

# **BYGDELAGENES FELLESRAAD BULLETIN**

NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL OF BYGDELAG

Since 1916

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## **Changes for Web Sites**

Webmaster Gene Rodi will continue to list your stevne dates and locations on our official web pages for 2005. Go to [www.fellesraad.com](http://www.fellesraad.com) to view your lag's information. Send both the president and the webmaster your lag information as it changes, please:

[president@fellesraad.com](mailto:president@fellesraad.com) and [webmaster@fellesraad.com](mailto:webmaster@fellesraad.com).

**The Annual Meeting of the Fellesraad will be May 7, 2005, at Mindekirken, 21<sup>st</sup> Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN. Costs and hours will be announced by mid-March.**

A president or designated Contact Person for each lag is maintained by the Norwegian American Foundation site, [www.norway.com](http://www.norway.com) and its predecessor [www.norway.org](http://www.norway.org). The email for sending event or other changes is [info@norway.org](mailto:info@norway.org).

## **Memorials for Lag Leaders**

Last year NAHA was sent a gift as a memorial for former (or present) lag officers who had passed away in 2003.

Please submit names of leaders who have passed in 2004. To date none have been received, but a gift will be made to the upkeep of the historic (Norwegian) Muskego Church from Wisconsin, now located at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN.

**WANTED Before January 15:  
\$15 for STEVNE AD, \$5 DUES**

## **Plus Ad & Delegate Data**

Commendably some lag have already paid the usual **\$5.00 dues and the \$15 advertising fee for 2005 voted at the last annual meeting** to our treasurer, **R. Lee Brown, 2210 Spruce Trail, Golden Valley, MN 55422.**

Last year a smaller print ad of a single column (1/3 page) cost almost what we had previously paid for the double column and larger size (1/2 page vertical) that accommodates more complete information. That one ad is a huge part of the budget devoted to all advertising.

**Therefore the Fellesraad will match dollar for dollar from its treasury the \$15 fee from each lag.** This is a trial for 2005 only and is necessary while dividend income on one holding remains cut in half. The Fellesraad must live within its means. The motion from the floor (which carried) included a provision that this ad be reviewed annually.

**Write to M. Somdahl, 10129 Goodrich Cir, Mpls, MN 55437 :**

- **City, State and Place of Stevne**
- **Accurate Date or dates**
- **One person to take inquiries by phone, i.e. name and complete phone number**
- **May 7 Delegates + addresses**
- **ASAP or before Jan 15,2005**

## **Items from Lag Newsletters:**

Are you interested in going with a lag tour to Norway in 2005? If so, now is the time

to get further details and do your homework. Deadlines will vary, but the following are having celebrations in the land of our ancestry during its 100<sup>th</sup> year of Norway's Independence:

- ♦ **Gudbrandsdalslag**
- ♦ **Hadeland Lag**
- ♦ **Landingslag**
- ♦ **Nordfjord Lag**
- ♦ **Nordfjord – Wisconsin**
- ♦ **Vosselag**

If there are others, I'm not aware of those tours, but use your brochures to make contacts and get directed to the people with the most current information.

### **Officers Elected This Summer**

**June** - Robert Helling, Longville, MN, was elected president of **Hallinglag** and Jackie Marler, Fargo, ND is the new Halling genealogist.

Doris Hayes, Mt Horeb, WI, is the new president of **Valdres Samband**.

**July - Toten Lag** elected co-presidents. Ruth Christ, Iowa City, IA, (who also serves as Vosselag genealogist) and Eileen Gulbranson, Ellsworth, WI, will assume those new duties and Marie Brown continues as treasurer and contact person.

**August – Gudbrandsdalslag** elected Pastor James Olson, Sioux Falls, SD, and **Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag** choose Dixie Hansen, St. Paul, in separate meetings during the Tre Lag Stevne which is held with Trønderlag. Betty Strand, treasurer, is the contact person and membership chair for Gudbrandsdalslag.

### **STEVNE DATES – 2007**

Telelag and Hallinglag will be the next two bygdslag to be holding their separate 100<sup>th</sup> year celebrations. Even though these events will take place in

**2007, it is not too early to advertise plans.**

**It is also very desirable NOT to have competing events on these special occasions.**

**Please note the following announcement on future planning calendars:**

**Robert Helling, president of the Hallinglag, informed the Fellesraad that**

- **June 28 – July 1, 2007, has been chosen to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> year Jubilee of the Hallinglag at MSUM-- Minnesota State University-- Moorhead, Moorhead, MN.**
- **This is a change from their traditional third week of June to accommodate special guests from Norway.**

**At this writing the Telelag has not publicly announced its special plans. Telers traditionally hold annual meetings during the 7 Lag Stevne which is held in July.**

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**Fellesraad meets May 6, 2006**

**Hallinglag meets June 15-18 in 2006.**

**Valdres Samband has published its 2006 stevne dates as June 22-24 at St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN.**

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## **Events in 2005**

### **JUNE 2005**

- **16-19. HALLINGLAG** meets at Bemidji State University, BEMIDJI, MN
- **17-18. SUNNFJORDLAG** at Chose Family Inn, STOUGHTON, WI

- 16-18. VALDRES SAMBAND meets at Holiday Inn, WILLMAR, MN
- 16-18. VESTLANDSLAG meets at Holiday Inn, SIOUX FALLS, SD  
Hardanger, Møre og Romsdal, Nordhordland/Sunnhordland, Rogaland, Sognalag, Vosselag
- 24-25. LAPPMARK & NORDLANDSLAG meet at UW-Superior, SUPERIOR, WI

### **JULY 13-16, 2005**

- 7 LAG STEVNE - WHITEWATER, WI at Whitewater State College  
Hadeland, Land, Numedalslågen, Ringerike Drammen Districts, Sigdal, Telelag and Toten

### **AUGUST 3-6, 2005**

- TRE-LAG meets at FARGO, ND  
Ramada Plaza Suites & Conference Center, Gudbrandsdalslag, Trønderlag, and Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken

### **September 2005**

- 14-17. SOLØR LAG meets at Holiday Inn, AUSTIN, MN
- (TBA) NORDFJORD LAG meets at Green Lake Bible Camp, SPICER, MN

#### **OTHER: To be announced**

- (TBA) ROMERIKSLAG
- (TBA) NORDFJORD-WI LAG
- (TBA) SOGNEFJORD LAG
- (TBA) OPDALSLAG

## **NORWAY HOUSE UPDATE**

If you are a president or contact person, you will be asked for possible ways you or your lag may wish to use a facility to be selected for Norway House. You are invited to contact Marilyn Somdahl

([president@fellesraad.com](mailto:president@fellesraad.com) or 952-831-4409) or she will be contacting you.

This becomes an opportunity to respond to an invitational letter that was mailed to leaders of about 100 Norwegian-American organizations before Thanksgiving. Some from a distance may occasionally wish to hold board meetings or (catered) events in Minneapolis.

Now is the time to express interest concerning the space and amenities (such as parking) needed for the number of people and age range that you estimate would attend.

In order to be self-supporting, user fees from organizations would be one source of income, along with events in the Upper Midwest which attract both foreign and local talent. Gatherings to explore Norwegian music, art, travel, business opportunities, and cultural programs or classes are some of the possibilities.

Your suggestions to the program and membership subcommittee will be most welcome.

**God Jul og Godt Nyttår**

