

## Norway / Norge

Submitted by Tone Nøtvik Jakobsen – Chair

### National board members

- Chair – Tone Nøtvik Jakobsen – NRK Digital Music Archive
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- Board member – Knut Tore Abrahamsen – Tønsberg and Færder Library
- Board member – Jorid Nordal Baumann – National Library of Norway

### Board meetings held during the year

20.01.2020, 24.02.2020, 09.03.2020, 28.04.2020, 25.05.2020, 03.06.2020, 25.08.2020, 21.09.2020, 19.10.2020, 16.11.2020, 07.12.2020.

### Annual branch meetings

The annual meeting was scheduled for March 24, but had to be postponed due to COVID-19. It was conducted digitally on 25 August 2020 with 14 participants. The autumn meeting was cancelled due to covid 19.

### Branch membership figures

The association has 68 members as at 31.12.2020. Of these, 36 are personal members and 32 institutions.

(As of 2021 we have 31 paying Individual Members and 31 Institutional Members, so the figures are slightly decreasing unfortunately)

### Branch constitutional matters

The previous annual meeting, had decided to terminate the association's membership in the general Norwegian Library Association, and as a result, NMBF's laws had to be revised. The board chose to create completely new articles of association, which were presented and discussed at the annual meeting before they were unanimously adopted. Financially we lose around 1000 Euro without their grants, but as they demanded that all our members also SHOULD be a member of the library association that was not favored by most members.

### Branch activities

The board had planned two physical member meetings, one in March and one in November – both unfortunately had to be cancelled.

On the other hand, a course series on RDA cataloguing and different types of music material was started digitally in November. On the first course, Johan Jørgensen from the Norwegian Academy of Music and Trine Adolfsen and Heidi Stigen from the National Library took us through RDA for cataloguing music recordings. The digital course format is new to all of us, but the Zoom course worked all in all very well. The course had 34 participants, more than we could have expected if the course had been completed as a physical meeting. The intention is to follow up with a similar course in sheet music cataloging in spring 2021.

On behalf of NMBF, the board sent a statement to Stavanger municipality in November arguing against the closure of the Norwegian Sound Institute.

### **Branch projects**

Main project: 2 RDA workshops to be launched every year.

### **Branch publications**

NMBF (IAML's Norwegian branch) only publish news letter on our [web page](#) and nothing in printed format.

### **Branch website**

<https://www.musikkbibliotek.no/>

The News section to be updated by members and board at least once a month describing news and activities of interest.

### **Branch educational activity**

RDA workshops regarding music to be launched 2 times every year.

### **Branch scholarships, grants, bursaries, awards**

No travel grants were given in 2020 out of natural causes

### **Additional comments**

The Norwegian Sound Archives Conference was supposed to be held in October 2020, but as with so much else it had to be postponed, initially until April 2021. It has since been further postponed until spring 2022.