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During 2009, the board included the following members: Siren Steen, chair; Randi Hansen, treasurer; Anna Sæmundsdottir, secretary; and Tone Nøtvik Jakobsen, Ann Kunish, Frida Røsand, Ranveig Tunheim, Aslak Oppebøen.

The board held three meetings. Two members' meetings have also been held, the first of which was 16 September. Thirty-four members participated, and the programme included a guided tour, dinner, and performance in the new Norwegian Opera and Ballet. Anne-Margrethe Skari from the Opera's library was hostess. The second meeting on 27 January was held in the Discovery Centre of the Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation. Forty-five members participated. A new website registering Norwegian scores published 1811-1908 was presented. Terje Nymark and Ann Kunish provided live music.

The Association has seventy-nine members, twenty-four of which are personal memberships.

The revision of the document «Subject Headings for Music Documents in Online Catalogues» has been the chair's primary task during 2009. The work is extensive and time-consuming. The Association has registered interest and approval from outside our organisation due to having initiated and financed the work. The working group is comprised of representatives from the National Library, the Norwegian Library Bureau (Biblioteksentralen AS), libraries in institutions of higher learning, and public libraries. This broad representation and the way the work has been structured are among the elements in the project that have attracted special notice. The revision work was presented at «Kunnskapsorganisasjonsdagene» in Oslo in January of 2010.

The board has dealt with requests from members for courses, and has taken an initiative to bring the course «Virtuoso Skills for Music Enquiries» to Norway. This course is developed by the UK and Irish branches of IAML, and will be held in Oslo in cooperation with Oslo University College. A date has not yet been decided.

The 2009 Conference for Norwegian Sound Archives took place in Trondheim from 27 to 29 October. Frida Røsand was the Association's representative on the board and was the local contact for the conference. The Association has established a website for the conference at www.lydarkiv.no (link is external). The next conference will be held in Bergen, during the Bergen International Festival, in 2011.

The work to find a physical and digital archive for the Association is ongoing.

The Association held a seminar during the 72nd Norwegian Library Conference, held in Hamar 16 – 19 March. At the seminar, Richard Gjems lectured on the National Library's role as an archive for Norwegian pop and rock music.
Participation in meeting/organisation: IAML, Amsterdam, 5-10 July: Siren Steen; Sound Archives Conference, Trondheim 27-29 October: Frida Røsand, Siren Steen; Meeting in the Norwegian Library Association on 29 October: Siren Steen

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