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During this period, the board has consisted of Siren Steen, chairperson; Randi Hansen, treasurer; and Tone Nøtvik Jakobsen, Ann Kunish, Frida Røsand, Anna Sæmundsdottir, Merete Kløften, Aslak Oppebøen, board members. The Board has held five board meetings and one members' meeting. The Association has 85 members, of which 27 are individual members.

During the past year, the following activities have occurred: Ellen Aabakken, project leader for the national portal project funded by the The Norwegian Archive, Library and Museum Authority (ABM-utvikling), met with the board to present the project. Board member Ann Kunish is the Association's representative in the project's reference group, and the Association is considering using the portal to present and make available its information directed at library professionals who work with, or wish to work with, music collections. Some of this material is already available on the Association's net site.

The Association has presented a suggestion for how it can assume responsibility for the national Conference for Norwegian Sound Archives, including the conference net site. This was presented at the conference in Stavanger in 2007.

The Association participated in a meeting on copyright issues with the Norwegian Library Association. Ann Kunish and Tone Nøtvik Jakobsen represented the Association.

A revision of the Norwegian subject headings for music documents in online catalogues has begun. Frida Røsand represented the Association in a meeting with the bibliographic section of the Norwegian company Biblioteksentralen on the subject of music cataloguing.

Work with a common search for all Norwegian sound archives and libraries is underway, and the Association awaits the results from the project group "Search in Norway's Library".

During the autumn, several of board members developed a one-day course in music library work, designed for smaller libraries without music departments. The course was held 15 January, 2008, in cooperation with Hordaland County Library.

A suggestion from the Danish and Norwegian music library associations concerning a revision of IAML: "Five Proposals for a Better IAML", created a lively debate on IAML's listserv site, and lead to meetings and discussions during the conference in Sydney. Two of the proposals are to be given further consideration in Naples, and to this end, two ad hoc groups were established: one to consider the digitalisation of *Fontes Artis Musicae*, and one to consider IAML's election procedure.

The Association was represented by board members at the IAML conference in Sydney, the Baltic/Nordic Music Library Conference in Helsinki, and at the Norwegian Library Association's organisation course.



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The Association provided three stipends (3,500 NOK each) for members to participate in the Baltic / Nordic Music Library Conference, and two (1,500 NOK each) for members to participate in the Conference for Norwegian Sound Archives.

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