

Norway / Norge

Submitted by Tone Nøtvik Jakobsen – Chair

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- Board member – Knut Tore Abrahamsen – Tønsberg and Færder Public Library
- Board member – Jorid Nordal Baumann – retired, from the National Library of Norway

Board meetings held during the year

The board has had 12 board meetings, of which all but one have been digital.

Annual branch meetings

The annual meeting was conducted as a physical meeting at Deichman with the possibility of digital participation on 29 March 2023. A total of 21 people, all entitled to vote, were present. The annual meeting did not lead to any changes in the composition of the board.

In continuation of the annual meeting, the association also had a member meeting where cultural heritage digitization was the main topic. Department Director Svein Arne Solbakk presented the National Library's work and status for this.

Unfortunately, the planned autumn member meeting had to be cancelled by the board.

Branch membership figures

The association has 64 members as of 31.12.2023, of which 34 are personal members. Of these, the number of retired members is 8.

The membership figures are quite stable, but we see a reduction as music institutions tend to merge, and a few public libraries have left, as they have no music librarians any longer. Another current issue is an increasing number of retired members, as we imagine is a tendency for the whole of IAML.

Branch activities

On the 1st of December, Jorunn Eckhoff Færden and Knut Tore Abrahamsen from NMBF's board held a workshop in cataloguing sheet music and sound in Bibliofil. Although the course was most relevant for Bibliofil users, it was useful for other RDA catalogers as well. 10 people participated, and a follow-up workshop is planned during 2024.

A new Norwegian Audio Archive Conference is being planned, this will be held on 16–17 September 2024 in Tromsø in northern Norway. The board in the Norwegian Music Library Association is represented in both the program and event committee for the conference.

Branch projects

The work on revising the subject thesaurus for music documents has been given a new impetus: The editorial committee from NMBF has been reinforced with one person from the National Library and one person from the Library Central. The association aims to publish the revised edition of the Subject word for music document in collaboration with the National Library of Norway by 2024-2025.

Branch publications

Issues that are assumed to be of interest to members are continuously posted, both on the website and on Facebook.

Branch website

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

Branch educational activity

On the 1st of December, Jorunn Eckhoff Færden and Knut Tore Abrahamsen from NMBF's board held a workshop in cataloguing sheet music and sound in Bibliofil for music librarians. Although the course was most relevant for Bibliofil users, it was useful for other RDA catalogers as well. 10 people participated, and a follow-up workshop is planned during 2024.

Branch scholarships, grants, bursaries, awards

No travel grants were awarded by the board in 2023.

Additional comments

NMBF continues to work to preserve the central place of music in libraries and archives, with the goal that no more public libraries get rid of sheet music, music books and record collections. It will have a major negative impact on the music scene in Norway if access to free and legal music resources disappears.

Representation

- Tone Nøtvik Jakobsen represented NMBF at the IAML conference in Cambridge in July 2023.
- Tone Nøtvik Jakobsen participated together with leaders from the Swedish and Estonian sister associations at the IAML Finland spring seminar in Helsinki in April 2023.
- Tone Nøtvik Jakobsen attends as a deputy in the central allocation committee of the Norwegian Music Council.