



IAML Norway – 2016

Report for 2015

Norwegian Music Library Association

In 2015 the Board had five members, in addition to the chairperson, as follows:

FRIDA RØSAND (NTNU UB), CHAIRPERSON

JORUNN ECKHOFF FÆRDEN (BERGEN OFF. BIBLIOTEK), FINANCIAL OFFICER

INGRID ROMARHEIM HAUGEN (NASJONALBIBLIOTEKET), SECRETARY

OLAV NILSEN (STAVANGER BIBLIOTEK), MEMBER

KNUT TORE ABRAHAMSEN (TØNSBERG OG NØTTERØY BIBLIOTEK), MEMBER

MARGRETHE BUE (NASJONALBIBLIOTEKET), MEMBER 1.1-23.4.

TONE NØTVIK JAKOBSEN, MEMBER FROM 23.4.

The Association had 71 members as of 31.12.2015. Thirty-four of these are personal members.

Main activities in 2015

Spring

Much of the spring was devoted to the planning of the Nordic-Baltic Music Library Conference, which was to be held at Rockheim in Trondheim, Norway, in October. The planning work included budgeting, the writing of grant applications, and design of the web page. Due to several unfortunate circumstances, the conference had to be cancelled in June.

This period was also shaped by the Association's financial situation. After several years with no financial support from The Council for Music Organisations in Norway, in conjunction with an increase in the IAML dues, our capital was severely diminished. The Board submitted a question to the membership, asking for members' views on our affiliation with IAML and the Norwegian Library Association (NBF).

General Assembly 23rd of April

The Association's General Assembly was held at the Norwegian Academy of Music. Communications Officer in NBF Kristin Hamran Storrusten was in attendance, and spoke about NBF's work. The discussion concerning a change in our affiliation to IAML and NBF was not concluded. The Board informed the membership of the possibility of an extraordinary General Assembly for the purpose of continuing the discussion, which would conclude with a vote.

The cultural/professional section of the meeting was a lecture given by Laura Ellestad, who discussed her PhD work, "Norwegian Folk Fiddle in North American Contexts".

Autumn

It was decided that no extraordinary General Assembly would be held, because it was felt that a more thorough process was needed before the membership could decide on our future relationships to our national and international affiliates. Instead, a new meeting was held to continue the discussion. A grant of NOK 50 000 from The Council for Music Organisations in Norway made this extension financially feasible.

19th of November

A meeting of the membership was held at the Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation, where the priorities of the Association's future work were discussed, first in smaller group work, then in a plenary session. The cultural/professional section of the meeting was a lecture demonstration by Erlend Skomvold and a concert in the Broadcasting Corporation's main studio with the jazz group "Come Shine" and the Norwegian Broadcasting Orchestra.

Scholarships, grants and awards

Two travel grants of NOK 2500 were offered for participation at either the IAML conference in New York or another relevant library conference of the applicant's choice. There were no applicants.

Correspondence and participation in public debate

The Association submitted an editorial written by Kristin Hamran Storrusten and Frida Røsand in *Bok & Bibliotek* (Book & Library), issue 2/2015. The article was also published in *Musikbiblioteksnytt*, published by the Swedish Music Library Association.

An article by Frida Røsand was published by the Norwegian music blog *ballade.no*. The article addressed the lack of a mention of music in the national library strategy for 2015-18. National Librarian Aslak Sira Myhre responded in November.

Participation at meetings and conferences

Ingrid Romarheim Haugen participated at the IAML conference in New York, where she had a poster session that presented the National Library's sheet music.

Tone Nøtvik Jakobsen participated in the organisational meeting of the Norwegian Library Association at Gardermoen 29-30 October.

Social media

Website: <http://musikkbibliotekforeningen.no/>

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

Main activities in 2016

General Assembly

The general assembly was held at the Deichmann Public Library in Oslo the 27th of April. Pia Shekhter from IAML was invited to tell about the diverse activities inside IAML. After a tapas meal Ann Kunish from the Oslo Public Library's music collection presented *Musikkhylla*, a project that aimed to test the feasibility and user reception of a search engine that harvests hits from library catalogues as well as commercial distributors, in addition to Norwegian-language editorial information about music. The results of the project were discussed.

In the general assembly a new board was elected:

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(The board members presented here in Norwegian).

After the election, the former chairperson Frida Rødsand was thanked for her time, effort, and considerable contribution to the Association for a period of six years.

Norwegian Music Library Association - Plan for 2016-17

The Norwegian Music Library Association shall aim to:

- Strengthen the position of music in Norwegian libraries;
- Strengthen cooperation between Norwegian music libraries and musical life.

During the period 2016-17 the Association's work will have the following focus:

- Contribute to the planning and execution of the Norwegian Sound Archives Conference 2016;
- Finalize work on standardized subject headings in music documents in such a way that the National Library can assume continuing responsibility for the list;
- Follow up the National Library's work on the development of a national library search as it applies to music;
- Continue to support the importance of the free availability of recorded music via Norwegian libraries;
- Lay the groundwork for and encourage: continuing education and a strong network among Norwegian music librarians;
- Strengthen cooperation with our sister organizations in the other Nordic countries.

Oslo,

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