Reports Committee:**

- Gloria Johnson, Chairperson, Lodsén Lodge 4-138, Great Falls, MT
- John Kamp, Fjellsyn Lodge, 4-591, Olds AB
- Terry Lykken, Prairie Fjord Lodge 4-649, Cando, ND
- District IV Board contacts; Nordy Riley and Carol O'Dell.

We were responsible for reading several reports in the convention booklet. We were asked to give a few highlights of each report.

The President's report was informative and interesting. We found it interesting that the small Lodge of the Year was from District 4 and that two of the three goals were met or exceeded. We would like to applaud and thank Sharon for her 14 years on the district board.

The Vice President's report was also informative. We agreed that communication and change are important.

The International Director's report was very thorough, as always.

We noticed that there are 23 lodges with no delegates. We suggest a follow-up to learn the reasons for this.

We would like to suggest that the Variance Report list the Zone numbers. We would like to congratulate the two zones which gained members although we are concerned about the overall loss of memberships and of lodges. A suggestion was made that we list winners of the Founders' Awards as an incentive to all lodges.

The report about Academic Scholarships was informative and we appreciate the last comment - "Alone we can accomplish much. Together as a team, we can accomplish much more! We are a team that must work together."

The Fraternal Publicity report was informative. We thank the 35 lodges that sent photos and had them printed in the Viking.

The Cultural Scholarship report was also informative. A suggestion is that there be an ad in the Viking which would explain the cultural scholarships and encourage all lodges to apply.

The Adopt A School report was good and we are encouraged to hear there will be a revision in the near future.

The Camp reports were all interesting. We felt the exact locations should be highlighted with the name. We thought it was good to have a direct contact listed such as the e-mail address in one report.

The Ski for Light report was informative. We always appreciate the "Yes, I Can" attitude of Kathy Larson. The reports from both Montana and Canada Ski for Light programs were informative and interesting.

The Foundation reports gave good information.

We did note a few typographical errors including one on the back cover. There can never be enough proofing, it seems. On page 6 we think perhaps the extra three letters were left over from experimenting with various fonts since NGS are the last three letters of the previous word.

The general appearance of the convention booklet is outstanding. The layout is good, it is very readable, and photos are all clear. We like the headings at the top of each page and having the agenda in the middle is an excellent idea. The anthems are attractively printed. It is a keeper.

**Gloria made a motion the Reports Committee report be accepted. Motion Carried.** The Reports Committee was dismissed until a later time.

**International Convention 2010;**

A presentation was given by the co-chairpersons for the International Convention in Coeur d'Alene, which will be held at "The Coeur d'Alene Resort", August 29 – September 2, 2010.

**Finance Committee:**

Arden Shores, Chairperson – Gyda Varden Lodge – 4-021, Grand Forks, ND  
Wayne Nordstern - Solglyt Lodge 4-143, Edmonton, AB  
Ron Brurud – Snofjeldet Lodge , 4-531, Lewistown, Mt  
District IV Board contacts: Karen Huck and Bonnie Jacob-Forseth

Referred delegates to Finance Reports as printed on pages 37, 38, & 39 in Convention Book. All pages were reviewed with the delegates.

The Finance Committee commends District IV Treasurer, Karen Huck, for the excellent job of keeping accurate, well organized records for District IV. It was easy to go over the financial statements.

**The committee moves approval of the Financial Reports as published. Motion carried.**

**Announcements:**

*Coffee break*

**Updates from the Home Office:**

International President, Dan Rude and Chief Executive Officer, Eivind Heiberg, gave updates from the home office. They reported we have a hard working staff in home office and they want to always give the very best service to it's members, etc. Some of the programs we can look forward to include:

- Updating our Cultural Skills Program.
- Update the Idea and Information Banks
- Something new coming "Program in a Box." This will be officially presented at the International Convention in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.
- Adopt-A-School will be revamped
- Changes are also being made to The Viking Magazine. They have reduced some of the costs. July will be the first time we see the new version.

Sons of Norway is doing well – recent times have been challenging. The Home Office is working hard to get Sons of Norway back to where it was a few years ago.

Financially they run a lean but profitable organization. They looked at what they could do to cut expenses and are very careful how they spend the monies. Thanks to the financial counselors they have seen another banner year.

Membership brings in about 4000 members a year, unfortunately we also lose approximately that many. People will forget what you said; people will forget what you did but not how you made them feel. What can we do as individuals? What are some things we should consider for our membership? If we can keep them for 3 years we will probably keep them for life. Call new members and say thank you for joining Sons of Norway. Then in 6 months another call and when it gets close to renewal call and encourage them to renew.

Sons of Norway have hired a new Fraternal Director, Linda Pederson.

Sons of Norway may develop a "Great Ideas Conference," focusing mainly on marketing and recruiting. It would be open to members and give everyone a change to participate.

**Tubfrim Update:**

Karen Huck, District IV Chairperson for Tubfrim Stamps reported we have gathered 327 lbs of stamps at this convention.

### **Announcements**

#### **Cultural Skills**

The delegates were dismissed to attend Cultural Skills classes.

#### **Adjourned for Day**

**Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - 8:30 AM**

#### **General Session continues:**

##### **Song:**

*You are my Sunshine* – led by Betty Wing, accompanied by Jackie Bjergo

#### **Announcements**

##### **Walk-a-thon**

Jim Fleharty, Normanden Lodge 4-424, Missoula, MT reported on the early morning Walk-a-thon. He said it was a beautiful morning for a walk. There were quite a few who came out for the walk. He encouraged everyone to fill the piggy's and take them back to their lodges to do the same thing.

He also announced the table markers and carousel horses were for sale. Encourage the delegates to please vote on the viewer's choice in the Cultural Skills display.

##### **Photos for the Viking Magazine**

District IV Cultural/Publicity Director, Martha Elliott, gave a presentation on submitting pictures to the Viking Magazine. Some of the specifications she highlighted are:

- What kind of picture to submit
- Must be 3 x 5
- Good digital photos with clear photo content
- Preferably no more than 5 people in the photo
- Photos of object cakes, quilts, projects
- Posed line-ups of people
- Presentation of checks
- Visiting district officer

We are to send pictures to the Cultural/Publicity Director. No negative scanned images color slides. She also showed examples of different quality of pictures.

##### **Appointment of Marshals and Greeters**

###### *Marshals:*

- Terry Lykken – Prairie Fjord Lodge 4-649, Cando, ND
- Arnold Jordheim - Kringen Lodge 4-025, Fargo, ND

*Greeters:*

Diane Hanson – Fjell Heim Lodge 4-524, Big Timber, MT  
Sigurd Rudie, Jr. – Sidney Lodge 4-489, Sidney, MT

**Verifications Committee:**

The following changes have been made to the delegate list: Alternates elected, registered and listed in the reports book are:

Lodsen Lodge 138 - Darlene Braaten is replaced by Jim Fisher  
Solglyt Lodge 143 - Sharon Bruce is replaced by Roger Bruce  
Sidney Lodge 489 - Mark Halvorson is replaced by Sally Amundrud

The Delegate Verification Committee moves that the above delegates be seated.

**Minutes of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Convention:**

**Paddle #4 Karen Huck, District IV Treasurer moved to accept minutes of the 53<sup>rd</sup> convention not the minutes of the 54<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention as previous moved on Friday. It was seconded by paddle #66, Judy Fisher, Lodsen Lodge 4-138, Great Falls, MT. Motion Carried.**

**Law and Resolutions committee:**

John Trangmoe, Chairperson, Bitterrootdalen Lodge 4-656, Hamilton, MT  
Jane Nelson, Jotunheimen Lodge, 4-499, Billings, MT  
Kevin Moberg, Hardanger Lodge, 4-652, Dickinson, ND  
District Board contacts; Russell Wiigs and Sharon Tandberg

John Trangmoe read the resolution.

*Whereas:* Sons of Norway Lodge continues to struggle to gain and maintain membership, and

*Whereas:* as time change it becomes necessary to reinvent ourselves in order to become more appealing and inviting to a wider fraternity, and

*Whereas:* the image of a Viking conjures strength, terror, excitement, bravery; and daring travels and exploration across Europe and North America, and

*Whereas:* the 2010 International Convention Theme “Viking Spirit United” proclaims the importance of Viking in our heritage; and

*Whereas:* the women in our Lodges take on more and more leadership roles while continuing to do more than their share of food preparation, fund raising, and general housekeeping duties;

*Therefore be it Resolved:* That Sons of Norway look into the process of changing our name to Sons and Daughters of the Vikings.

While this may be difficult for the traditionalists among us, think of the millions of people it would open the Lodge to...all the Scandinavian people plus those from Scotland, Ireland, Italy and even Turkey.

Submitted by:

Fjellsyn Lodge 40591  
Olds, Alberta, Canada

Law and Resolution committee recommended a no vote on the resolution.

**Paddle #83 – Betty Wing, Normanden Lodge 4-424, Missoula, MT made a motion to amend the resolution to delete paragraphs 3, 4, and 5. It was seconded by paddle #85 Sister Elizabeth Olson, Normanden Lodge 4-424, Missoula, MT. The motion was defeated.**

We were then back to the resolution as written. Discussion followed. The recommendation of the committee passed which means the Resolution was not accepted.

The Law & Resolution Committee presented another Resolution which is as follows:

*Whereas:* District IV Sons of Norway currently approves the District Convention minutes at the next convention.

*Whereas:* Many of the delegates who are approving the minutes did not attend the previous convention.

*Therefore be it resolved:* Convention minutes will be approved by the District Board at the following board meeting and the copies will be mailed to delegates. The cost of copying and mailing minutes of the convention to the delegates in the pre-convention packets will be eliminated. Copies of the minutes will be available upon the request from the District IV Secretary.

Submitted by  
District IV Board

Law & Resolution committee recommends yes vote on this Resolution. Two justifications:

1. We agree with the board that it will be cost effective to reduce postage cost by eliminating the second mailing the of convention minutes two years after the convention.
2. We agree that those who request a copy of the minutes may obtain them from the District Secretary.

Discussion followed:

**Paddle #95, Mark Halvorson, Sidney Lodge 4-489, Sidney, MT. Zone 5 made a motion to amend the resolution to read as follows:**

***Therefore be it resolved:* That the minutes of the District Convention will be e-mailed to all convention delegates and posted to the District IV web site, for review prior to approval by the District Board at the Fall Board meeting following the District Convention. It was seconded by paddle #67, Gloria Hodge, Lodsens Lodge 4-138, Great Falls, MT. The resolution as amended passed.**

The resolution as recommended by the committee passed.

The Law and Resolution Committee work was completed at this time. President Sharon dismissed the

Law and Resolution Committee until further notice.

**2012 Convention Update:**

Members of the Solglyt Lodge 4-143 gave a presentation for the 2012 District IV Convention to be held in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada June 14-16, 2012. It will be held at the Ramada Inn & Conference Centre in Edmonton.

**Astrid Cates Scholarship Fund**

Elaine Nelson – thanked Jim for the walk-a-thon this a.m. asked everyone to pass the piggy again. One of the highlights of her position is serving on the Foundation Committee. She also serves on the Astrid Cates Scholarship Committee. When ever we give to the Foundation we always get back. Elaine announced the names of the recipients of the Scholarships.

**Dismissal of Committees:**

President Sharon dismissed the:  
Reports Committee, their work was complete.  
Finance Committee, their work was complete.

The Law and Resolution Committee recommend this *Tusen Takk* resolution:

Be it resolved that the convention delegates extend their appreciation and heartfelt thanks to the following:

- President of Normanden Lodge, Betty Wing
- President of Bitterrootdalen Lodge, John Trangmoe
- Convention Chair, Betty Rude
- Convention Coordinating Committee members (as listed on the back cover of the convention program) for coordinating the theme of this District IV Convention: "Sharing a Carousel of Culture"
- We want to extend our appreciation and thanks to all the Normanden Lodge and Bitterrootdalen Lodge members who made the preparations for this exceptional convention.
- Also, thank you to the Zone Directors, District IV Officers, and International Officers (as listed on pages 6 and 7 of the convention program).
- We would like to recognize Dan Rude, International President, for his assistance in staging this convention in his hometown of Missoula.
- Thanks, too, to the management and staff of the Holiday Inn Parkside.
- We further extend our deepest appreciation to President Sharon Tandberg for all her hard work and dedication to the Sons of Norway District IV.

The Law and Resolution Committee recommends this *Tusen Takk* resolution be passed. The Resolution passed.

President Sharon dismissed the Law & Resolution Committee their work was complete.

### **Election Of Officers:**

#### *Office of District IV President*

President Sharon asked if there were any nominations for District IV President Ron Reine - Valhalla Lodge nominated Russell Wiigs for District IV President. President Sharon asked there were any further nominations. There were none. President declared Russell Wiigs elected District IV President by acclamation.

#### *Office of District IV Vice President*

President Sharon asked if there were any nominations for District IV Vice President. Chris Roen – Thor Lodge nominated Martha Elliott for District IV Vice President. President Sharon asked if there were any other nominations. There were none. She declared Martha Elliott elected District IV Vice President by acclamation.

### **Announcements**

#### *Coffee Break*

### **Requested Roll Call**

Paddle #53, Stanley Larson, Bjarne Lodge 4-086, Williston, ND requested a roll call.

### **Verification Delegation Committee Report:**

The following changes have been made to the delegate list:

Sidney Lodge 489 – Mark Halverson is replaced by Sally Admundrud.  
The Verification Delegation Committee requested this delegate be seated.

Roll Call was taken by the District IV Secretary, Nordy Riley.

There are 136 delegates seated  
69 is a majority.  
90 is 2/3 majority.

### **Election of Officers (cont)**

#### *Office of District IV Secretary*

President Sharon asked if there were any nominations for District IV Secretary. Betty Wing – Normanden Lodge nominated Nordy Riley for District IV Secretary. President Sharon asked if there were any other nominations. There were none. She declared Nordy Riley elected District IV Secretary by acclamation.

#### *Office of District IV Treasurer*

President Sharon asked if there were any nominations for District IV Treasurer. Milton Hommy - Zone IV Director, nominated Karen Huck for District IV Treasurer. President Sharon asked if there were any other nominations. There were none. She declared Karen Huck elected District IV Treasurer by acclamation.

*Office of District IV Cultural/Publicity Director*

President Sharon asked if there were any nominations for District IV Cultural/Publicity Director. Gloria Johnson – Lodsens Lodge #138, Great Falls, ND nominated Judy Fisher for District IV Cultural/Publicity Director

President Sharon asked if there were any other nominations.

Arden Shores – Gyda Varden Lodge #021, Grand Forks, ND nominated Cindy Dahl for District IV Cultural/Publicity Director

President Sharon asked if there were any other nominations. There were none.

President Sharon instructed the delegates to use their voting pads, to use sheet #1 to vote for their choice for District IV Cultural/Publicity Director.

Judy Fisher – Lodsens Lodge was elected District IV Cultural/Publicity Director.

**Sharon asked for a motion to have the Tellers destroy the ballots. Motion carried. The ballots will be destroyed.**

**Caucus sessions:**

The Zones were dismissed to meeting in their Caucus Sessions.

**Report of Zone Caucuses:**

Zone 1 Bonnie Jacob Forseth, Zone Director  
Alternate Zone Director elected is Mary Anne Johnson

Zone 2 Carroll Juven currently serving as Zone Director  
There was no Alternate Zone Director elected

Zone 3 Carol Nelson was elected Zone Director  
Marcia Hanson was elected Alternate Zone Director

Zone 4 Roger Bruce was elected Zone Director  
Alternate Zone Director elected is Elaine Domier

Zone 5 Carole O'Dell Zone Director  
Jane Nelson was elected Alternate Zone Director

Zone 6 Jerry Swensen is Zone Director  
Jim Fisher was elected Alternate Zone Director

Sharon explained how to the Alternate Zone Directors would replace a Zone Director.

**Election of Alternate International Director:**

Sharon turned podium over to Russell Wiigs

Russell asked if there were any nominations for Alternate International Director. Audrey Solheim, Sverdrup Lodge #107 nominated Martha Elliott for Alternate International Director.

Russell asked if there were any other nominations for Alternate International Director. Arden Shores – Gyda Varden Lodge #021, Grand Forks, ND nominated Sharon Tandberg for Alternate International Director.

Russell Wiigs asked if there were any further nominations. There were none. The delegates were instructed to use ballot #2 on their voting pads.

Sharon Tandberg was elected Alternate International Director elected. **A motion was made to destroy the ballots. Motion carried.** The ballots will be destroyed.

Russell Wiigs turned the podium back over to President Sharon Tandberg.

Sharon dismissed the guards and marshals.

Sharon thanked and dismissed Ann Mary Dussault, Parliamentarian. On behalf of District IV President Sharon presented her with a carved carousel horse.

Sharon reminded the lodge of the installation of officers at 5:00 p.m.

The new District Board was instructed to meet in the Yellowstone Room at 4:00 p.m.

**Cultural Classes:**

Martha Elliott explained where all the classes would be held. Everyone was dismissed to go to the classes.

**Installation of officers 5:00 p.m.**

International President, Dan Rude installed the District officers.

New elected District IV President, Russell Wiigs, adjourned the 54<sup>th</sup> Biennium Convention.

The installation was followed by the banquet and dance.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nordy Riley*

Nordy Riley,  
District IV Secretary  
Sons of Norway

## ***DISTRICT IV LODGE MEETING RULES***

The rules are as follows:

1. The Regular Meeting of District IV Lodge shall be one meeting, recessing from session-to-session within the meeting.
2. Member badges and voting materials will be issued by the Registration Committee upon proof of the delegate's identity. Only duly authorized members may vote – one vote per member.
3. Members shall be in their seats FIVE minutes before the scheduled session time. Doors will be closed when each session begins but may be opened for those awaiting admission at the direction of the Chair.
4. The right to raise a point of order shall be reserved for members only. The Chair will decide its validity.
5. Any Member may speak to any motion before the lodge. Any Member who desires to speak shall address the Chair by going to the microphone, with identification paddle raised, and state name and home lodge.
6. Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of THREE MINUTES. No Member shall speak to the motion more than once, unless allowed otherwise by the Chair.
7. Any messages to members should be relayed by the Greeter, Marshal or Assistant Marshal.
8. If the previous question is moved and carried, members who are in line at the microphones at the time the motion is passed will be permitted to speak.
9. Officers are elected at large from the District IV Lodge.
10. No smoking shall be permitted in any meeting rooms.
11. Any lodge bidding to host the District IV Convention shall present its bid in writing to the District IV Board of Directors prior to the District IV Lodge Meeting. Representatives of the bidding lodges shall be permitted ten minutes to present their proposal.
12. Any resolution or by-law which has significant financial impact upon the District must be introduced in enough time for it to be reviewed by the Convention Finance Committee and their findings presented to the meeting.
13. Cell phones must be set to vibrate or silent during business sessions.

***Recruiting Awards for 2008 and 2009:***

<b>2008</b>	Elaine Nelson	4-087	34 members	Doreen E. Grobe	4-025	21 members
	Dan D. Rude	4-424	19 members	Ann M. Krause	4-067	15 members
	Betty J. Rude	4-424	10 members	Gloria M. Johnson	4-138	8 members
	Kenneth J. Agather	4-025	7 members	Paul A. Vesledahl	4-025	7 members
	Russell Wiigs	4-341	7 members	Elaine D. Domier	4-143	6 members
	Glenn L. Fontaine	4-021	6 members	Joyce L. Rudie	4-489	6 members
	Arlene M. Walker	4-567	5 members	Bruce D. Bohnsack	4-025	5 members
	Florence E. Aubin	4-493	5 members	Judy I Fisher	4-138	5 members
	Shirley Norgard Short	4-480	5 members			
<b>2009</b>	Elaine Nelson	4-087	30 members	A. James Fleharty	4-424	10 members
	Gloria M. Johnson	4-138	6 members	Ann M. Krause	4-067	5 members
	Christine Gunvaldson-Waltz	4-656	6 members			
	Doreen E. Grobe	4-025	5 members	Elaine D. Domier	4-143	5 members
	Kathleen J. Seblius	4-488	5 members	Linda Pender	4-025	5 members
	Sharon Tandberg	4-424	5 members			

***Presentation of Lodge of the Year and Founders Awards***

Zone	Name	Number	Year	Level	President
1	Gyda Varden	21	2008	Silver	Donald Forsman
1	Gyda Varden	21	2009	Gold	Glenn Fontaine
1	Mjosen	78	2008	Bronze	Gudrun Harstad
1	Mjosen	78	2009	Bronze	Gudrun Harstad
1	Heim	178	2008	Silver	Dennis Lysne
1	Heim	178	2009	Silver	Mary Ann Johnson
1	Mollargutten	478	2008	Gold	Mavis Maloney
1	Mollargutten	478	2009	Gold	Ingwaldson Poulsen
1	Vaarliv	486	2008	Silver	Richard Amundrud
1	Prairie Fjord	649	2008	Silver	Gerald Maurseth
1	Prairie Fjord	649	2009	Gold	Tyler Lykken
2	Kringen	25	2009	Gold	Bruce Bohnsack
2	Wergeland	247	2008	Bronze	Linda Finck
2	Wergeland	247	2009	Bronze	Mary Englund
2	Solheim	461	2008	Bronze	Irvin Nysveen
2	Solheim	461	2009	Bronze	Irvin Nysveen
3	Thor	67	2008	Gold	Martha Elliott
3	Thor	67	2009	Gold	Martha Elliott
3	Bjarne	86	2008	Silver	Roger Anderson
3	Bjarne	86	2009	Gold	L Bernell Gardner
3	Odin	87	2008	Gold	Elaine Nelson
3	Sverdrup	107	2008	Silver	Erling Olson
3	Sverdrup	107	2009	Gold	Marcia Hansen
3	Enighed	307	2008	Bronze	Robert Favorite
3	Enighed	307	2009	Bronze	Robert Favorite
3	Nordlyset	488	2008	Silver	Lloyd Nelson
3	Nordlyset	488	2009	Gold	Lloyd Nelson
3	Smaa Fjell	557	2008	Silver	Vicki Anderson

3	Smaa Fjell	557	2009	Bronze	Vicki Anderson
3	Vennlig	618	2008	Silver	Alice Anderson
3	Vennlig	618	2009	Gold	Alice Anderson
3	Hardanger	652	2008	Silver	Paul Gjermundson
3	Hardanger	652	2009	Gold	Paul Gjermundson
3	Vidda	663	2008	Silver	Rodney Gillund
3	Vidda	663	2009	Gold	Rodney Gillund
4	Solyglyt	143	2009	Silver	Wayne Nordstrom
4	Vahalla	341	2008	Silver	Russell Wiigs
4	Vahalla	341	2009	Silver	Knut Haga
4	Nisse	567	2009	Bronze	Arlene Walker
4	Aspelund	571	2008	Silver	Sheila Thorsen
4	Brubyen	576	2008	Gold	Diane Berg
4	Brubyen	576	2009	Silver	Diane Berg
4	Fjellsyn	591	2008	Gold	Barbara Olsen
4	Fjellsyn	591	2009	Silver	Barbara Olsen
4	Solsyd	603	2008	Bronze	Anne Harvey
4	Solsyd	603	2009	Bronze	Anne Harvey
4	Skjenna	605	2008	Bronze	Orpha Gage
5	Sidney	489	2008	Bronze	Mark Halvorson
5	Sidney	489	2009	Silver	Mark Halvorson
5	Jotunheimen	499	2008	Silver	William Huvaere
5	Jotunheimen	499	2009	Gold	JoRae Sarsten
5	Fjell Heim	524	2008	Silver	Carol Odell
5	Fjell Heim	524	2009	Gold	Otto Cornthwaite
5	Snofjeldet	531	2008	Bronze	Hans Stokken
5	Snofjeldet	531	2009	Gold	Hans Stokken
5	Dalen	553	2008	Silver	Arthur Buen
6	Lodsen	138	2008	Gold	Gloria Johnson
6	Lodsen	138	2008	Gold	Gloria Johnson
6	Normanden	424	2008	Gold	Nina Sverdsten
6	Normanden	424	2009	Gold	Betty Wing
6	Hovedstad	528	2008	Gold	Gloria Hodge
6	Hovedstad	528	2009	Silver	Dennis Huck
6	Norhaven	536	2008	Silver	Steven Sonju
6	Fjellidal	543	2008	Bronze	Wyman Schmidt
6	Beverhode	589	2008	Bronze	Donald Rasset Christine Gundvaldson- Waltz
6	Bitterrootdalen	656	2008	Silver	Waltz
6	Bitterrootdalen	656	2009	Gold	John Trangmoe

