

## **Norway / Norge National Report 2020**

*Submitted by Tone Nøtvik Jakobsen, Chair person*

### **National board members**

- Tone Nøtvik Jakobsen – NRK Digital Music Archive – Chair person
- Jorunn Eckhoff Færden – Bergen Public Library – Treasurer
- Berit Stifjeld – National Library – Secretary
- Knut Tore Abrahamsen – Tønsberg and Færder Public Library – Board Member
- Anne Cathrine Johansen – Deichman Public Library – Webmaster
- Jorid Nordal Baumann – National Library – Board member

### **Board meetings held during the year**

Nine meetings, of which four were digital video meetings: 15.01., 15.02., 19.03., 27.03., 10.05., 19.06., 30.08., 16.10., 07.11.2020

### **Annual branch meetings**

The annual meeting was held in NRK in Oslo on the 19th of March, where 17 members attended. Liv Kreken was thanked as a previous board member. From the National Library, Jorid Nordal Baumann was elected as a new board member.

### **Branch membership figures**

The association has 71 members as at 31.12.2018. Of these, 37 are personal members and 34 are institutional members. The numbers are slightly decreasing.

### **Deaths of notable members**

Nothing to report.

### **Branch constitutional matters**

At the annual meeting at 19th of March 2019, a vote was held on our affiliation with the Norwegian Library Association (NBF), since NBF required all of our members from 2020 to additionally pay for membership with the NBF. NBF's chair person Mariann Schjeide attended the meeting and was able to appeal to all members about continued membership.

Mariann then left the annual meeting and a written vote was held. It was unanimously decided that from 1.1.2020 NMBF will opt out of the NBF, and that we will no longer be a subject group under the Library Association. A tradition that has lasted since 1986 is thus over and the board must spend the rest of the year in preparing this. New statutes are prepared, and these will be adopted at the annual meeting in 2020.

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## Branch activities

Before the annual meeting in March, we had a lecture called "Music in the library". The speaker was the author Håvard Rem. The subject was the huge digitisation in recent years that has made it far easier to acquire knowledge of music via the PC at home. Nevertheless, there is a big difference between the jungle that exists online and the tradition of libraries to care for and systematize material and knowledge. The main message was that for audiofiles, records, song poetry and notes, it is important to maintain the library's unique role as mediators of knowledge and as providers of relevant and in-demand material.

The autumn meeting was held 7th of November at Deichman's main library. It was a "Last Night with the Gang" meeting at the old Deichman library, where Roberto Joly took us on a tour so we could finally say goodbye to the building that has mattered greatly to most of us. We also heard Anne Cathrine Johansen share what it has been like to select the music sheet material that will be included in the new Deichman in Bjørvika in Oslo, and which needs to be sanitized.

## Branch projects

Our website had to be renewed as a result of the opt-out from NBF, and the Board commissioned Eli Brager to do a new design for the site. This was presented at the member meeting in November and received good approval. It will now be easier for the webmaster and chairman to maintain the pages further on.

Our new [domain](#) was created on November 8, replacing the [old domain](#) which is located under NBF's domain and has their layout.

We have established a special customer relationship with the company Pro Isp in Sandnes, where we also have the domain for our [national Sound Archive conference](#). Through the Sound Archive conference, the Association has familiarized itself with the "SendRegning" tool, which has served as a good and effective tool for financial management. We have now adopted the tool for membership dues from 2020 on. It has a small cost in use, but saves us a lot of letters and emails. The Board believes that the association will have a better overview of membership and payments in this way, as this has been a bit of a challenge in recent years through the Norwegian Library Association.

NMBF continues to work to preserve music's central place in libraries, with the aim of preventing more libraries from getting rid of sheet music, music books and record collections. It will have a huge negative impact on music life in this country if access to free and legal music resources disappears.

## Branch publications

Nothing to report.

## Branch website

New and redesigned [website](#). Please see details above under Branch activities.

## Link to Branch annual report

Nothing to report.

## Social media activity

Nothing to report.

## Branch educational activity

Nothing to report.

## Branch scholarships, grants, bursaries, awards

A total of NOK 4000,- was paid in travel scholarships. Recipients were Frida Røsand for travel to the annual meeting and Olav Nilsen in arrears for the national Sound Archive Conference 2018.

## Advocacy and recruitment

In 2019, our association gave NOK 15,000 in support for "DialektFerda" ("A Norwegian dialect travel"), which is a collaboration between the weekly newspaper "Dag og tid", the national "Fritt Ord" Foundation and the

National Library. This is a dialect survey with events across the country. Here, musicians, linguists and song poets meet to discuss whether the Norwegian dialects are strengthened or weakened. These meetings resulted in 15 reportages in "Dag og Tid". Responsible are the "Dag og Tid" journalist and writer Håvard Rem, and research librarian at the National Library, Liv Kreken.

### **National outreach activities**

Nothing to report.

### **National copyright issues**

Nothing to report.

### **RILM and RISM contributions**

Nothing to report.

### **Fontes Artis Musicae**

Nothing to report.

### **Recent Publications in Music**

Nothing to report.

### **Additional comments**

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