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Bygdelagenes Fellesraad **BULLETIN**

WELCOME to our new lag presidents and other officers. Our Centennial chair is Jean Knaak (knaak002@gmail.com)

UPDATES - Remember we need **Pres/contact persons** and **genealogists** for the **BF BROCHURE** as well as your **lag pages**. (Emails for **treasurers** are incomplete at this writing!) Some **stevner** will come in September, if course.

CENTENNIAL The Fellesraad is subsidizing the **May 5-8 event in BIG NUMBERS** for all registrants and offers **reduced price registration** for 2016 lag members for the centennial meeting. We look forward to **recognitions in each lag, and hope your members heed your newsletter publicity..**

LAG DUES are \$5. Although due JAN 1, not every lag complies. Your president **requests payment for 2016 by October 1** to have an **accurate count** of how many lag affiliate with Fellesraad for **early ads and news releases submitted two months before publication**. Each **paid lag seats 2 delegates**. Send to **R. Lee Brown, 2210 Spruce Trail, Golden Valley, MN 55422**.

DELEGATES Since our **2016 annual meeting will be May 7, 2016, at Earle Brown Center at 8 AM**, please be sure that your delegates can be there and if you are paying part of their registration, please **LET THEM KNOW** the amount **so they are free to register before January 1, 2016**. A few days may be needed to ensure a full roster of delegates. **Please send delegate names & addresses—snail, email & phone— to President Somdahl and Treasurer Brown when they have registered**

Groups of Norwegian origin will be invited to participate in the Centennial—those interested in a common culture, art, dance, family history, literature, and fellowship **should find out about the event. It is meant as an investment in the**

future of the bygdelag movement – to incite a good educational start to the next century of bygdelag activity and draw in people unfamiliar with our groups. The program committee is now getting confirmations of talented performers and speakers—some from Norway during a time of a strong dollar!

BOARD NOMINATIONS for a new Fellesraad **president** and a new **treasurer** should reach one of the nominating committee— continuing board members, Bob O’Neil, (irviking@comcast.net) or Sandy Hendrickson (shendrickso@gmail.com) **without delay**. Knowledge of Norwegian language is helpful/stock market trades for the treasurer; so is interest in all bygdelag!

PRINT ADVERTISING: The **president and webmaster need dates and place of your stevne in JANUARY**. April ads may be emphasizing the Centennial, so all ad inquiries may go to the **Fellesraad website CALENDAR**. The email or phone number of ONE named person per lag will be on that calendar. Send info to the.webmaster@fellesraad.com and the.president@fellesraad.com

REMINDERS BEFORE THE CENTENNIAL:

Encourage NEW members to join your lag . . .

A couple of sentences about your lag for a SKIT . . .

Make arrangement to display your lag BANNER. . .

Plan your lag display and include your **100th anniversary gifts** or Big Pictures of Gifts . . .

You may sell your lag books (find out about MN sales tax—include it in the quoted price??)

This should be fun, but also a learning experience for all. **More volunteers** for shorter time slots are a good way to keep everyone happy.

Could your historian tell us any direct descendants of **charter members** in your lag? Put lag name on all responses and I will see that the right person gets the information. MDS