

Norway / Norge

Submitted by Tone Nøtvik Jakobsen – Chair Person

National board members

The Norwegian IAML – Norsk musikkbibliotekforening (NMBF) has had this board in 2024:

- Chair person – Tone Nøtvik Jakobsen – NRK Digital Music Archive
- Secretary – Berit Stifjeld – National Library
- Treasurer – Jorunn Eckhoff Færden – Bergen public library
- Web manager – Anne Cathrine Johansen – Deichman
- Board member – Knut Tore Abrahamsen – Tønsberg and Færder library
- Board member – Jorid Nordal Baumann (retired). Stepped down as board member at Annual meeting 06.03.2025

Board meetings held during the year

The board has had 9 board meetings, of which all but two have been digital meetings.

Annual branch meetings

The annual meeting was held as a physical meeting at Deichman on 13th of March 2024. A total of 13 people, all entitled to vote, were present. The annual meeting did not lead to any changes in the composition of the board.

As an extension of the annual meeting, the association also held a members' meeting where Liv Kreken gave a lecture on Norsk visearkiv, a part of Norway's national library.

In addition to the annual meeting/member meeting on 13 March, the association has had one member meeting during this period. This was carried out at Bærum library, Bekkestua branch and the theme was two-fold: 1) Cathrine Undhjem from the county library in Akershus, Buskerud and Østfold was invited to introduce a discussion about networks for music dissemination, 2) an open meeting with lectures by Harald Otterstad and Tor Andersen about their book about the band "Aunt Mary" and memories of their time with the band, both as a member and a journalist. A total of 24 people showed up.

Branch membership figures

The association has 66 members per 31/12/2024. Of these, 39 are personal members. Of these again, the number of retired members is now 8.

Branch activities

The Norwegian Sound Archive Conference was held on 16–17 September at Norway's Arctic University Museum in Tromsø with main theme "Music of the North". Here, 74 people participated in what turned out to be a very successful conference professionally. The conference ended with a small profit. NMBF initially guaranteed losses of up to NOK 50,000. As it was not necessary to cover the deficit, the board proposes to transfer this amount to build up new equity. The conference is still a very important meeting point for sound archives and the sound industry in general, and it is important that it continues. The next conference will be held at the National library division in Mo i Rana.

No workshop on RDA has been held during the period, but the matter will be taken forward in 2025.

Branch projects

The work on refreshing the Norwegian Music thesauri for genres and instrumentation into a new publication is well underway, but the work is time-consuming, and we still do not know how long it will take. In the reporting year, the group has consisted of Anne Cathrine Johansen (Deichman/board), Kaare Dybvig Husby (BS), Pia Møller Johansen (NMH) and Anders Meyn Jensen (NB). The group has had six meetings and is primarily working on defining the terms.

Issues that are believed to be of interest to members are continuously posted, both on the [website](#) and on Facebook.

NMBF continues to work to preserve music's place in libraries, with the aim that no more libraries get rid of sheet music, music books and record collections. It can have a major negative impact on music life in the country if access to free and legal music resources disappears.

Branch publications

NMBF has submitted input to Musikkutvalget (The Music Committee), appointed by royal resolution, 9 June 2023. The Music Committee's efforts will culminate in the release of a Norwegian Official Report (NOU). This report will provide a comprehensive review of the music sector, examining institutions, organizations, volunteers, creators, performers, and their respective means of action within the broader context. Further details can be found [here](#). The proposal is to be handed over to the Minister for Culture and Equality at an open event, on Monday 23 June during the event "Kulturytring" (Cultural Expression) in Drammen.

Branch website

<https://www.musikkbibliotek.no>

Social media activity

<https://www.facebook.com/musikkbibliotekforeningen>

Branch scholarships, grants, bursaries, awards

Olav Nilsen from Sølvsberget received a travel grant of NOK 5,000 to attend the Sound Archive Conference.

Advocacy and recruitment

NMBF started a new project in 2024 to inspire and stimulate musical activities in Norwegian public libraries, and gave 3 grants: Harstad library, Bergen public library and Stavanger library received support to make music events from the Music Library Association. All at NOK 5,000.

Additional comments

REPRESENTATION

NMBF refrained from participating in this year's IAML congress in South Africa because of costs. Other:

Tone Nøtvik Jakobsen meets as a substitute in the distribution committee of the Norwegian Music Council.

Knut Tore Abrahamsen participated in the Sound Archive Conference's program committee.

Tone Nøtvik Jakobsen and Berit Stifjeld participated in the Sound Archive Conference's Main Administrative committee.

Anne Cathrine Johansen is part of the group that revises Thesauri for music documents.