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During this period, the board consisted of the following: Siren Steen, chair; Randi Hansen, treasurer; Board members: Tone Nøtvik Jakobsen, Ann Kunish, Frida Røsand, Anna Sæmundsdottir, Merete Kløften, Aslak Oppeboen.

Four board meetings and two members’ meetings have been held. The Association has 83 members, 25 of which hold personal memberships.

Issues dealt with during the year include:

1. Copyright as it pertains to our profession
2. Contributing discussion to "Library Reform 2014" (Bibliotekreform 2014)
3. Recommendations concerning music cataloguing as requested by the Norwegian Catalogue Committee, on the implementation of Marc21. The Association arranged a meeting on this issue during the IAML conference in Gothenburg, Sweden. Frida Røsand and the Association's previous chair, Inger Johanne Christiansen, have worked on this issue. The Association delivered its recommendation to the Norwegian Catalogue Committee in August. As an extension of this, the Association has also begun work on a revised edition of "Subjects in music documents in data-catalogues".
4. Follow-up of our cooperation with our sister organisation in Denmark in regard to suggestions for changes in IAML conferences and organisation. These suggestions now being considered by IAML.
5. The Association has set up a new website, [http://www.norskbibliotekforening.no/site/musikk/ (link is external)], and has begun to investigate alternatives for a music library portal that will, among other things, include an updated, electronic version of the book Finn Musikken, a document designed as a reference for setting up music libraries. The portal's target group includes those who work in music libraries, regardless of size. A portal being developed by The Norwegian Archive, Library and Museum Authority (ABM-utvikling), was presented to the board; Ann Kunish is the board's representative in the reference group for this portal. The portal was the main point of discussion at the members' meeting at the Norwegian Academy of Music on the 25th of October. One board meeting included training in the use of the new website, on the premises of the Norwegian Library Association.
6. The Association has begun an evaluation of how best to offer support and administrative services to LydArkivkonferansen (Conference for Sound Archives), including a website. This will be put forth to the delegates at the 2007 conference in Stavanger in October 2007.
7. The need for a license for providing legal photocopies of printed music in libraries has been discussed and referred to the Norwegian Library Association.
Representation of the (Norsk musikkbibliotekforening) at various meetings

IAML conference June 18th - 23rd, 2006, in Gothenburg, Sweden: Siren Steen, Ann Kunish. Five members received stipends to attend the IAML conference in Gothenburg:

Kirstine Folman (5000 NOK), Anne-Åse Kallhovd (2500 NOK), Inger Johanne Christiansen, Anne Sofie Rabe Bøe and Jorid Nordal Baumann (3500 NOK each)

Two members received stipends to attend the general assembly of the Norwegian Library Association in Trondheim: Anne Nysæter and Ragnhild Bugge (3000 NOK each)

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