



Friends of the Viking Ship, NFP
2018 Annual Report

Given at the Annual Meeting
July 19, 2018





FRIENDS OF THE VIKING SHIP, NFP

MISSION STATEMENT:

The purpose of Friends of the Viking Ship, N.F.P. (FOVS) is: to facilitate the preservation of the 1893 Viking Ship as an important artifact from the Columbian Exposition, and to advocate its public display in a permanent museum setting with adequate security and climate control. To accomplish this goal, FOVS will raise funds for its protection and preservation, and for interpretation of its history. FOVS will also seek appropriate partners who share our mission of securing an optimal long-term home.

Officers and Members of the Board of Directors

Brian Ibsen, President
Jamie Larson, Vice President
Frances Berg, Secretary
William Scheiderich, Treasurer
Bruce Andresen
Roar Broch
Pat Hanson
Ken Nordan
Bjørn Rektorli
Marta Temmer

Honorary Board Members

Paul S. Anderson, Honorary
Consul General of Norway
Hon. Perry J. Gulbrandsen (Ret.)
Gunny Harboe
Donald Hoganson
William Nissen
Peter Orum
Elizabeth Safanda
Perry C. Straw Jr.

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA 2018

Friends of the Viking Ship NFP – Annual Meeting July 19, 2018

Call to Order – Introductions and Reading of the FOVS Mission Statement

Reading and Approval of Minutes (2017 Annual Meeting)

Officers' & Standing Committee Reports

Treasurer
Secretary
President
Vice President
Maintenance
Tours
Outreach
Collections
Development

Ad hoc Committee Reports

Location
Viking Midsummer Festival

Nominating Committee Report

New Business

1. Election of Board members

Closing Remarks

MINUTES OF THE 2017 ANNUAL MEETING

Friends of the Viking Ship (FOVS) Annual Meeting - July 18, 2017 - 7:00 p.m. Good Templar Park

Present:	Bruce Andresen	Linda Andresen	Samantha Bamberger
	Dave Barrows	Frances Berg	Roald Berg
	Randi Broch	Roar Broch	Dave Hanchette
	Craig Hanson	Pat Hanson	Carol Hoidahl
	Brian Ibsen	Jamie Larson	Lynn Sove Maxson
	Thomas Maxson	Ken Nordan	Dave Nordin
	Anna Pierce	Larry Poland	Betty Ruiz
	Diane Rydin	Jeff Rydin	Bill Scheiderich
	Jorunn Scheiderich	Perry Straw	Marta Temmer
	Ron Vann	Andrew Woods	Clementine Zavelle

Call to Order: Following refreshments, President Brian Ibsen called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Introductions: Brian asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Mission Statement: Samantha Bamberger read the Friends of the Viking Ship mission statement.

The minutes and copies of all reports had been distributed via email to attendees prior to the meeting. Committee chairs were asked to comment on highlights of their committee's activities since last year's meeting.

Minutes (copy attached): The minutes of the July 21, 2016 annual meeting of the members of Friends of the Viking Ship had been distributed to all board members via email. Roar moved, Lynn seconded that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (copy attached): Treasurer Bill Scheiderich reported that cash in the bank is \$181,615.84. The largest expense was equipment and maintenance. Perry moved, Craig seconded, that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

Officers' and Standing Committee Reports

Copies of the following officers' and standing committee reports are included in the 2017 Annual Report booklet.

Secretary: Frances continued to acknowledge new and renewed FOVS memberships. She has represented FOVS as a delegate to and promotion of Norwegian National League activities, which resulted in increased attendance by FOVS board members to Norwegian organizations' events. Lynn Maxson moved, Dave Barrows seconded, that the Secretary report be accepted. Motion carried.

President: Brian completed his first full year as president. There is still no location for a permanent home for the ship, and Brian will continue to work hard to find a home. He has permission from the FOVS board to hire an administrative assistant, and he will renew efforts to hire an assistant. Jamie moved, Tom seconded that the President's report be accepted. Motion carried.

Vice President: Jamie reported he had helped out wherever and whenever needed. Of primary importance to the Board is adherence to Better Business Bureau (BBB) standards, and Jamie has worked with Bill Nissen to make sure we are in compliance. Dave Nordin moved, Marta seconded, that the Vice President report be accepted. Motion carried.

Maintenance/Stabilization: Co-chairman Bruce Andresen reported that much had been accomplished, the latest being the hanging of the new flags. He also pointed out that the photos of the head and tail of the Viking ship are hanging on the shelter near where they would be on the ship.

Gunnar Eldjarn visited the ship last year and is pleased with our efforts to maintain and stabilize it. In fact, stabilization is over, and we can concentrate on maintenance. Gunnar gave Bruce a suggestion for “boat soup” to help preserve the rivets, but cautioned that the strong odor from the mixture would have a negative impact on visitors. He said it would be better to apply the mixture after the end of the visiting season.

Perry praised Bruce for his expertise and dedication and thanked everyone who had helped with the maintenance of the ship. Roald moved, Andrew seconded, that the Maintenance Committee report be accepted. Motion carried.

Tours: Dave Nordin reported that income and number of visitors to the ship this year is very close to that of the same period last year. We have increased the number of days for visitors and will be open in November when Good Templar Park will be open for a cottage walk. Lynn moved, Bill seconded, that the Tours Committee report be accepted. Motion carried.



Outreach: Ken Nordan spoke for the committee which included Jamie and Marta. He reiterated that all FOVS members are part of the

Outreach committee and should be spreading the word about the Viking Ship whenever and wherever possible. Ken recently visited *Livsreise* (Life's Journey), the Norwegian heritage museum in Stoughton, WI and said there are many good ideas there which could be incorporated in our Viking Ship Museum. He encouraged FOVS members to visit the heritage museum if possible.

Ken also reported that in the March 2017 issue of *National Geographic*, our Viking Ship had been the inspiration for the centerfold, and FOVS was given credit for that. He also reported that the Outreach Committee is working toward a new website and will hopefully have it up and running soon. Bruce moved, Marta seconded, that the Outreach Committee report be accepted. Motion carried.

Collections: Chairman Andrew Woods reported that one of the newest additions to our collections is the 1894 original edition of *Viking Fra Norge til America*, which is the Norwegian language edition of the Rasmus Rasmussen book *Viking From Norway to America* we have for sale.

He reported that FOVS member Mark Nesse, great grandson of Rasmus Rasmussen, has recently donated a number of publications and lithographs. Andrew encouraged FOVS members to get in touch with him if they know of items which should be in our collections. Jamie moved, Bruce seconded, that the Collections Report be accepted. Motion carried.

Andrew and Brian met with volunteer Anna Pierce, and Anna is working on an inventory list of all items in the Viking Ship collections.

Lynn had alerted the FOVS board to information on the State of Illinois lost property website which indicated there was FOVS property listed. Jamie is checking into it.

Jamie said that this meeting will be Andrew's last as a FOVS board member. Andrew is the first board member to have reached the four consecutive term limit. Jamie expressed the appreciation of the board for all Andrew has done on behalf of the Viking ship.



Development Committee:

Brian said the committee had been somewhat inactive due to him being the only member since Don Hoganson resigned. He asked for suggestions for new Development Committee members.

Location Committee (ad hoc):

Roar said we should be discreet in talking about where the Viking ship might go. Bill moved, Lynn seconded, that the Location Committee report be accepted. Motion carried.

Viking Shelter (ad hoc):

The committee members of Larry Poland, Dave Barrows, Pat Hanson and Craig Hanson are researching City of Geneva as well as Good Templar Park requirements regarding an interim building for the ship until a permanent home can be found. Bill asked Craig if it would be possible to have a preliminary estimate of expenses for the August 19th board meeting. Craig said they have had good cooperation from key City officials, but the process takes time. The committee will make every effort to have cost estimates by August 19th. Tom moved, Roald seconded, that the *Viking Shelter* ad hoc committee report be accepted. Motion carried.

Draken Harald Hårfagre Reception: Roar said the last sentence of his report sums up the committee's feelings: "*Viking* came to Chicago 123 years before *Draken Harald Hårfagre*. He is leaving – we are staying!" Jamie moved, Bruce seconded, that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

New Business

Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee of Dave Barrows, Lynn Sove Maxson and Frances Berg presented the follow four individuals for re-election for two-year terms to the Friends of the Viking Ship Board of Directors:

Bruce Andresen
Roar Broch
Brian Ibsen
Ken Nordan

Dave Barrows moved, Perry seconded, that the above individuals be elected by acclamation. Motion carried.

Pat Hanson and Bjørn Rektorli were presented for election to the board to replace Craig Hanson, who is not seeking another term, and Andrew Woods who is not eligible for re-election at this time due to having served four consecutive terms on the board.

Pat Hanson was a member of the original Friends of the Viking Ship Board and resigned two years ago. She is a representative of Good Templar Park. Tom moved, Marta seconded, that Pat be elected to serve a two-year term on the board. Motion carried.

Brian reported that Bjørn Rektorli is promoting the Viking Ship internationally even though he has not yet been elected to the board. Dave Barrows moved, Craig Hanson seconded, that Bjørn be elected to serve a two-year term on the board. Motion carried.

Proposed Bylaws changes – citizenship/residency requirements: It is the recommendation of the Board of Directors that the following change be made to the Bylaws:

Article V, Section 2.

Remove: ~~“At least one of the directors elected should, when possible, be a resident of Cook County, Illinois and at least one of the directors elected shall be a resident of Kane County, Illinois and all directors should be citizens of the United States.”~~

Replace with: **All directors elected shall be citizens or permanent residents of the United States.**

Article VI, Section 2. **Insertion of new language with respect to residency/citizenship requirements for officers:**

Section 2. ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE – The officers of the Corporation shall first be elected at the initial meeting of the Friends of the Viking Ship and, thereafter, be elected annually by the Board of Directors, at the first Board Meeting following the Annual Meeting of the membership. All officers elected shall be citizens or permanent residents of the United States. *(New language underlined.)* Lynn moved, Dave Nordin seconded. Motion carried.

Other

Volunteer work date: The next volunteer work date will be on Monday, August 7th under the direction of Bruce.

Gate: Craig reported that the gate to Good Templar Park is in the process of being repaired. Renovation was more extensive than originally estimated.

Administrative Assistant: Brian said we need to up our game on Outreach, and an administrative assistant could help us do that.

Brochures: Lynn said she would like to have brochures or information cards about the Viking Ship to hand out when she speaks at or attends various meetings.

Newsletter: Ken asked for articles for the fall *Ship to Shore* newsletter.

Chicago’s 1893 World’s Fair: Dave Barrows mentioned that in the book *Chicago’s 1893 World’s Fair* by Joseph M DiCola and David Stone, our Viking Ship is mentioned several times with photos. Near the end of the book are double, facing pages of photos explaining the current location of the ship in Geneva, with photo credits to Lorraine and FOVS.

Next FOVS Board Meeting Date: The next FOVS Board meeting will be held on August 19, 2017 at Good Templar Park. If members have items they would like to place on the agenda, they should get them to Brian as soon as possible.

Adjournment: Perry moved, Tom seconded, that the meeting adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Frances Berg, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT 2018

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Friends of the Viking Ship Profit and Loss Standard

September 2017 through June 2018

	<u>Sep '17 - Jun '...</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
43300 — Direct Public Support	25,919.37
46400 — Other Types of Income	4,239.50
49000 — Special Events Income	<u>5,245.00</u>
Total Income	35,403.87
Cost of Goods Sold	
50000 — Cost of Goods Sold	1,582.66
50700 — Cost of Sales - Consignment	<u>336.00</u>
Total COGS	<u>1,918.66</u>
Gross Profit	33,485.21
Expense	
61100 — Program-Ship Preservation/...	2,641.92
61200 — Program-Presentation/Educ...	4,994.24
61300 — Fund Raising	858.52
61000 — Administration & Operations	<u>10,096.91</u>
Total Expense	<u>18,591.59</u>
Net Ordinary Income	14,893.62
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
42000 — Interest on Money Market	<u>68.07</u>
Total Other Income	<u>68.07</u>
Net Other Income	<u>68.07</u>
Net Income	<u><u>14,961.69</u></u>

Friends of the Viking Ship Balance Sheet Standard

As of June 30, 2018

	<u>Jun 30, '18</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10005 — Harris Bank - Money Market...	180,068.07
10000 — Harris Bank - Checking Acct	18,280.87
10020 — Cash	200.00
Total Checking/Savings	<u>198,548.94</u>
Other Current Assets	
12100 — Inventory Asset	9,006.58
Total Other Current Assets	<u>9,006.58</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>207,555.52</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>207,555.52</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
210001 — Chase Ink Credit Card	1,424.78
Total Credit Cards	<u>1,424.78</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>1,424.78</u>
Total Liabilities	1,424.78
Equity	
30000 — Opening Balance Equity	191,169.05
Net Income	14,961.69
Total Equity	<u>206,130.74</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>207,555.52</u></u>

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Scheiderich, Treasurer

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2018

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Since the July 2017 annual meeting of Friends of the Viking Ship board, I have recorded and distributed to FOVS board members minutes of the May 2018 FOVS board meeting. I have acknowledged contributions, new memberships, membership renewals, designated and general donations.

I have sent dues reminders to current members within 30 days of their expiration date. The majority (approximately 90%) was sent via email.

There are currently 147* FOVS members. This number includes all members whose dues are current or whose dues expired in 2018 or will expire in 2018/2019.

I was elected as the FOVS delegate to the Norwegian National League in April 2016, and since that time I have represented FOVS at NNL meetings and at various Sons of Norway Lodge meetings and other events. I have promoted the NNL's Syttende Mai weekend celebration and encouraged FOVS board members to attend the NNL-sponsored Syttende Mai banquet as well as the parade, both in Park Ridge.

Since March, I have picked up the FOVS mail from the post office in St. Charles, mailed checks to Bill Scheiderich for deposit and acknowledged donations/memberships received.

I maintain an ongoing spreadsheet of monetary donations to Friends of the Viking Ship. Since FOVS founding president Lorraine Straw's passing in December 2016, I have acknowledged many monetary gifts in her memory.

Frances Berg, Secretary

*In past reports I counted the number of memberships. The current figure of 147 reflects two memberships per family membership.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2018

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In our tenth year, FOVS has focused on preparing a presentation to David Mosena, President, plus his leadership team, at the Museum of Science and Industry. Our goal is to make that presentation in September or October of 2018. We also continued cultivating Good Templar Park as an alternative if MSI does not work out. This represents a commitment to making one of these two places our principal partner going forward. It also means we need to strengthen our Development Committee so that we can raise the necessary funding.

We presented to Cantigny and through Cantigny to the McCormick Foundation. The upshot was that there is no possibility for the ship to move there. I did some cultivation of leaders in Geneva and in Kane County so that they will be receptive when and if we need their help. I also cultivated Friends of the Parks in Chicago for the same reason.

With the elimination of Cantigny, FOVS has now decided on each of the locations presented by Market & Feasibility Advisors in their 2015 report. One eventuality not considered in that report was added to the discussion this year - the possibility of partnering with a developer of riverside or lakefront property in . On a motion from Bjørn Rektorli, the board voted to consider this as a backup strategy or third option if MSI and GTP don't work out. I am quietly researching connections at Sterling Bay, Magellan, and Related Midwest, each of which has plans in the works for such developments.

I also continue to cultivate architecture companies. Len Koroski of Goetsch Partners has worked with the Chicago Park District and with the Museum of Science and Industry. Gunny Harboe's father helped on approaching the MSI for our predecessor organizations. Bailey Edward and Dirk Lohan's firm have also been in touch regarding a new building in GTP and a combined Viking and Maritime Museum respectively. Len Kutyla has been serving on the Location Committee. Richard Wilson of Smith + Gill helped connect us to the City of Chicago's expert on the River Walk, Michelle Woods. As we get closer to decisions on a new building, these relationships may be useful and until then, architects who show an interest can serve as guides to our process.

The process moved forward thanks to a special "all hands on deck" meeting on 1/20/2018. Your President argued for hiring an expert facilitator to help us with this (like Emily Harris did in 2014). The board voted against this expense, so I facilitated this meeting. As the majority of the Board had hoped, this resulted in bringing new focus to our process. However, in the view of your President, it left some organizational development issues unaddressed.

Last fall, I travelled to Norway at the invitation of the group that repatriated the 1893 Stave Church that shared Norway's participation in the World's Columbian Exposition. I was impressed by the process used by the small, provincial town where the church has been reassembled. Their process could be a model for how we work with the town of Geneva, if and when that becomes our preferred site.

I also met with the corporate successor to Magnus Anderson, the founder of NHST. Gunnar Borkjevag helped me identify a dozen Norwegian business leaders and philanthropists who might have an interest in the ship. I wrote to all 12 and received three responses. The next move with this group would be for NHST to host an event which would further engage some of these prospects and their companies. However, Gunnar has resigned after 18 years at NHST. I am following up with Svein Thor Gran at NHST. Regarding Norwegian companies, Honorary Counsel Paul Anderson shared a book detailing investment in US businesses by Norwegian companies. This will be helpful in expanding our prospect list.

We had some major developments in volunteer engagement this year. Dave Nordin was voted back on the board. Samantha Bamberger took over leadership of the Tours committee. Larry Poland decided to disengage on the policy and strategy levels but remained an involved member. Crystal Hollis did administrative work for pay and also continued to volunteer. Don Geldernick came to an Open Day and subsequently got involved with development.

We talked about fundraising and development at the two special meetings we added after the 1/20/2018 retreat. Marta Temmer introduced the idea of the gift pyramid, with many small gifts at the base complemented by fewer and bigger gifts at higher dollar levels. We also talked about adding crowd funding to supplement annual dues and also as a way to attract more members. We have yet to develop a strategy for transitioning donors of small annual or memorial gifts into bigger continuing supporters through planned or estate gifts.

While in Oslo, I also was in touch with curators at the Viking Ship Museum. In Trondheim I talked with the curator of their wooden ship museum. These discussions begged the question of whether FOVS should focus on preservation or on limited restoration as well. How we answer this question could influence our ongoing discussions about coatings and rivets as well as any changes we make to the color scheme of the head and tail.

Regarding the head and tail, after talking with Crystal at an Open Day, Hannah Pivo of the Milwaukee Art Museum followed up with Kathleen McCarthy at MSI about a loan of these two pieces for a traveling exhibit scheduled for 2020. This prompted further discussion between Rob Kent of MSI and Bill Nissen about a loan agreement that explicitly acknowledges FOVS as the ship's owner. We expect to sign and implement the FOVS MSI loan agreement this summer. A July 13, 2018, visit to see the head and tail is scheduled; after that, the Board will need further discussion about whether and under what conditions to loan them to Milwaukee.

Liz Safanda introduced me to Lisa DiChiera of Landmarks Illinois, who worked with Liz and Dave and Pat and Lorraine on the American Express grant. Lisa sat with the MSI head of facilities, Ed McDonald, at their annual preservation banquet in January. They talked a little about the ship then. Lisa has offered to host a meeting with MSI board member Ally Bulley. We plan on doing that this summer. As best we can tell as of this writing, repairs to the eastern steps of the MSI are ongoing but no decisions have yet been made regarding the area between the eastern steps and the Crown Theater, which is the area we have in mind for our ship.



Respectfully submitted,
Brian Ibsen, President

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2018

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Since our last annual meeting I have continued to serve in my primary role of supporting President Brian Ibsen with both governance and administrative responsibilities. In the area of governance, I am very happy to report that as of September of 2017 we are now an accredited charity with the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance (BBBWGA). Achieving accreditation means that we meet the high standards set by the BBBWGA in the areas of ethical governance, organizational effectiveness, financial transparency, and accuracy in all communications with our stakeholders. According to the BBBWGA, these standards were developed "to assist donors in making sound giving decisions and to foster public confidence in charitable organizations. The standards seek to encourage fair and honest solicitation practices, to promote ethical conduct by charitable organizations and to advance support of philanthropy."

We hope now that with this imprimatur, potential donors and partners will be even more convinced that we are a professional and responsible organization worthy of their trust as we seek assistance in finding a permanent home for our beloved ship.



Also on the subject of governance, I have been working closely with our Nominating committee this year in the effort to recruit potential new board members. As FOVS passes its first decade as an organization, we are entering a stage whereby consecutive board members will be reaching their term limits each year going forward (per our by-laws, a board member is limited to four consecutive two-year terms). This will require finding suitable replacements so that we do not risk dropping below our nine-member minimum. Ever since I joined the board in 2014, I've been extremely impressed with the diversity of talents and level of commitment of my fellow members. Finding qualified candidates with comparable passion for our mission is no easy task, but I think Bjørn Rektorli and his fellow committee members have done an excellent job this year in recruiting a fantastic slate for election.

Outside of my role as VP, I have also been very involved as a member of our Outreach Committee, seeking to bring our story to new and larger audiences. I continued my role as administrator of our Facebook page, posting daily content and responding to comments and questions from those who follow us (currently over 2,400 individuals, up from 1,900 this time last year). I also assisted fellow board member Marta Temmer with her tireless efforts to bring our new website to fruition (and actually learned a few new web design skills in the process!). The final product utilizes the latest technology, accessible via any device, and is user-friendly enough for fellow board members to share in the fun of adding content. Finally, I also contributed content to our Spring newsletter and assisted Outreach chair Ken Nordan with the editing. You might be surprised how much effort goes into the creation of this each year and the number of iterations we go through before actually getting it to the printer. But I think this year's issue is one of the best ever, and Ken gets all the credit for making this happen while still attending to his "day job."

It has been another busy year and while great progress has been made, there is still so much more to be done. We are all volunteers and the balancing act we're faced with can at times be daunting. But it is a labor of love, and as we double-down on our efforts this year to find *Viking* the permanent home she deserves, we invite any and all to join us in this journey. There is plenty of room onboard!

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Larson, Vice President

MAINTENANCE/STABILIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT 2018

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At our August 20, 2017 quarterly board meeting we reported:

- New flags at the stern of the shelter
- Additional fans on the south side
- Additional tables and chairs
- Removal of steel from the original supports
- Minor fabric holes
- Cantigny work day painted 16' of the cradle bow and 12' of the cradle stern

At our November 4, 2017 quarterly board meeting we reported:

- Implementation of 55" TV and mobile stand
- Installation of 10'x12' electric awning
- Addition of storage shelves
- Cradle painting September 23rd by Melissa Sallée

At our February 3, 2018 quarterly report meeting we reported:

- The ship was vacuumed on November 19, 20 and 22 by Neil Anderson and Dave Nordin
- Winter preparations December 1st
- On December 9th at 7:28 AM the Caretaker at Good Templar Park (Heather) reported that two thirds of the shelter cover was ripped off by high winds. By 11:30 AM a crew of four from Midwest Ground Covers with materials



provided by them (Thank you Peter Orum), along with Bruce, Perry and Dave Nordin began to “gift wrap” the ship and were done by 3:30 PM.

- On December 15, 2017 a new cover provided by Midwest Ground Covers was installed by a crew of six from their organization. Once again Peter Orum comes to the ship's aid. (Many thanks Peter!)



At our May 6, 2018 quarterly report meeting we reported:

- April 16, 2018 preparations for our 1st open day of 2018
- Exterior plywood panels hinged and latched
- On April 30, May 2,3 and 4th the application of

25 gallons of “boat soup” (50% turpentine, 50% raw linseed oil with 1 quart of pine tar to 4 gallons of soup) the results of this application are before you. To our knowledge this is the first comprehensive treatment to the wood and rivets since 1893

In addition we have worked on some things not yet reported:

- Improvements have been made to the bow area designated for sales:
 - Sales banner
 - Navy pier banners
 - Refrigerator
 - Additional shelving
 - Coffee and tea service
 - Better storage bins
- Improved staking and tie down systems for portable shelters

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce W. Andresen and Perry C. Straw Jr., Co-Chairmen



TOURS COMMITTEE REPORT 2018

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Visitors to the Viking Ship for docent-led tours, from August 19, 2017 to July 8, 2018

Date	Tour Type	Adults	Teens	Children	Total
8/19/17	Open	110	9	14	\$1,418.00
9/16/17	Open	69	3	8	\$645.00
10/10/17	Private	4	0	0	\$1,130.00
10/20/17	School	5	21	0	\$130.00
10/21/17	Open	70	8	28	\$776.00
11/11/17	Open	168	16	32	\$1,694.00
11/12/17	Open	102	7	28	\$820.50
12/4/17	Private	3	0	0	\$40.00
3/24/18	Private	10	0	0	\$50.00
4/6/18	Private	11	0	0	\$20.00
4/21/18	Open	82	2	10	\$881.00
5/7/18	School	2	0	8	\$50.00
5/21/18	School	20	0	47	\$335.00
5/22/18	Private	17	0	0	\$261.00
6/17/18	Festival*	-	-	-	\$1,477.50
6/23/18	Open	185	13	32	\$1,433.50
6/24/18	Open	140	6	31	\$1,050.00
Year Totals		1100	85	238	\$12,211.50

*Tallies were taken at the main entrance, not the ship. Final numbers are not yet available.

Thank you all for hanging in there with me these past 6 months as I transition into this new role. Here's to a successful rest of the season!

Sincerely,
Samira Bamberger, Chair



OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT 2018

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The outreach committee consisting of Board Members Jamie Larson, Kenneth F. Nordan and Marta Temmer submit the following list of activities that promoted and engaged the community regarding the 1893 Columbian Exposition ship *Viking*.

Outreach is an important part of the mission of FOVS to educate and network with the general public about the 1893-built *Viking*. Since the last annual meeting members of the FOVS board and its extended family of docents and contributors have participated in multiple organized and impromptu discussions and presentations about this wonderful ship. Since everyone, all members of The Board as well as the general membership are part of the Outreach effort it is important to acknowledge everyone's effort to educate the public about our ship and the mission of FOVS. Community networking events occurred in far flung places like Fargo North Dakota, Decorah Iowa and Moorhead Minnesota, while maintaining our connections with Viking enthusiasts around the world.

Throughout 2018 a large contingent of board members and FOVS supporters participated in a major fund raising effort kicked off this year. We held several meetings and drafted multiple



letters directed at potential donors and fraternal groups. Also this year these same board members engaged in the promotion of our first annual Viking Festival held on June 17, 2018. Additional information and reports about these events can be found in other portions of the 2018 FOVS Annual Report.

Locations Attended:

- 7/21-31/17 Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum – Decorah, IA
- 8/10-13/17 CASE 175 years convention – at Albert City, IA
- 9/10/17 Display, Vasa Park South Elgin
- 9/13/17 Willis Tower, Amb. Ase Norway Business in USA Chicago IL
- 10/10/17 Private Tour for Peter Orum Danish group
- 10/15/17 Sons of Norway, CP Ann- Ottawa, IL
- 10/20/17 Private Tour for Clapham School group
- 10/28/17 Display, Chicago Area Friends of Vesterheim, Park Ridge
- 11/12/17 Sons of Norway, SL Heritage Fest , Palatine, IL
- 12/1/17 Private Tour for Justin Anderson small group

- 12/8/17 Attended Swedish American Chamber of Commerce Lucia Day Luncheon, Chicago .
- 12/15/17 BMC Christmas Concert, Avalon Ball, Elk Grove, IL
- 1/17-20/18 CHUPP Auction Shipshewana, IN
- 2/28/18 Presentation to senior Lions Club group, Elgin, IL
- 3/10/18 Attended Torske Klub Des Plaines, Illinois
- 4/7/18 Display, Scandinavian genealogy event at Naperville Library
- 4/14/18 Display, Nordic Faire, Munster, IN
- 4/14/18 Attended Garfield Farm donor awards dinner
- 4/27/18 BMC Spring Concert Avalon Ball, Elk Grove, IL
- 5/5/18 Attend/FOVS display at Vasa Oder of America District 8 regional convention
- 5/17/18 Norwood Crossing – Luncheon Chicago, IL
- 5/17/18 17th May Concert, Church Logan Square IL
- 5/18/18 NACC Luncheon, Willis Tower Chicago, IL
- 5/20/18 Display at Hodges Park, Park Ridge for Syttende Mai parade
- 5/21/18 Presentation to Nordikkids Lodge, Munster IN
- 6/10/18 Attended Danish (plywood) Bird Shoot at Midwest Ground
- 6/15/18 Display, Beldin Elementary School , Chicago, Illinois
- 6/16/18 Arranged FOVS Vikings J&D Rydin to attend Swedish Historical Society Midsummer Festival in Rockford
- 6/19/18 Runestone Museum/Fort Alexandria, MN
- 6/20-23/18 Nordlandslaget/Stevne 2018 Fargo ND
- 6/23-24/18 Midwest Viking Festival/Hjemkonst Center, Moorhead MN
- 6/23/18 Display at Sweden Vast in Geneva, IL
- 6/24/18 Display at Sweden Vast in Geneva IL
- 6/25/18 Tokheim Industries Dawson, MN
- 6/26/18 Presentation to Swedish Historical Society luncheon in Rockford, IL
- 6/29/18 Arranged for B. Johnson to attend Sons Of Norway Area 5 Convention
- 6/30/18 Presentation to Annual Meeting of the Vasa Order of America , Sacramento, CA



Advertising

- Full Page Ad, Norwegian National League Constitution Day Program Book
- Full Page Ad, Danish National Committee Event Program Book
- Various Based Online Event Calendars including:
 - Daily Herald
 - Chicago Tribune
 - MetroMix
- Norwegian American Weekly newspaper calendar, open days
- Facebook promotion for Viking Midsummer Festival

Media

- Annual "Ship to Shore" newsletter. Spring Edition was 12 "jam packed" pages.

Website

- NEW WEBSITE www.vikingship.us, hosted by RealNets.com, continues to inform and educate
- Dave Nordin's mobile telephone number is on the website as a contact for tours
- Roar Broch's email will be on the website as a location committee contact
- Magic Jack telephone number 815-315-8112
- email address viking1893@gmail.com are the other contacts currently on the website

Facebook

- Facebook page is doing well with over 2,400 followers, up from 1,900 last year. Facts and images are posted when relevant; we are currently running newspaper articles, photos and book excerpts relating to the voyage from Norway to Chicago.

Printing

- Open Day flyers
- Letters of Introduction to Area Fraternal Groups Regarding Our Fundraising Event

Respectfully,

Kenneth F. Nordan, Chair



COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT 2018

Friends of the Viking Ship NFP – Annual Meeting July 19, 2018

This committee cares for, arranges access to, documents, and annually reports on FOVS property. It considers, executes and documents strategy and practice for acquiring, divesting, and caring for FOVS property. It has two members, one of whom is an elected member of the board. Members serve one-year terms.

Digitization of the list of collections plus items in the collection itself is the responsibility of this committee. I keep a file of pictures of the ship and properties, as well as an email log.

This committee also is responsible for managing the ways FOVS collections complement or amplify collections held by other organizations that may relate to our own collections.

I'm reluctant to add to our collections until we have a building with heating, ventilation and air conditioning to provide a controlled environment and safe storage.

Recent additions to our inventory:

New cover for the ship shelter,
December 2017.

We received an embroidered
handkerchief from the Chicago
1893 World's Fair donated at the
Viking Midsummer Festival, June
17, 2018.

Bruce Andresen has displayed 5
flags at the west end of the shelter
(see next page). In addition, he has
mounted hinged plywood covers to
the shelter sides so we can open
them to use fans. Bruce also has
made shelves for the 1893 *Viking*
gift shop storage bins, and added a
small refrigerator.

Signs, with tall stakes to put them
up. Roar Broch is donating stakes.



Additional properties belonging to the Friends of the Viking Ship, and located in the shelter:

Banners for Tall Ships at Navy Pier, Chicago, July 2016, "World's Fair 1893", "Like An Arrow," "Columbian Exposition 1893 in Color," "Americans Admire Courage," "Her Lines"

Bow and stern jacks completed October 2016

Chairs for Open Days

Cradle, steel, with keel supports, outboard supports, crossbeam supports and screwjack supports

Deck Boards, 198 boards, photographed and numbered 2012-2014

Deck Board Boxes, 2
 Fans, 10 box, 3 pedestal, 2 wall-mount
 Flags, 6, with cable and winch: *USA, Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Iceland, and Norway*
 Flag Poles, 2
 Folding table easels, 3
 Folding tables, 6
 Gang Box
 Horses, wooden, 2
 Locker, contains First Aid Kit and cleaning supplies
 Mast
 Oars, 24, on racks, of these, 5 are partial
 Poster of *Gokstad* tiller arm
 Posters for shelter, telling *Viking's* story, 9
 Posts, 8x8, which supported the ship at Lincoln Park
 Prow Support, Mast Castors, Stern Support
 Prow Support Plywood Pillow
 Shields, 4, cracked and repainted, no rim or boss
 Signs, 2 folding signs, 2 road signs, set of wooden signs identifying parts of the ship
 Steering Board
 Supports, jacks, and "pillows" of wood between them and the ship
 Table tops, 3
 Tarps, various
 Tiller, carved with dragon head
 Viewing ramp
 Yard Arm, mounted on viewing ramp platform
 Wood/lumber, various



Documents:

Book; *'Viking' Fra Norge til Amerika*, 1894, Rasmus Rasmussen, donated by Mark Nesse, June 25, 2017

Book; *A History of the Norwegians of Illinois*, 1905, Algot E. Strand, donated by Mark Nesse, June 25, 2017

Book; *Skoleskibet Sørlandet's utstillingstokt til verdensutstillingen "A Century of Progress", 1933*, Magnus Andersen, donated by Jamie Larson, November 2016

Book; *Viking Ship Discovered at Gokstad in Norway*, Described by N.Nicolaysen, (Christiana, Ale Cammermeyer, 1882). [Loose leaf facsimile.]

Article *The Viking Ship* by J. Harris Stone.

Gokstadskibet Univ. Oldsaksamling, Oslo, Apr 1955, Knut A. Clausen. Plans, elevations, and sections.

Several books related to Viking history/culture, stamps, printouts, photocopies, and a photograph, donated by Mark Nesse, June 25, 2017

Off-site items:

Artwork, various, including the "owned and maintained by" laminated sign

The dragonhead and tail, *in storage at the Museum of Science and Industry*

Corporate seal of the dissolved Viking Ship Restoration Committee

Fabric portfolio holding various table display photos

"Friends of the Viking Ship" roll-up banners, 2

Lighted tabletop display with case

Lithographs of Captain Andersen and Crew, donated by Mark Nesse

Original signal flag/pennant, red, white and blue wool, reading *Viking*

Poster "Clinker vs Carvel," donated by Mark Nesse, June 25, 2018

Print of painting by Hjalmar Johnssen of "*Viking* Arriving in Chicago"

Publications inventory: *flyers, posters, books, post cards*

Rivet, 1, donated

Shield boss, 1, donated

Souvenir, *Viking* Ship 1893 handkerchiefs, 2

Sincerely,

Andrew Woods, Chair

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT 2018

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As part of our effort to provide more administrative support for our President, Crystal Hollis worked on verifying and completing lists that can be used for fundraising. We need to consider where and how to store these lists so that our access to and management of them are easy and efficient. Plus these lists need to be greatly expanded so that we can create a broad base for our fundraising.

We made no progress on major gifts this year. Your President travelled to Norway and began cultivation of the Norwegian shipping industry through new contacts at Magnus Anderson's successor company, NHST. However, it is too soon to expect results from this. We also continued to reach out to Royal Caribbean and to Viking Cruise lines, without result.

In last year's annual report, I wrote this – "Since our members are growing older and many may be thinking about their own estate plans, I would like to feature an appeal to consider *Viking* as part of planning for charitable bequests."

Members of FOVS continue to dream that a "big fish" might contribute a 6- or 7-figure gift. This has not happened yet. Reasons include a lack of connection to individuals with the wealth to make such a gift.

In last year's report, I wrote that we need to supplement our campaign fundraising as described above with some projects that will appeal to specific constituencies:

- Norwegians,
- Scandinavians more generally, including Scandinavian Americans,
- sailors and maritime people,
- those with abiding interest in the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition, and, finally
- those interested in historical preservation (like American Express and Richard Driehaus).

Crystal Hollis and Brian Ibsen have constituted this committee this year. Len Koroski and Don Geldernick have expressed interest in joining. All the members of the Location Committee have expressed interest in joining development as well. We stated an intention to convene in advance of the Annual Meeting, in which case we will supplement this document with an oral report at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Ibsen, Chair

LOCATION AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT 2018

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The Location Committee consists of David Nordin, William Nissen, Brian Ibsen, Bjørn Rektorli, Len Kutyla with Roar Broch serving as the Chairman.

The Committee has had several meetings over the last year and at our December 21, 2017 committee meeting it was agreed that we should propose to the board that we concentrate our efforts on trying to ask MSI (Museum of Science and Industry) to provide us with a space for the ship. Over that last year or so we have been in contact with Len Koroski of Goetsch Partners. He has been working with MSI in the past on several projects. He has provided us with a rendering of how the ship would look in a particular location at the museum. We have also been in contact with Kathleen McCarthy, head curator at MSI. She is positive towards us but she has stated that she is not sure what MSI plans to do with the space that FOVS is interested in. Lisa Dichiera at Landmarks Illinois was willing to put together a luncheon with MSI and FOVS personnel.

At our board meeting on February 3, 2018, Bjørn recommended that FOVS set aside a significant portion of our cash on hand, to be restricted from all uses except emergency repairs or as an endowment fund for the ship once a permanent location has been identified. The board voted affirmatively to place \$150,000 of our \$193,000 in cash in a separate bank account as a reserve for this purpose.

At the May 5, 2018 board meeting, Marta Temmer said she would be willing to start putting together a presentation to MSI. It was also decided that we should keep GTP (Good Templar Park) as an option. In that connection, we obtained a quote from Morton Building, Inc. for the cost of putting up a permanent building at GTP.

At the same meeting it suggested that we should transition the ad-hoc Location Committee into being an ad hoc Museum of Science and Industry committee and have a progressive plan to deal with MSI. The timing of this transition is still to be determined.

Sincerely

Roar J. Broch, Chair

VIKING MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL AD HOC COMMITTEE

REPORT 2018

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The skies were sunny, and excitement was high for the First Annual Viking Midsummer Festival, which was held on Sunday, June 17, 2018 at Good Templar Park. Built on the firm foundation of the former Swedish Day festival, the new festival still offered the traditional Swedish Day activities of delicious foods prepared by Good Templar Lodges, raising of the maypole, and folk dancing. But the new and greatly expanded festival also gave visitors a chance to enjoy a wide variety of exciting new Viking-themed attractions. These included a large Viking campsite; big and well-presented displays of Viking tools and weapon collections; children's activities; Viking duels; axe-throwing demonstrations; actors' delightful portrayals of Viking legends; and dozens of authentically-clad Viking re-enactors strolling the festival grounds and continuously interacting with visitors.



The creation of the new festival was intended to meet several objectives. Like all folk festivals, Swedish Day depended on large numbers of volunteers to run, which year by year were fewer in number. And recreating the same format for the festival, year after year, presented challenges in drawing larger and younger crowds. For the Friends of the Viking Ship, fundraising by new methods to provide a permanent museum home for the ship is a matter of the highest priority. Creating a new festival, on a broader and more widely-popular Viking theme, and corresponding with the 125th anniversary of the Ship's voyage to the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, presented a great opportunity for all concerned. The festival drew on the talents and energy of almost everyone on the FOVS team.



Marta Temmer and Dave Nordin worked closely with Craig Hansen of Good Templar Park to conceive of the basic features of the festival and assure that the basic features and requirements were covered. Samira Bamberger lent her skills as Tours Chair to assure a good experience for visitors to the ship. Marta tended the shelter's gift shop, while Samira, Brian Ibsen, Larry Poland, Dave Barrows and David Nordin gave tours. Besides his usual assistance in setup, Bruce Andresen along with his wife, Linda, presented his collection of unique Columbian Exposition artifacts, while Perry Straw displayed his

collection of handmade Norwegian knives and crafts. Andrew Woods staffed the children's activities. Jamie Larson and family, and Frances and Roald Berg staffed a table offering ice-cold beverages donated through Jamie's good influences by PepsiCo. Crystal and our dependable FOVS Vikings, Jeff and Diane Rydin and Ron and Julie Johnson, drew on their networks of Viking re-enactors to bring a small army of Vikings to add color and depth to the festival's new name. Crystal Hollis and her troupe of actors delighted the crowds with their light-hearted portrayal of Viking stories from the ancient sagas

Just as important as providing an enjoyable festival for attendees was promoting the new festival using the media and social networking tools relied on by today's generation of young parents. This effort was spearheaded by our media-savvy board members, vice president Jamie Larson and Marta Temmer. The very high temperatures kept the crowds smaller than might have been, but the consensus of all was that the new festival was a success and provided a solid basis on which to grow!

Sincerely,
Dave Nordin and Marta Temmer, Co-Chairs



NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT 2018

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The Nominating Committee presents the following six names for considerations for election to the Friends of the Viking Ship Board of Directors.

Current board members due for re-election:

The following Board Members are due for re-election at the Annual Meeting and have accepted to serve for another term:

- Jamie Larson
- Bill Scheiderich
- Marta Temmer

New candidates nominated for election:

It is the recommendation of the nominating committee that the following three individuals to be elected at the Annual Meeting to fill the three vacant positions. Please refer to the appendix for introductions.

- Samira Bamberger
- Dave Nordin
- Tom Cleveland

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Dave Barrows
Andrew Woods
Bjørn Rektorli

APPENDIX

Introduction of new Board Nominees for the election to the Friends of the Viking Ship Board, July 2018

The committee has had two aspects in mind while examining candidates for the board this year, specifically the ongoing and accelerating efforts to find a permanent location for the Ship downtown Chicago and the desire to increase the visitor traffic at our museum at Good Templar Park. For these purposes we have reached out to well-known individuals of the Friends of the Viking Ship to take advantage of their past and current deep engagements for inclusion in the Board's decision processes for further advancement.

Samira Bamberger

Anyone having visited our ship knows Samira first hand in her role as our Chair of Tours. Her enthusiasm and knowledge about the Ship and its related history continues to be a catalyst for the increasing number of visitors. She began working as a docent for the ship a few years back and has established many personal connections important for the wider recognition of the Ship's existence. Samira is a graduate from UIC in anthropology and archaeology and holds a Master in Science from USC. Her early professional career brought her to the Garfield Farm Museum in Geneva where she implemented strategies for preservation, designed exhibits and created a network with other museum professionals including the Museum of Science and Industry. Her background, experiences and passionate work as a Friend of the Ship uniquely qualifies her for the Board to help us further expand our network and connections for the strengthening of cultural and educational purposes.

Dave Nordin

Dave Nordin is a founding member of Friends of the Viking Ship. He has served as the first vice president of the organization, chair of the Maintenance committee for many years before the creation of the current co-chairmanship of Bruce Andresen and Perry Straw, and has served regularly on the Outreach, Location and Maintenance committees. Dave served as chair of the Tours committee for 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017. Since his re-appointment to the board in 2018, he has focused on formulating and implementing new fund-raising strategies, and served as co-chair of the new Viking Midsummer Festival.

Tom Cleveland

Tom is new as a nominee to the Board; however, he is very well known in the Scandinavian community and to many Friends of the Viking Ship. He has served many terms as Vice President, and is the current President, of Scandinavian (Vasa) Park. He has served many terms as the President of the Swedish Lodge in Batavia, and as the past District Manager of the Great Lakes region of the Vasa Order of America. He has been active in fund raising and is very well known and universally respected, not only in the Scandinavian community, but professionally as well, serving as a Manager of the DeKalb Airport with strong connections to local regulatory authorities. We believe Tom's ability to continue the effort to connect the Scandinavian community combined with his rich experiences working with local and wider communities will help focus our effort in finding a permanent place for the ship.

The nomination committee will continue its work to attract relevant individuals with capacity to serve on the various Board committees to further resource and focus the Board's work.

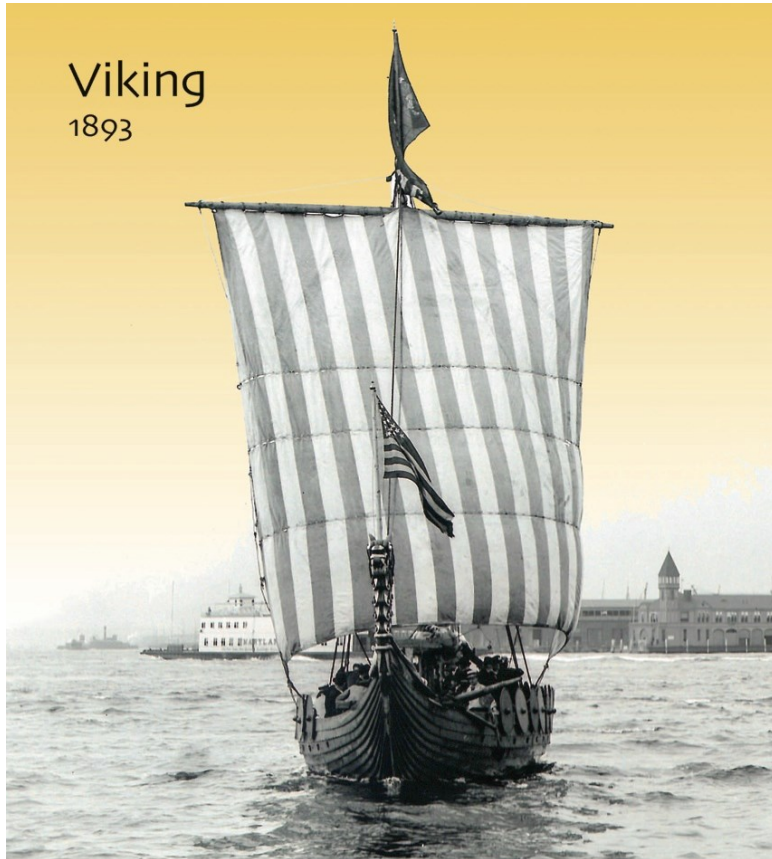
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