BYGDELAGENES FELLESRAAD MEMO

NORWEGIAN AMERICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL OF BYGDELAG

Since 1916______September 1, 2005

• Seven *stevner* have been held for 21 lag, including those with two, three, six, and seven groups sharing the same site and date.

- Greetings go to SIX more *stevner* -- -- all in September. (See page 2) The Board wishes you good attendance, good weather, good fellowship!
- Remember to download a CURRENT BROCHURE with contact person and genealogist from the web site, www.fellesraad.com. Changes (people, addresses, email, phones) need to reach President Somdahl by SEPTEMBER 30 for the next <u>printed</u> brochure for Høstfest.
- *Bygdelag* that took Norway trips may submit 2005 pictures (let's say 3-6 with captions, naming people) that share your trip experiences!
- JANUARY 15 is the deadline for the \$15 ADVERTISING fee, plus data stevne place, dates and contact person with phone number, and \$5 payment of annual lag DUES. (Send sooner; get 2006 on the web site)
- The Fellesraad celebrates its 90th Anniversary year in 2006. The BF Board met August 23 and budgeted for special plans to mark the occasion of its founding in 1916. Several ideas put forth are being investigated.

 YOUR INPUT is welcome.

If you lag officers, editors and genealogists have ideas, now is the time to write the president or e-mail the entire board, <u>board@fellesraad.com</u> --- preferably by September 30. One suggestion was to have each lag celebrate or share something special of its artifacts or gifts and accomplishments.

For example, would you be willing to bring some treasure that your lag owns to show and tell about at the annual meeting, May 6, 2006? Talk to your board. Many of the gifts that come from Norway to our collective *bygdelag* are not seen often enough!

Does your lag have a written history that documents when and where your stevner have been held, who your officers were over the years or other pertinent information about your publications and genealogy programs?

SEND IDEAS TO PROMOTE ALL BYGDELAG, INCLUDING YOUR OWN!