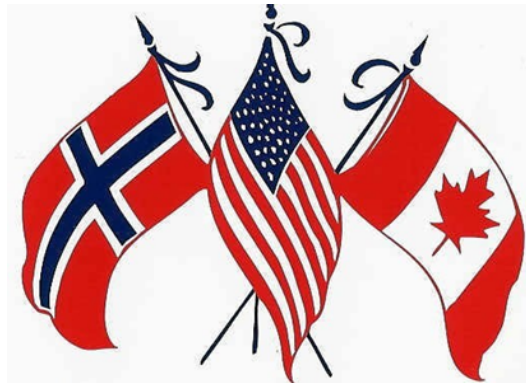


**Minutes**  
**District IV Sons of Norway**  
**59<sup>th</sup> Biennium Convention**  
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***“Call to Action”***



**June 16-18, 2022**

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**Thursday June 16, 2022**  
**Kringen Lodge**

**Memorial Service**

Vice President Martha Elliott conducted the Memorial Service. Pastor Marty Tollefson followed by a vocal solo by Nancy Bollingberg. International Treasurer Elaine Nelson gave the Tribute on behalf of Sons of Norway. Pastor Tollefson gave a very moving memorial address. Carnations were first place for Board Members who had passed away since the June 2018 Convention – Carol Nelson Zone 3 Director, Ivar Lillebo Zone 6 Director, Ella Naves District Treasurer, Otto Bervik District President and International Director, Judy Fisher Zone 6 Director, Ardell Nelson District Youth Director, Erling Olson Zone 3 Director, and Don Jore Zone 5 Director and Vice President. After the singing of “Blessed Be The Tie That Binds” Pastor Tollefson gave the Benediction.

**President’s Reception and Banquet**

A President’s Reception was held followed by Banquet with Erv Inniger as MC. Co-Chair Kay Halverson welcomed the delegate to Fargo followed by an invocation given by Rev. John Andreasen. During the dinner prepared by the Kringen Kafe the Kringen Accordion Band provided dinner music. President Riley gave greeting on behalf of herself and the District Board. Mayor Dr. Tim Mahoney was the main speaker welcoming the delegates to Fargo. Karin Gambell and her daughter provided a number of violin musical selections. John Andreasen, Co-Chair told the story of Kringen which is where the lodge got its name. Secretary Dan Rude was called on to give a toast.

**Friday June 17, 2022**  
**Holiday Inn**

**Opening Ceremonies**

John Andreasen, Co-Chair of Host Committee opened the Convention and proceeded to introduce the District Officers and Directors and International Officers who were escorted to the dais by Frode Tilden.

From Fargo, ND – Steve Halverson International Director  
From Fargo, ND – Elaine Nelson International Treasurer  
From Portland, ND – Becky Gunderson Zone 1 Director  
From Missoula, MT – John Knudsen Zone 6 Director

From Fargo, ND – Kay Halverson Zone 2 Director  
From Big Timber, MT – Becky Lewis Zone 5 Director  
From Calgary, AB – Russell Wiigs Zone 4 Director  
From Maddock, ND – Flo Kallenbach Cultural/Publicity Director  
From Fargo, ND – Marilyn Martinson Treasurer  
From Missoula, MT – Dan Rude Secretary and from Minot, ND  
Martha Elliott Vice President  
From Missoula, MT – Nordy Riley District IV President

### **Introduction of District Board Spouses**

President Riley introduced the spouses of the Board who were present.

Betty Rude wife of Secretary Dan Rude  
Steven Gunderson husband of Director Becky Gunderson  
Alison Wiigs wife of Director Russell Wiigs  
Lauren Knudsen wife of Zone 6 Director John Knudsen  
Kay and Steve Halverson who go together

### **Introduction of International Staff and Officers**

President Riley introduced the International Staff and Officers.

Merv Eriksson – Chair of the International Foundation Board of Governors  
Emily Stark - Foundation Development Manager  
Amy Tuchenhagen – Member Engagement Manager

International Officers:

Elaine Nelson – International Treasurer  
Steve Halverson – International Director

International Field Staff:

Linda Briard

### **Past District and International Officers**

President Riley then introduced Past District Officers.

Diane Bowman – District Secretary and District President  
Dolores Baldry – Zone 5 Director  
Carrol Juven - Zone 2 Director and wife Barbara  
Lynn Rommesmo - District Secretary  
Alison Wiigs - Zone 4 Director  
John Andreasen - Zone 2 Director  
Milt Hommy - Zone 4 Director  
Vicki Anderson - Zone 3 Director

Our apologies to Audrey Solheim, Past District Secretary who did attend the Convention as a visitor and was inadvertently not introduced as a Past Officer.

### **Presentation of the Flags**

President Riley called on Gary Olson and the Moorhead American Legion Post 21 to present the flags of Canada, Norway and United States. After the flags were posted Ms. Lisa Kornkven led the Kringen Choir accompanied by Michael Olson in the singing of the national anthems - O Canada - Ja, Vi Elsker - Star-Spangled Banner. President Riley then led the delegates in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Invocation and Musical Selection**

Pastor Roger Reinhart led the delegation in the Invocation.

Following the Invocation, the Kringen Choir provided us with a few musical selections.

### **Welcome and Greetings**

Host Committee Co-Chairs John Andreasen and Kay Halverson welcomed the delegates and guests to the 59th Biennium Convention.

Then President Riley introduced Ron McLean the Norwegian Honorary Consul for North Dakota. Mr. McLean brought greetings for King Harald and Queen Sonia as well as Ambassador Krutnes. Mr. McLean pointed out that Norway sees the United States as its most important ally and that the Norwegian/American Ambassadorships are the most important.

John Andreasen read greetings from the Honorable Governor of North Dakota, Doug Burgum.

*June 16,2022*

*Welcome to North Dakota, everyone, and congratulations Sons of Norway, District 4, on another wonderful year. Special thanks to Kringen Lodge for hosting the biannual convention this year. We hope each of you enjoy your time in our great state!*

*We are happy to honor the members, volunteers, employees, guests and partners who have come together to celebrate the strong Norwegian spirit of caring for one another and empowering individuals and communities. As you celebrate the rich history and traditions of Norway, we are grateful for your commitment to make a difference in the lives of others throughout North Dakota, Montana and our nations.*

*Your passion for embracing and highlighting the traditions of your ancestors while ensuring a bright future for your children is fundamental to building vibrant communities and preserving historic cultures. Thank you for using your knowledge, skills, voices, and vision to advance the fraternal, financial and philanthropic mission of the Sons of Norway. We wish you a successful and memorable convention and an adventure-filled visit. All the best!*

*With gratitude,*

*Doug Burgum*

*Governor*

International Director Steve Halverson came to the podium to bring his greetings. He mentioned that Sons of Norway is 127 years old. Sons of Norway now has a new building on the same site of the old building. He brought greetings from the International Board.

International Treasurer Elaine Nelson was called on to bring her greetings. She brought greetings from International President Ron Stubbings. She said it was great being able to see people in person.

### **District President Riley's Address**

*On behalf of the District IV Board of Directors and Officers I would like to welcome you to the 59th Biennial Convention. I am glad to see so many delegates in person and well as those of you who are joining us virtually. This year we celebrate District IV's 108 Anniversary. Usually, we meet every two years to conduct the business of our District and make plans for the next two years. Because of the Pandemic we have missed the 2020 Convention we have had to wait 4 years to conduct our business and elect new officers. Kringen Lodge has worked very diligently to make this a memorable time for all. Their planning has been excellent and very thorough. Our convention this year is much shorter because of the situation with the state of the pandemic, but it still will be a fun filled time celebrating all that is great about Sons of Norway.*

*As you know, the theme this year is "Call to Action." This is an excellent theme for our District and our members to rejuvenate our lodges. With the next biennium's leadership, we will generate enthusiasm to increase our membership by promoting our culture and heritage.*

*One of the purposes of the convention Booklet is to report on the health of the District and the changes we have made since the previous Convention. As you read through the booklet you will be impressed with what has been accomplished these past 4 years.*

*We are planning workshops for Saturday morning at Kringen Lodge. One is the popular game called Kubb. You will receive instructions on not only how to play the game but how to make one. Another workshop will deal with Membership where you will be giving suggestions on how to draw new members into your lodge. Two other workshops will provide information on the workings of the Foundation and the technology available on the Sons of Norway Website and how to access it. What is a convention without something about trolls? A special event has been planned featuring the artist and author Sven Landauer. It will indeed be a full and fun Saturday morning.*

*The two District Camps, Trollfjorden and Bjornetann, as well as the Canadian Camp Trollhaugen will be in session and fully staffed. It has been quite some time since these camps have been able to be held. Already many plans have been made and members are planning on attending. The camps have always been well attended, informative and enjoyable. The camps are held both for the younger generation and adults.*

*Our District like the rest of the districts had many difficult moments getting through the Pandemic. It did take a toll in a lot of ways, but Norwegians seem to make the best of many situations and come out tougher than before. Now that many lodges are meeting face to face again it seems to be bringing new life to the lodges. I do hope this continues and life gets back*

to normal and those who have not yet returned to the meetings and activities will soon return. Many changes are coming to the Sons of Norway as to how things will be done and accomplished. It always takes some time to adjust and understand the changes.

*I would like thank Steve Halverson and Sharon Bruce for serving with me on the District Nominating Committee. I believe we have found very capable people to fill the positions, and I am confident they will do an excellent job to fulfilling their duties as District IV Officers and Directors. They are excited about getting started and are already working on their plans for District IV.*

*As District IV President I also served on the District President's Council (DPC). The DPC meets twice a year for two days in conjunction with the International Board meeting. We have had meetings with the Home Office Staff and joint sessions with the International Board. I have had the honor of being the secretary of the DPC for the last four years. Meeting with the DPC has been a great opportunity for the exchange of ideas between the districts. It gave us the opportunity to discuss our common challenges. It is a time of information sharing and goal setting.*

*It has been an honor and a privilege to be on the District Board. I would like to thank the District Board of Officers and Directors for all of their hard work during the past four years and their dedication to Sons of Norway. I have been on the District Board for 22 years and have seen many different happenings which have been both interesting and positive changes. I have so enjoyed the many people I have been privileged to work with, the friends I have made, and the awesome people I have met along the way. Have I accomplished everything I wanted to? The answer is no, but I hope we as a Board has paved the way for the upcoming Board to continue and get more accomplished.*

*Thank you all for what you do for Sons of Norway. It has been great working with and getting to know you. May all your plans and desires for the future be accomplished. May the Lord richly bless you all.*

### **Home Office Staff**

Emily Stark, Foundation Development Manager presented a Power Point detailing all that is available from the Foundation – Grants and Scholarships. She discussed the Annual Report pointing out that the Net Fund Value the Foundations Assets as of 12/31/2021 was \$11,807,213. In 2022 the total grants was \$57,349. The breakdown of those grants was:

- \$24,000 for 13 Community Partnership
- \$ 8,500 for 7 Helping Hands
- \$16,899 for 15 Lodge Heritage and Culture
- \$ 7,930 for Lodge Vitality
- \$14,000 for other charitable grants

District IV received about \$8,000 in grants.

President Riley introduced Amy Tuchenhagen, Member Engagement Manager at the Sons of Norway Home Office. She shared a Power Point highlighting the Fraternal Department. She discussed the new changes made to the “Viking” and shared a picture of the new membership pin. Amy also gave a rundown on the International Convention.

### **Adopting the Convention Rules**

The Convention Rules were passed out. The Convention Rules have been the same for several District IV Conventions. President entertained a motion to adopt the Convention Rules as printed. Paddle 76 (Susan Gobbs) so moved, and Paddle 63 (Marie Williams) seconded. The motion carried.

### **Announcements and Coffee Break**

Co-Chair Halverson reminded delegates to please visit the Vendors and the Folk Art Exhibits.

### **Keynote Speaker**

President Riley introduced the Keynote Speaker Greg Tehven.

*Greg Tehven is the founder and CEO of Emerging Prairie in Fargo, ND. His work focuses on energizing the startup ecosystem to transform the economy and the community. He is on the Board of Advisors for Bushel and a Board Member for Mark 4 out of Washington, D.C. Previously, he served as a fellow at the Kilbourne Group in Fargo, ND under the leadership of Doug Burgum and spent seven years leading Students Today Leaders Forever in Minneapolis, MN. Tehven received his B.A. in entrepreneurship from the University of Minnesota and completed an executive education from Stanford in social entrepreneurship. He lives in Fargo with his wife, Christy, and three children, Harper, Alexander and Sloan.*

Greg Tehven gave a very interesting and moving presentation about his entrepreneurship work. He ended his talk with the statement that "Love and kindness is the most important value that one share".

### **Verification Committee Report**

The Verification Committee is made up of the six Zone Directors. Director Becky Gunderson, Chair of the Verification Committee, report on delegate registration and changes. The Verification Committee recommends the duly elected delegates from Hjemdahl 481 Duane Larson and Karla Syverson - be seated.

A number of requests to seat individuals who were not elected as delegates or alternates were denied pursuant to the District Bylaws that delegates and alternates those involved and they all understood that rules must be followed.

The following changes were noted:

Gyda Varden 4-021     Strike   Sam Larson, Mary Johnson, and David Walsvik as delegates  
Kringen 4-025         Janice Tommerdahl to replace Sonja Bloomquist

	Mitzi Hagen to replace Barbara Juven
	Betty Johnson to replace Karen Midgarden
	Judith Maxson to replace Luther Striker
	Carol Huher to replace Jill Wilkey
Solglyt 4-143	Anita Brown to replace Sharon Bruce
Normanden 4-424	Strike Eivind Gjetmundsen, Danelle Gjetmundsen, and Donna Syvertson as delegates
Mollargutten 4-478	Kathy Daeley to replace Bonnie Benson
	Ruth Lindgren to replace Carol Thompson
Fjell Heim 40524	Strike Duane Myrstol

The Verification Committee moves that their recommendations be approved. Motion carried.

**Merit Awards**

With putting a day and 1/2 of business into one day and with 4 years of Merit Awards to present the procedure was changed bit. President Riley called the names of lodges winning a certain merit award and asked those delegations to stand and remain standing until all lodges were call in that category.

**Merit Awards**

**2018 Gold**

Kringen 025	Fargo, ND
Mollargutten 478	Maddock, ND
Thor 67	Minot, ND
Lodsen 138	Great Falls, MT
Jotunheimen 499	Billings, MT
Gyda Varden 021	Grand Forks, ND
Normanden 424	Missoula, MT
Bjarne 086	Williston, ND
Solglyt 143	Edmonton, ND

**2018 Silver**

Vidda 663	Crosby, ND
Nordlyset 488	Bottineau, ND
Mjosen 078	Mayville, ND
Valhalla 341	Calgary, AB
Smaa Fjell 557	Hettinger, ND
Hardanger 652	Dickinson, ND
Solsyd 603	Lethbridge, ND

**2018 Bronze**

Brubyn 576	Saskatoon, SK
Heim 178	Devils Lake, ND
Vennlig 618	Tioga, ND



**2019 Gold**

Mollargutten 478  
Thor 067  
Jotunheimen 499  
Mjosen 078  
Bjarne 86

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**2019 Bronze**

Hjemdahl 481  
Ueland 480  
Heim 178  
Smaa Fjell 557  
Hardanger 652  
Wergeland 247  
Sidney 489

Valley City, ND  
Cooperstown, ND  
Devils Lake, ND  
Hettinger, ND  
Dickinson, ND  
Jamestown, ND  
Sidney, MT

**2020 Gold**

Kringen 025  
Jotunheimen 499  
Mollargutten 478  
Solglyt 143  
Sverdrup 107  
Normanden 424

Fargo, ND  
Billings, MT  
Maddock, ND  
Edmonton, AB  
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**Caucus Meetings**

The delegates attended their Zone Caucus meeting to elect Zone Directors, Delegates and Alternates to the International Convention.

**Lunch Was Served**  
**Parliamentarian**

President Riley introduced the Parliamentarian Bill Guy. Bill is a local attorney here in Fargo.

**Power Point**

International Director Halverson presented a Power Point on Governance and the Insurance end of Sons of Norway.

**Appointment of Marshals and Greeters**

Vice President Elliott appointed the marshals and greeters for the afternoon session.

Marshall:	Mary Englund	Wergeland Lodge 4-247
	Lynn Rommesmo	Kringen Lodge 2-025
Greeters :	Martin Ueland	Ueland 4-480
	Janet Malakowsky	Kringen 4-025

### **Appointment of Tellers**

President Riley appointed the following delegates as Convention Tellers:

Steve Gunderson	Mjosen 4-078	Zone 1
Colleen Engebetson	Henrik Ibsen 4-565	Zone 2
Gene Nygaard	Vidda 4-663	Zone 3
Alison Wiigs, Chair	Valhalla 4-341	Zone 4
Fredric Lake	Sidney 4-489	Zone 5
Lauren Knudsen	Normanden 4-424	Zone 6

### **Roll Call**

Secretary Rude took the roll call.

Delegates seated-91      Simple Majority-46      2/3 Majority-61

Of the 91 delegates there were 7 virtual.

### **Approval of the Minutes of the 58<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention in Bismarck, ND**

Copies of the minutes for the 58<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention which was held in Bismarck, ND in 2018 were emailed to the delegates by the District Secretary.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Paddle 40 (Steve Gunderson) and seconded by Paddle 38 (Paul Vesledahl). Motion approved.

### **Reports Committee**

President Riley called the Reports up to report on their work. President Riley introduced the Reports Committee Chair, Betty Rude, Normanden 4-424, who introduced Hazel Chapel Fjell Heim 4-524, and David Phillips Sverdrup 4-107.

The report:

*Our duties as a Reports Committee entail reviewing the many reports printed in your program book. We will make brief remarks on each, but strongly encourage you to read them to gain a better picture of the scope of Sons of Norway.*

*Page 1, a report submitted by the co-chairs of this District IV Convention – Kay Halverson and John Andreasen. “Call to Action” is a very appropriate and challenging theme inspired by the girl with the horn” pictured on the attractive cover of your program. The key word is ‘act’ and the authors suggest ways to do just that. Be sure to read the report for details.*

*The colorful front cover represents the convention theme. On the back of the back of the program is the action – Kringen our host lodge illustrates in photos very effective ways to make the theme a reality.*

*Suggestions for future reference would be to have the agenda in the center of the book on facing pages, perhaps the anthems near the agenda, and have reports together. We wish to thank the Kringen Lodge, the co-chairs, and all the committees for the time and effort committed to preparing and publishing the colorful attractive program book.*

*Page 1 International Director Steve Halverson Greetings – Steve Halverson highlighted that the Districted 4 has 45 lodges and 4,368 members at this time. He emphasized three ways to make the “Call to Action” meaningful.*

*Page 10 District President Riley Report – Nord refers to this year’s theme of “Call to Action” as excellent motivator for our District and our members to rejuvenate our lodges after missing the 2020 Convention and local lodge activities due to the Covid Pandemic. She further reminds us that the many accomplishments over the last 4 years are very impressive given the challenges. Although shortened this year the Convention was planned to be action packed. Along with the memorial service and business meetings, Saturday morning workshops include the game Kubb, membership recruitment, workings of the Foundation, and a special event featuring Sven Landauer. On behalf of District IV “Mange Tusen Takk” to Nordy for her years of service to our lodges!*

*Page 11 Bjørnetann Language and Culture Camp – the theme for the 2022 camp is “Homecoming” which seems appropriate after two years of cancellations. The camp will feature classes and activities of a Norsk nature. The camp is located south of Livingston, MT in the Paradise Valley. July 21-24 are the dates for 2022.*

*Page 11 Trollhaugen – Trollhaugen was closed only one year due to Covid in 2020. They were able to hold camp in August of 2021 and are hoping to have a full camp this August. There was a nice selection of fun activities. This year they have a new executive board.*

*Page 11 Trollfjorden Language and Cultural Camp of North Dakota – Trollfjorden Camp is a family activity providing instruction in Norwegian language and a variety of cultural skills including folk dancing, rosemaling, knitting, hardanger, chain maile, chip carving, wood carving and other crafts. Thanks to donations from District IV and North Dakota lodges, cost of camp is only \$150 for youth and \$200 for adults. After camp having to be cancelled in three of the last four years it was held again last week with 36 campers. Next year’s camp is scheduled for June 8-11, 2023.*

*Page 12 District IV Scholarship – Congratulations to Shane Conley who was awarded \$1000 and congrats to Ashlyn Williams who received a \$2500 scholarship. Thank you, committee, for your time and effort in selecting these scholarship recipients.*

*Page 12 Sons of Norway Foundation – The Sons of Norway Foundation is a 501c3 charitable organization providing a variety of scholarships and grants for schooling and great programs. They have provided \$111,000 in scholarships and will award \$56,429 in grants in 2022.*

*Page 12 Culture and Publicity – This report stresses the January, April, and October 15<sup>th</sup> deadlines for submissions to the Fabulous Fourth Footnotes. Remember also to use the most current Photo Submission Form when sending photos for the Viking Magazine. The six lodges awarded District IV \$300 Cultural Scholarships this year are Mjosen, Mollargutten, Wergeland, Thor, Henrik Ibsen and Nordlyset.*

*Page 13 Sons of Norway Foundation in Canada – Tore Pettersen, President, stated that the Covid Pandemic affected their camp activities: however, the viral contact saved them financially. He expressed appreciation for the financial support of donors and the Sons of Norway. Tore also wished us a successful District Lodge Meeting and Convention.*

*Page 28 Ski for Light – Ski for Light is an all-volunteer non-profit organization founded to promote the physical fitness of visually and mobility impaired adults to cross-country skiing. This organization is supported by Sons of Norway.*

### **Finance Committe**

President Riley called the Finance Committee up to report on their work. President Riley introduced the Committee Chair Sondra Vick, Kringen 4-025, who introduced G. Paul Larson, Gyda Varden 4-021 and Ed Hanson, Snofjeldet 4-531.

The report:

*We have examined the income and expense reports and the bank statements for the Sons of Norway District IV for the period of January 1,2018 through December 31,2021.*

*Our examination consisted of income and expense and bank statements of months chosen at random and not all months were examined.*

*In our opinion the majority of the financial records for the Sons of Norway District IV were presented accurately and fairly for the period ending December 31,2021.*

*The following recommendations are being made for security and clarity purposes.*

*Recommendation one: The computer with the financial records be backed up periodically and that the backup be stored at an offsite location.*

*Recommendation two: That voided check numbers be listed in the check register as voided so all check numbers are listed consecutively.*

*Recommendation three: That the bank reconciliation performed on the computer be printed and maintained with the bank statements.*

### **Bylaw/Resolution Committee**

President Riley called the Bylaw/Resolution Committee up to report on their work. President Riley introduced the Bylaw/Resolution Committee Chair Kathy Daeley, Mollargutten 4-478. Paul Christofferson, Hovedstad 4-528 and Richard Stenberg, Bjarne 4-086 was introduced. Committee Discussion regarding submitted Resolutions:

#### **First Resolution submitted by Sverdrup Lodge 4-107:**

*Resolution to the 2022 District #4 Convention by Sverdrup Lodge 4-107. Approved by majority vote at the April 28, 2022 lodge business meeting.*

#### **Resolution #1**

*WHEREAS the current constitution contains: **Sons of Norway Constitution Section 3 – District Lodge Chapter 3***

#### **3.11 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

##### **3.11.2 DISTRICT OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS TITLES AND NUMBER**

*The Officers of a District Lodge shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers and directors as decided by the District Lodge.*

*WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the fraternal society to provide for separate and unique representation to the district lodge as to the governance of the District Lodge; and  
WHEREAS the elected individuals can each bring a unique and diverse perspective to the District Board; and  
WHEREAS the district nominating committee should be vetting nominations prior to the convention; and  
WHEREAS we recognize that local lodges have a similar requirement in 4.11.2.1 restricting individuals from serving multiple offices in most of the elected positions; now  
THEREFORE, be it resolved that District 4 recommend to the International Lodge that Chapter 3, section 3.11.2 of the Constitution of the Sons of Norway be, amended to now include the following new section 3.11.2.1 Restriction of Office:*

**3.11.2 DISTRICT OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS TITLES AND NUMBER**

*The Officers of a District Lodge shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers and directors as decided by the District Lodge.  
3.11.2.1 Restriction of Office. The offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers and directors of the district lodge shall be held by separate individuals.*

The Committee's comments on Resolution One -regarding District Officers holding multiple offices, the intent of this resolution is to prevent that from occurring. The Committee recommends passage.

President Riley called for discussion. President recognized paddle #50 – Jerry Saude. As President of Sverdrup Lodge he withdrew the Resolution from consideration.

**Second Resolution on Medals submitted by Sverdrup Lodge 4-107**

*Resolution to the 2022 District #4 Convention by Sverdrup Lodge 4-107. Approved by majority vote at the April 28, 2022 lodge business meeting.  
WHEREAS the Cultural Skills and Sport Medals programs have been an important part of Sons of Norway membership; and  
WHEREAS the reporting forms have changed to reflect local control by the lodges. It is understood that the lodges can set their own parameters for skills necessary to earn pins and awards; and  
WHEREAS this change may be creating a void in the connection between the Local, District and International Lodges concerning these long-held membership benefits; and  
WHEREAS guidance to local lodges would be very beneficial; now  
THEREFORE, be it resolved that delegates of this 2022 District 4 convention recommend to the District Lodge and such necessary committee(s) to work on providing guidance and strengthening of this member benefit over the next two years and report back to progress made, to the 2024 District Convention.*

The Committee's comments on the Resolution on the Medals program. In the ensuing discussion there is support for this resolution, but there are also concerns. Why is the National Organization giving this up and does the district have the capability to do this? The Committee recommends passage.

President Riley called for discussion. Seeing none President Riley call for the vote on the resolution – the Resolution carried.

Third Resolution on Increasing Number of Delegates to District Convention.

*Title: Increase The Number Of Delegates Each Lodge Is Entitled*

*Submitted by: District IV Board of Directors*

*Date Approved by District Board: April 25, 2022*

*WHEREAS : The Bylaws For District IV Sons of Norway have not been updated since 2008 to address current issues;*

*WHEREAS: Sons of Norway Lodges are the backbone of Sons of Norway and are an integral part of District IV, and*

*WHEREAS: The number of delegates attending District IV Conventions has been declining over the years, and*

*WHEREAS: The District Board wants to increase participation by having more representatives attend*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That Article III – Meetings and Representation Section 3; be amended to read:*

*Representation at District Lodge Conventions shall be in accordance with Chapter III, Constitution of District Lodges, Sons of Norway. Every Lodge within the District shall be entitled to **two** Delegates for the Lodge, and one Delegate for every fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof, based on the last semi-annual report prior to the election of delegates. Delegates will be elected by the Lodge membership. The Lodge will specify in its bylaws whether or not the Lodge President is an automatic delegate.*

The Committee's comments on the resolution on increasing the number of Delegates to District Conventions. The Committee recommends passage.

President Riley called for discussion. Seeing none, President Riley call for the vote on the resolution – the Resolution carried.

The Fourth Resolution on Canadian Lodges leaving District IV.

*The creation of an all-Canadian District*

*Submitted by: Valhalla Lodge 4-341*

*Date approved by Lodge: March 2, 2022*

*WHEREAS, District 4 is the only international district in the Sons of Norway organization; and  
WHEREAS, a majority of the nine lodges in District 4 Zone 4 (Alberta and Saskatchewan),  
representing a majority of the Zone 4 membership, have each formally voted to support, or  
have provided their verbal support for this resolution; and  
WHEREAS, the District 7 Board of Directors support accepting the Alberta and Saskatchewan  
lodges into their district;  
THEREFORE, be it resolved that the International Lodge use their authority to realign the  
district boundaries so that all Canadian lodges are in one, all-Canadian district.  
(Full resolution is attached to these minutes with discussion and rational with other  
resolutions as submitted)*

The Committee's comments on the resolution on the Canadian Lodges leaving District IV. This resolution has been heavily researched by the submitters; while there are remaining questions; the Committee does recommend passage.

President Riley called for discussion. President Riley recognized paddle #56 Ron Reine member of Valhalla Lodge who proceeded to give more background on the resolution. Seeing no further discussion President Riley called for the vote. The Resolution carried.

### **2024 Convention Bid**

Secretary Rude was called on to report on Bids for the 2024 Convention. At this time there were no bids submitted for the 2024 Convention.

### **Roll Call**

Secretary Rude will take the roll call.

Delegates seated-91      Simple Majority-46      2/3 Majority-61

### **Candidate Forum – Nominating Committee Report**

As Chair of the Nominating Committee President Riley thanked Sharon Bruce and Steve Halverson for serving on this committee with her. President Riley reminded the delegates that as stated in District IV's Policy Manual under election that THERE ARE NO NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

The candidates were given a chance to introduce themselves. There is only one candidate for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Cultural/Publicity Director.

The following candidates were given time to speak:

President – Jerry Saude

Vice President – Susan Gobbs

Secretary - Betty Dhuyvetter

Treasurer – Marilyn Martinson

Cultural/Publicity Director – Flo Kallenbach

Two candidates for International Director – Claudia Berg and Elaine Nelson more time to speak.



### **Election of Officers**

For the office **President** for District IV was only one nominee - Jerry Saude from Sverdrup Lodge 107 Bismarck, ND.  
President Riley declared Jerry Saude elected President by acclamation.

For the office **Vice President** for District IV there was only one nominee - Susan Gobbs from Hovedstad Lodge 528 Helena, MT.  
President Riley declared Susan Gobbs elected Vice President by acclamation.

For the office **Secretary** for District IV there was only one nominee - Betty Dhuyvetter from Vidda Lodge 663 Columbus, ND.  
President Riley declared Betty Dhuyvetter elected Secretary by acclamation.

For the office **Treasurer** for District IV there was only one nominee - Marilyn Martinson from Kringen Lodge 025 Fargo, ND.  
President Riley declared Marilyn Martinson elected Treasurer by acclamation.

For the office **Cultural/Publicity Director** for District IV there was only one nominee - Flo Kallenbach from Mollarguttten Lodge 478 Maddock, ND.  
President Riley declared Flo Kallenbach elected Cultural/Publicity Director by acclamation.

For the office of **International Director** for District IV there was two nominees. President reminded the delegates they do not actually elect the International Director but select one candidate that will be voted on at the International Convention. The Nominating Committee is putting forth two names – Claudia Berg from Sverdrup Lodge 107 – Bismarck, ND and Elaine Nelson from Kringen 025 – Fargo, ND. Delegates were instructed to use ballot #1 for vote for one either Claudia or Elaine. Virtual delegates were given phone numbers where they could cast their ballots.

The result of the election was that Claudia Berg will be District IV's nominee for International Director. Steve Halverson was then elected as Alternate International Director.

Paddle #55, Bill Erickson Valhalla 4-341, moved to destroy the ballots. This was seconded by Paddle #63, Marie Williams Mollarguttten 4-478, seconded. The motion carried.

### **Zone Reports On Elections**

#### **Zone 1 Becky Gunderson**

Director: Becky Gunderson                      Alternate: Eric Bollingberg

International Delegates: Flo Kallenbach and Rebecca Gunderson

International Alternates: Steve Gunderson

Zone 2 Kay Halverson

Director: Kay Halverson

Alternate:

International Delegates: Kay Halverson, Paul Vesledahl, Kyle Handegard, John Andreasen, and International Alternates:

Zone 3 Martha Elliott

Director: Martha Elliott

Alternate:

International Delegates: Martha Elliott, Claudia Berg, and Gene Nygaard  
International Alternates: Vicki Anderson

Zone 4 Russell Wiigs

Director: Russell Wiigs

Alternate: Ron Reine

International Delegates: Alison Wiigs  
International Alternates: Russell Wiigs

Zone 5 Becky Lewis

Director: Noel Birkland

Alternate:

International Delegates: Diane L. Bowman  
International Alternates: Delores Baldry, Becky Lewis

Zone 6 John Knudsen

Director: Paul Christofferson

Alternate: John Knudsen

International Delegates: Susan Gecho Gobbs, Gary S. Wulf  
International Alternate: John S. Knudsen

**Excuse Committees**

Having no further business, the Reports Committee was thanked for their work and was dismissed.

Having no further business, the Finance Committee was thanked for their work and was dismissed.

The Bylaw/Resolution was called up to present the Laudatory Resolution:

*The Laws and Resolutions Committee recommend the following resolutions to this District IV Sons of Norway Convention.*

*BE IT RESOLVED that the convention delegates extend their appreciation and thanks to the Convention Co-Chairs, John Andreasen and Kay Halverson and their Convention Coordinating Committee and to Kringen Lodge for planning around the theme "Call To Action".*

*BE IT RESOLVED that we extend our appreciation and thanks to all the Kringen Lodge members who made the preparations for this great convention and chose and provided the wonderful facilities.*

*BE IT RESOLVED that this convention expresses our gratitude to the District IV Board of Directors for their service to Sons of Norway Lodges and members for the past two years. We further extend appreciation to President Nordy Riley for all of her hard work and dedication over the past years.*

*BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates are to be commended for contributing their time, dedication and personal finances to attend this convention. Delegates are encouraged to go home to their lodges and zones and share the information gained during the meetings and conversations with other delegates with their fellow members at home. This shared information will assist with the betterment of our organization.*

President Riley called for the vote. The motion carried.

### **Recessed**

### **Installation of Officer and Banquet**

International Past President Dan Rude conducted the installation of the newly elected District IV Officers and Directors.

At the Banquet President Riley presented the Lodge of the Year Awards.

President Jerry Saude official adjourned the Convention.

Music and Dance followed.

### **Saturday June 18, 2022 Kringen Lodge**

Saturday morning was spent attending workshops. The first was a quick overview of the Sons of Norway website by Dan Rude. Following that one delegates were divided up in to four groups for a round robin set up for workshops. The workshops were:

‘Membership’ presented by Flo Kallenbach and Becky Gunderson

‘SON Foundation’ presented by Merv Eriksson

‘Kubb” presented by John Knudsen

‘Troll Lounge’ presented by Carrol Juven

All workshops were very well received, and delegates seemed to like the format.

Lunch was served with the artist and author, Sven Lindauer, as speaker.

## CONVENTION MEETING RULES

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 a 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 by 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 speaker 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 their 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 Greeters, 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. The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of officers to be voted on by the delegates.
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 lodge 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.

2022 Folk Art Competition Winners

	Award	Name	City, State	Lodge Name- #
Rosemaling:	Blue:	Ruth Rutten,	Fargo, ND	Kringen 4-025
	Red:	Ruth Rutten	Fargo, ND	Kringen 4-025
	White:	Patty Hagen	Fargo, ND	Kringen 4-025
Woodworking:	Blue:	RG Aldrich	Billings, MT	Jotunheimen 4-499
	Red:	RG Aldrich	Billings, MT	Jotunheimen 4-499
	White:	RG Aldrich	Billings, MT	Jotunheimen 4-499
Figure Carving:	Blue:	Alan Pearson	Fargo, ND	Kringen 4-025
	Red:	Alan Pearson	Fargo, ND	Kringen 4-025
Chip Carving:	Blue:	Bob Wilson	Billings, MT	Jotunheimen 4-499
	Red:	Alan Pearson	Fargo, ND	Kringen 4-025
	White:	Alan Pearson	Fargo, ND	Kringen 4-025
Relief Carving:	Blue:	Alan Pearson	Fargo, ND	Kringen 4-025
Bentwood:	Blue:	RG Aldrich	Billings, MT	Jotunheimen 4-499
Crocheting:	Blue:	Velora Piltingsrud	Alberta, Canada	Valhalla 4-341
Hand Knitting:	Blue:	Debbie Ankeney	Fargo, ND	Kringen 4-025
	Red:	Shelly Lonski	Fargo, ND	Kringen 4-025
	White:	Cindy Dahl	Grand Forks, ND	Gyda Varden 4-021
Felting:	Blue:	Ida Voldberg	Big Timber, MT	Fjellheim 4-524
Hardanger:	Blue:	Cindy Dahl	Grand Forks, ND	Gyda Varden 4-021
Rosemaling – Violin	<u>People's Choice:</u>	Alan Pearson	Fargo, ND	Kringen 4-025