

Norway / Norge

National board members

The Board has had the following members:

Tone Nøtvik Jakobsen (NRK Digital Music Archive, manager), Chair person

Jorunn Eckhoff Færden (Bergen offentlige bibliotek), secretary

Liv Kreken (Nasjonalbiblioteket), financial officer

Anne-Cathrine Johansen, Deichmanske bibliotek, web responsible

Berit Stifjeld (Nasjonalbiblioteket Rana), board member

Knut Tore Abrahamsen (Tønsberg og Nøtterøy bibliotek), board member

Board meetings held during the year

There were 6 board meetings in 2017

Annual branch meetings

Two members' meetings, one including the general assembly. Two new members of the Board were elected in the general Assembly held at NRK (The Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation) the 27th of April.

Branch membership figures

The branch had at the end of the year 71 members, of which 35 are personal members and 36 are institutions.

Branch activities

The Association collaborated with the Swedish music library section on a two-day course for music librarians in Gothenburg. Former board member Ann Kunish held an interesting paper that led to a good debate about the diversity of metadata practices in music cataloguing that create difficulties for any joint library search project on the internet.

The Association is in the last stages of work on "Emneord for musikkdokument", a project dealing with the standardization of subject terms for music used in Norwegian libraries and archives. The hope is that the finished standard can find a permanent home in the Norwegian National Library and form a part of the new authorization registry at the National library. The project has been long running, and awaited results from the collaboration for a brand new folk music system between the National library and the Norwegian Broadcasting corporation, NRK, which concludes in summer 2018.

We are working to establish a working reference group to supervise necessary updates of the subject terms in the new authority registry.

The Association is in the process of examining how music libraries and librarians in Norway can cooperate even more closely, and learn from each other in order to meet the challenges of the digital age. The revised Norwegian Library Law gives a clear indication that the library's function as a "third space" is to be strengthened, and events and new services, such as podcasts, are gaining importance.

Our members' meeting in November focused on the diversity of laws regulating lending of printed music by libraries, and how to inspire to good practice in using sheet music downloads from the internet in a legitimate manner. We invited senior lawyer Mia Sund Aasli from the National library to do a presentation on this, and had a large visiting number of members in this meeting, confirming that law and copyright issues are of continuing interest to members.

Branch projects

At the end of the year we started planning for the next national Sound archive conference [Norsk lydarkivkonferanse](#) that in October 2018 will be held at Rockheim in Trondheim. Tone NJ, the chair, forms part of the organizing committee, and board member Knut Tore Abrahamsen is working as part of the programme committee for this year. We are looking forward to an interesting conference.

The board started last year using Basecamp 3 as an effective tool for collaboration and information, and at the same time now use [appear.in](#) as a tool for video meetings. This is minimizing our costs for travel, as not all board members then need to fly in for every board meeting.

Branch website

<https://musikkbibliotekforeningen.no/>

Branch scholarships, grants, bursaries, awards

The Association offered its members 4 travel grants in the amount of NOK 2,500 each for use in connection with the course in Gothenburg in June, and for the 2 members' meetings. Four persons applied and 10,000 NOK were used for this last year.



Four from the Board in Gothenburg, 20 June 2017 and Jorunn discovers Grieg in Gothenburg public library