



Friends of the Viking Ship, NFP  
**2019 Annual Report**

Given at the Annual Meeting  
July 18, 2019



The Viking Ship in Chicago Harbor, Columbian Exposition, 1893



## **FRIENDS OF THE VIKING SHIP, NFP**

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### **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.

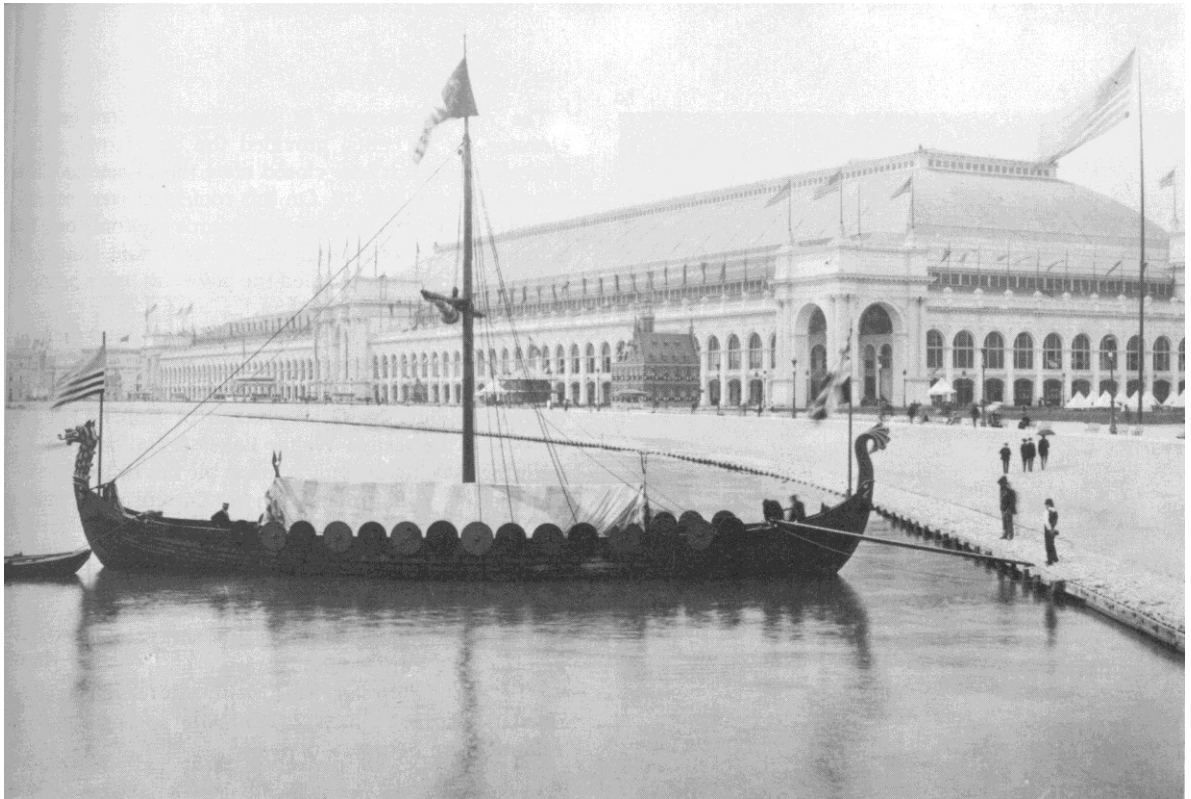
### **Officers and Members of the Board of Directors**

Marta Temmer, President  
David Nordin, Vice President  
Ken Nordan, Secretary  
William Scheiderich, Treasurer  
Bruce Andresen  
Samira Bamberger  
Roar Broch  
Tom Cleveland  
Pat Hanson  
Jamie Larson  
Bjørn Rektorli

### **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 2019**

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*Friends of the Viking Ship NFP – Annual Meeting July 18, 2019*

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

**Reading and Approval of Minutes** (2018 Annual Meeting)

**Officers' & Standing Committee Reports**

Treasurer  
Secretary  
President  
Vice President  
Maintenance  
Tours  
Outreach  
Collections  
Development

**Nominating Committee Report**

**New Business**

1. Election of Board members
2. Approval of changes to by-laws

**Closing Remarks**

## MINUTES OF THE 2018 ANNUAL MEETING

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### Friends of the Viking Ship (FOVS) Annual Meeting - July 19, 2018 - 7:00 p.m. Good Templar Park

<b>Present:</b>	Bruce Andresen	Linda Andresen	Samira Bamberger
	Dave Barrows	Frances Berg	Roald Berg
	Roar Broch	Naomi Dhuse	David Furholmen
	Don Geldernick	Craig Hanson	Pat Hanson
	Brian Ibsen	Kathryn Larson	Charles Mies
	Susan Mies	George Murtaugh	Ken Nordan
	Dave Nordin	Larry Poland	Rich Hall-Reppen
	Jeff Rydin	Eleanor Rzeminski	Bill Scheiderich
	Allan Stenmark	Perry Straw	Marta Temmer
	Betty Ruiz Vann	Ron Vann	Brigitte Winkler

Following refreshments, President Brian Ibsen called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

**Mission Statement:** Samira 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): Brian Ibsen read the minutes of the July 18, 2017 annual meeting of the members of Friends of the Viking Ship. Dave Barrows moved, Roar Broch seconded that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

### **Officers' and Standing Committee Reports**

Copies of the following officers' and standing committee reports are included in the 2018 Annual Report booklet.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Bill Scheiderich reported that originally \$150,000 had been put into a money market account, with \$30,000 added later. Checking/Savings account balance is \$198,548.94, including the money market account. Bruce Andresen moved, Larry Poland seconded, that the treasurer's report be accepted. Motion carried.

**Secretary:** Dave Nordin moved, Bill Scheiderich seconded the secretary's report be accepted. Motion carried.

**President:** Brian reported that we are making progress with the Museum of Science and Industry (MSI) as a possible home for the Viking ship, and we will make a presentation to them later this year.

Brian and Dave Nordin recently visited MSI and saw the Viking Ship's head and tail that are stored there. Dave commented that he read an article in one of MSI's publications from 1980 which was titled "*Viking Ship Coming to the Museum of Science and Industry*", which indicates that

the MSI had once entertained the idea of becoming a home for the Viking Ship. Len Koroski, a well-known architect, has drawn up three renderings of what MSI would look like as a future home. We are waiting on Len for cost estimates of the proposed building. When they are received, they will be sent to tonight's attendees if interested.

Lisa Dichiera at Landmarks Illinois has offered to set up a meeting between MSI and FOVS personnel, and she is willing to help with a presentation. Roar Broch cautioned that we should be discreet when we talk about MSI as a possible home. It could be embarrassing if it doesn't work out.

FOVS Honorary Board Member Attorney Bill Nissen has drawn up a legal document stating that the head and tail of the Viking Ship are in storage at MSI. The document has been signed by MSI and FOVS officials.

Perry Straw pointed out the posters of the Viking Ship's head and tail that are hanging in the shelter. These colors are not representative of the original colors. Dave Nordin said they had many coats of paint on them, and, hopefully, there will be enough of the original colors on them so they can be matched in the future.

Marta Temmer moved, Dave Nordin seconded that 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.

Jamie was instrumental in creating and administering a self-evaluation document for all FOVS board members which is an important step in BBB accreditation.

Perry Straw commented on the very positive FOVS Facebook page Jamie has created and updates daily with timely information. Brian agreed and said we should give Jamie a Viking hip-hip-hurrah, which the group did enthusiastically.

Brian said that with the exception of Bill Scheiderich, who will hopefully remain as treasurer, there will be an entirely new executive committee of the FOVS board for the upcoming year. Because of increased personal responsibilities, Brian and Jamie will no longer hold the office of president and vice president, and the secretary's position will be vacated due to term limits. Dave Nordin moved, Bruce Andresen seconded, that the Vice President report be accepted. Motion carried.

**Maintenance/Stabilization:** Co-chairman Bruce Andresen reported that much had been accomplished with the ship since the last annual meeting, including the preparation and application of a "boat soup" mixture to the ship which will help to preserve the rivets. Perry Straw commented that the ship had "not had a drink" since 1894, which was the last time she was in the water. It took several applications of the boat soup to cover the ship since the boards were extremely dry and soaked up the boat soup as soon as it was applied.

The group enthusiastically gave three cheers to Bruce and Perry for hard work in taking care of the ship.

Roar Broch moved, Dave Nordin seconded, that the Maintenance Committee report be accepted. Motion carried.

**Tours:** Dave Nordin said he had given up tours committee responsibilities to Samira Bamberger. Samira thanked Dave for his hard work as past tours chairman. She reported that we had a very successful Viking Festival on June 17<sup>th</sup>. FOVS and Good Templar Park (GTP) shared gate receipts with 631 paid visitors attending GTP and FOVS activities on that day. Visitors, sales of merchandise and refreshments are tallied using Square, which makes it easier to keep track of each category as well as easier to report to the treasurer.

Samira has plans in the works which will increase private tours as well as visitor day attendance. Brian stressed that we need more volunteers to help with tours and events. This is important for easing the load on current volunteers but also is important for our upcoming MSI presentation. Bruce moved, Dave Nordin seconded, that the tours report be accepted. Motion carried.

**Outreach:** Ken Nordan spoke for the committee which included Jamie Larson and Marta Temmer, but he reiterated that all FOVS members are part of outreach and should be spreading the word about the Viking Ship whenever and wherever possible. He gave a special thanks to Dave Nordin who has been giving the majority of private tours.

Perry commended Marta on the great job she has done with updating the FOVS website. He urged FOVS members to visit the website and see for themselves. Marta said a lot of credit should be given to P.C. Straw who was responsible for the technical side of the website.

Perry gave Marta the DVD *The Hjemkomst of Robert Asp* which is the story of a replica of our Viking Ship which was built by Robert Asp in Hawley, MN, sailed on Lake Superior and eventually was sailed to Norway by the builder's family and friends.

Dave Nordin moved, Dave Barrows seconded, that the Outreach Committee report be accepted. Motion carried.

**Collections:** Chairman Andrew Woods was unable to attend the meeting. Brian reported that Andrew said he would like to hold off on accepting new items until we have adequate storage space. Perry Straw moved, Bruce Andresen seconded, that the Collections report be accepted. Motion carried.

**Development Committee:** Brian said that the Location Committee members had been invited to combine with the Development Committee. They have met and among items under discussion are: ways to increase FOVS, membership, online applications such as Trello and Google sheets to keep track of activities, how to tailor our message to different groups, a business plan which will be a necessity for approaching large financial donors, checking with Peter Orum to see if we could feature him in a fund-raising appeal, etc. Ken Nordan moved, Bill Scheiderich seconded, that the Development Committee report be accepted. Motion carried.

**Location Committee** (ad hoc): Roar said we should be discreet in talking about the possibility of the Viking ship going to MSI. In response to a question as to whether MSI is the only location being considered, it was stated that MSI is the primary location with Good Templar Park as an alternative site. Perry Straw moved, Bill Scheiderich seconded, that the Location Committee report be accepted. Motion carried.



Kathryn Larson said we need to find a way to demonstrate good will to Good Templar Park, since GTP has given the biggest gift of all to date.

**Viking Festival** (ad hoc): The committee members of Marta Temmer, Dave Nordin and Craig Hanson submitted the report on the Viking Midsummer Festival. The successful first annual FOVS Viking Festival was held at GTP in conjunction with Swedish Days celebration, which is the oldest Swedish festival in the Midwest. Marta said that in spite of the heat, we had very good attendance (641) from which we netted over \$1400.00 as well as approximately \$1400.00 in sales of merchandise. The festival was well received by younger people, and we have the capacity for double or triple the number of visitors for future festivals, plus increased revenue with sponsors. Ken moved, Marta seconded, that the Viking Festival report be accepted. Motion carried.

Marta, Dave and Craig were also given three cheers for a very successful festival.

Kathryn Larson suggested that there was confusion about “first” annual Viking festival and “143<sup>rd</sup> Swedish Days” festival. Dave Nordin said he had tried to address that in publicity and will try harder next year.

### **New Business**

**Nominating Committee:** The Nominating Committee of Friends of the Viking Ship report was given by Dave Barrows, a member of the committee, along with Bjørn Rektorli, Chair, and Andrew Woods.

Dave thanked Frances for serving eight years, the term limit, as secretary of FOVS.

There are three current FOVS board members due for re-election: Jamie Larson, Bill Scheiderich, and Marta Temmer. Dave Nordin moved, Perry Straw seconded, that the three members be elected by acclimation. Motion carried.

There are three open positions on the FOVS board. It is the recommendation of the nominating committee that the following three individuals be elected to fill the three vacant positions on the board: Samira Bamberger, Tom Cleveland, Dave Nordin (brief bios of all three included in annual report).

Dave Barrows called from the floor the required three times for other nominations. There being no other nominations, Dave Barrows moved, Marta Temmer seconded, that Samira Bamberger, Tom Cleveland, Dave Nordin be elected to fill the three vacancies on the Friends of the Viking Ship board. Motion carried.

### **Closing Remarks**

**Center-fold Model:** Roar Broch showed the group a two-page centerfold, colored photo of our Viking Ship which was featured in a popular magazine (half-million circulation) in Norway. Roar’s nephew sent the magazine to Roar, and the editor contacted Roar for comment. Roar is in the process of translating the story from Norwegian into English.

**Appreciation for Brian Ibsen:** Dave Nordin expressed sincere appreciation from the board and FOVS for Brian Ibsen's leadership as president through a very difficult time over the past year. The group gave Brian a standing ovation.

**Audit Committee:** Ken Nordan said he and Roar had conducted an audit of the treasurer's books and found no issues.

**Investment/Audit Committee:** Larry Poland suggested that an Investment/Audit Committee should be part of the FOVS. Brian said it would be discussed at a future board meeting.

**Adjournment:** Bruce moved, Roar seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frances Berg, Secretary

## TREASURER'S REPORT 2019

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Please find below a summary of our financial position as of the end of June 2019. One important accounting event from the last year to call out is the change from our fiscal year ending 8/31 to calendar year ending 12/31. This will better align our activities for the full year instead of a break in the middle of the year.

Here is a high-level comparison of 2018 and 2019 financial numbers:

- Revenue down \$4,000 because of less donations and memberships
- Expenses down almost \$11,000 due to elimination of a contract person and other savings
- Net income up by \$6,950
- Cash in the bank is \$219,920 which is an increase of \$21,371 from last year

### Friends of the Viking Ship Profit and Loss Standard January through December 2018

	<u>Jan - Dec '18</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
43300 — Direct Public Support	27,436.64
46400 — Other Types of Income	5,266.00
49000 — Special Events Income	<u>7,620.00</u>
Total Income	40,322.64
Cost of Goods Sold	
50000 — Cost of Goods Sold	1,784.82
50700 — Cost of Sales - Consignment	<u>336.00</u>
Total COGS	<u>2,120.82</u>
Gross Profit	38,201.82
Expense	
61100 — Program-Ship Preservation/...	2,597.77
61200 — Program-Presentation/Educ...	5,004.68
61300 — Fund Raising	1,137.52
61000 — Administration & Operations	<u>9,393.90</u>
Total Expense	<u>18,133.87</u>
Net Ordinary Income	20,067.95
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
42000 — Interest on Money Market	<u>158.87</u>
Total Other Income	<u>158.87</u>
Net Other Income	<u>158.87</u>
Net Income	<u><u>20,226.82</u></u>

### Friends of the Viking Ship Profit and Loss Standard January through June 2019

	<u>Jan - Jun '19</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
43300 — Direct Public Support	6,261.82
46400 — Other Types of Income	2,301.50
49000 — Special Events Income	<u>3,231.00</u>
Total Income	11,794.32
Cost of Goods Sold	
50000 — Cost of Goods Sold	627.67
50700 — Cost of Sales - Consignment	<u>562.40</u>
Total COGS	<u>1,190.07</u>
Gross Profit	10,604.25
Expense	
61100 — Program-Ship Preservation/...	411.75
61200 — Program-Presentation/Educ...	1,646.81
61300 — Fund Raising	380.00
61000 — Administration & Operations	<u>2,080.53</u>
Total Expense	<u>4,519.09</u>
Net Ordinary Income	6,085.16
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
42000 — Interest on Money Market	<u>89.35</u>
Total Other Income	<u>89.35</u>
Net Other Income	<u>89.35</u>
Net Income	<u><u>6,174.51</u></u>

# Friends of the Viking Ship Balance Sheet Standard

As of June 30, 2019

	<u>Jun 30, '19</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10005 — Harris Bank - Money Market...	180,248.22
10000 — Harris Bank - Checking Acct	39,472.23
10020 — Cash	<u>200.00</u>
Total Checking/Savings	219,920.45
Other Current Assets	
12100 — Inventory Asset	<u>9,765.53</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>9,765.53</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>229,685.98</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><b>229,685.98</b></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
210001 — Chase Ink Credit Card	<u>1,006.09</u>
Total Credit Cards	<u>1,006.09</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>1,006.09</u>
Total Liabilities	1,006.09
Equity	
30000 — Opening Balance Equity	206,767.97
32000 — Unrestricted Net Assets	15,737.41
Net Income	<u>6,174.51</u>
Total Equity	<u>228,679.89</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><b>229,685.98</b></u>

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Scheiderich, Treasurer

## SECRETARY'S REPORT 2019

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As secretary for the Friends of the Viking Ship, NFP (FOVS), I would like to thank everyone for their continued support of our mission to preserve and protect the 1893 Viking Ship. This includes your monetary support via your yearly membership payments and your generous donations of money and time.

Since our last annual general meeting your secretary has mailed out membership renewal reminders, membership cards, and donation thank you letters that can be used to support your tax claims. Your secretary manages the FOVS mailbox accepting requests for information and book orders then responding to these requests via the postal mail services. The secretary has also taken regular minutes at the scheduled quarterly board meetings and provided input as a member of the FOVS Executive Committee.

As part of the regular rotation of FOVS Board membership the secretary has unfortunately reach his maximum term limit and is required to step down. The FOVS secretary would like to extend a warm thank you to all members and friends for the help and guidance they have provided to the work of the secretary. It has been a pleasure to serve you in 2019, and I will work hard to help the incoming secretary to maintain the high level of excellence you expect.

Sincerely,  
Kenneth F. Nordan, Secretary



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2019

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As President this year, my focus has been largely internal, centering on organization and strategic planning. It became clear during our August and November board meetings that two hours, four times per year, would not be sufficient to plan and discuss all of the activities and topics we needed to address. Subsequently, we held two board workshops where we brainstormed, prioritized, and agreed on the initiatives we believe are relevant and necessary to accomplish the four main segments of our mission.

One of the main changes we have made is to the structure of our committees. Our Audit Committee produced a report with an analysis, and they recommended we restructure and merge our existing committees in order to be more effective. One main goal of this was to ensure our board meetings could run more smoothly by allowing the committees to do the heavy lifting. With this new structure, this goal is accomplished. As a result, our committees do the research, have the discussions, weigh the pros and cons, and then bring the major decisions and recommendations to the board meetings. Our board members and volunteers have been very busy carrying out many of these deliverables through committees.

We have begun to implement some technologies to help us work better together. We graciously receive some licenses at a significant discount as a non-profit, and we also use free software. Some of these include: Trello for project management; Google Apps for Business for our Vikingship.us email addresses; and Salesforce.com for donor and volunteer relationship management. We have also begun recording all of our Open Day counts in Square, whether they pay with cash, credit or are free as a member or child. This introduces an added layer of internal financial control, allowing us to keep an accurate count of people along with sales throughout the day and to create a single report at the end of the day quickly.

We live in a time where we can take advantage of tools our Viking ancestors didn't have, but, I like to think, surely would have embraced if they did. However, all of this technology isn't effective if we don't or can't actually use it. I commend our Board Members and Volunteers for being brave souls who have been willing to try these new products to help move FOVS forward in our goal to place her in a permanent, climate-controlled home.

We are currently in discussions with a very prominent figure who is working to help us with our ultimate goal, as well. While this information is still at the formative and conceptual stage, it is still highly confidential, and our Board Members and Honorary Board Members are under non-disclosure. However, I do want to say that should this initiative come to fruition -- it will be VERY spectacular! I know you will all be thrilled to see the result and be a part of it; *Viking* will finally have her place as the Crown Jewel she deserves to be. She would be cared for and on display in perpetuity and for posterity. Many of our discussions and plans have some dependency on this possible solution, and when we are able to share the information publicly, you will be the first to know.

We have much work to do, so I invite everyone to be brave souls like the crew of our dear ship, and volunteer, if in any way possible. Our needs are for more than Open Days, although we could use more help in that area, as well. I want to give a sincere and warm THANK YOU to all of our members, honorary board members, board members, and volunteers, for their time, donations, and gifts; for without them, our beautiful, historic ship, *Viking*, would be sunk. But your love keeps her afloat!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marta Temmer, President

## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2019

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Since the last annual meeting of Friends of the Viking Ship, I have been engaged in a variety of activities to advance the purposes of Friends of the Viking Ship, as follows:

### ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES:

On August 2, 2018, I met with FOVS President Marta Temmer to review the FOVS organization's committee structure, and discuss our organization's tasks, priorities and personnel needs and assignments for the upcoming new fiscal year.

### FUND RAISING PRESENTATIONS:

I have continued with our in-progress fundraising strategy of systematically approaching all regional Scandinavian organizations with an offer to make a PowerPoint presentation to their members about the ship and our mission, which was already underway in the 2017-2018 period. Building on my presentation as the featured speaker at the Grand Lodge Convention of the Swedish Vasa Order of America in Sacramento California in July of 2018, I made the following fund raising appearances or presentations for Friends of the Viking Ship:

1. October 7, 2018 - Linne Lodge, South Bend, Indiana
2. November 15, 2018 - Viljan Lodge, Batavia, Illinois
3. December 6, 2018 - I attended the annual Christmas banquet and meeting of Verdandi Lodge, Independent Order of Svithiod, where FOVS received a substantial donation. At that meeting, I was invited to make a further personal presentation to that lodge in support of their consideration of substantially- increased donations to FOVS, as discussed below.
4. February 12, 2019 - Scandinavian Club, Huntley, Illinois (this program was rescheduled due to my own unexpected surgery and hospitalization)
5. May 23, 2019 - Presentation to Verdandi Lodge in support of our substantially-increased donation request in 2019.

### UPCOMING Fundraising Appearances:

6. August 18, 2019 - Brahe Lodge, Rockford, Illinois
7. October 8, 2019 - Sun City Scandinavian Club, Huntley, Illinois
8. November 10, 2019 - Combined Vasa Lodge/Sons of Norway Lodge presentation, Kalamazoo, Michigan

### PRIVATE FUNDRAISING TOURS of the ship which I conducted;

1. September 1, 2018 - Peter Orum group
2. September 23, 2018 - private tour
3. May 13, 2019 - Waldorf Private School

## MUSEUM AFFAIRS-RELATED ACTIVITIES

1. October 17, 2018 - Arranged and attended a meeting at the Chicago Maritime Museum between Bjørn Rektorli and myself on behalf of FOVS, and officers of the Chicago Maritime Museum, respecting an idea for a permanent regional maritime museum to include the ship. I later made a presentation to the FOVS board on this project, with a follow-up presentation to the FOVS board arranged by Bjørn Rektorli. We have a good relationship with the Chicago Maritime Museum, cultivated over many years through our appearances at its events and previous meetings, about the feasibility of our ship having a permanent home there.
2. March 22, 2019 - Arranged and attended a meeting with FOVS President Marta Temmer, and Museum of Science and Industry Director of Collections and Head Curator Kathleen McCarthy, to observe the current condition of the ship's head and tail, obtain her recommendations for professional conservators for them, and to execute a new and renewable three year extension agreement for MSI's care-taking of those artifacts on behalf of FOVS. The agreement specifically acknowledges ownership of the head and tail by FOVS.
3. April 2, 2019 - Arranged and attended a meeting with Eric Gillespie, head archivist of the Cantigny museums, to discuss basic principles to follow for the creation of formal FOVS practices and policies for selection and archiving of those of its documents which should constitute the organization's permanent record of its activities. At the present time, FOVS lacks such practices and policies. Andrew Woods and Ken Nordan have volunteered to assist with this important project.
4. May, 2019 - Obtained cost estimates and descriptions from qualified craftsmen for the replication of all 32 of the Viking's original shields; recreation of the carved wooden awning supports and captain's stand; and creation of highly detailed, 6 foot long model of the Viking with its sail and oars mounted, for use in a permanent museum setting for the ship. Conferred with, and obtained recommendations from Angie Morrow, current Head Curator of the Chicago Museum of Modern Art and former Head Artifact Registrar of the Field Museum, respecting pest destruction techniques used before installation into the Field Museum of the Viking ship which was displayed in its 2016 traveling Viking exhibit.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Nordin, Vice President

## MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT 2019

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It has been another busy year for the Maintenance Committee! Here is a summary of our activities over the last twelve months maintaining, stabilizing and safeguarding the ship and her surroundings:

### SHIP MAINTENANCE:

- Three batches of “boat soup” (a special mixture of turpentine, raw linseed oil and pine tar) are ready and three more are being prepped but none will be applied until the week after our June “open day.” We will hopefully apply the preservative to the external belly of the ship, the oars and deck boards over the course of this year.
- Secured the nails firmly in the stern verge board fish (tent support).
- The last big piece of steel has been removed allowing access to the underside of the ship from all corners.



### SAFETY AND SECURITY:

- Replacement of a bad bulb sparked a discussion and it was decided to begin replacement of the CFL bulbs with high output LEDs for lighting and security, which has been completed.
- Two security sensors (one broken and the other defective) were also replaced.
- A new exit sign is in place as well as a security surveillance warning sign.

### FACILITY MAINTENANCE:

- It is a delight to mention that the new shelter cover (from a different supplier) has survived some extreme winds this year including gusts of over 70 mph, thanks to Peter Orum and Midwest Ground Covers!
- In 2018, two additional latches were added to all the outside drop panels except 3 panels to make them more secure, however this was still not enough to keep them all in place between open days with the high winds. For the winter, additional 8 inch plywood squares were screwed in place to secure the outside panels.
- Over the winter, Perry Straw rebuilt the display platform at the bow where the model ship he built is usually placed. It now has a new PVC face with FOVS logo and lettering including our website.

#### ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS:

- The tail banner was secured on the overhead wire in such a way that it won't fold in on itself. An additional security line was added to the bottom of the flag display on the back wall of the shelter which has secured the flags much more effectively. For 2019 we will replace two of the overhead flags, Iceland and Sweden, due to fading.
- For the two November open days, a propane patio heater was added to our list of available equipment as well as a noisy torpedo heater. Everyone who was there--but especially our volunteer workers-- appreciated the warm spot the patio heater made.
- Additional bins were added and a place in the shelter made for them to be stored.
- The brochure holders have been installed as well as a laminated copy of the pamphlet has been mounted to the doors for all to see.
- Perry Straw constructed two Viking shields similar to and colored the same (solid yellow and solid black) as those that were on the ship when it sailed from Norway, and these shields have been attached to the starboard bow of the ship.

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





## TOURS COMMITTEE REPORT 2019

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### Visitors to the Viking Ship for docent-led tours, from January through December 2018

Date	Tour Type	Adults	Teens	Children	Total*
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
5/19/18	Open	52	12	9	\$456.00
5/21/18	School	20	0	47	\$335.00
5/22/18	Private	17	0	0	\$261.00
6/17/18	Festival	NA	NA	NA	\$1,477.50
6/23/18	Open	185	13	32	\$1,433.50
7/14/18	Open	31	2	8	\$328.00
7/21/18	Open	45	5	2	\$479.00
7/24/18	Open	140	6	31	\$1,050.00
8/18/18	Open	54	6	20	\$762.00
8/26/18	Private	11	0	0	\$87.00
8/29/18	Private	5	0	0	\$50.00
9/1/18	Private	8	0	3	\$80.00
9/15/18	Open	42	4	1	\$453.00
9/23/18	Private	30	0	0	\$350.00
10/18/18	Private	4	0	12	\$80.00
10/20/18	Open	26	0	4	\$497.00
11/2/18	Private	4	0	15	\$95.00

11/10/18	Open	90	2	10	\$607.00
11/11/18	Open	131	8	30	\$1,193.00
11/15/18	Private	4	0	10	\$70.00
11/30/18	Private	3	7	0	\$50.00
<b>2018 Year Totals</b>		<b>1,007</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>\$10,739.00</b>

\*Total includes both admissions and onsite merchandise sales

**Visitors to the Viking Ship for docent-led tours, from January through June 2019**

Date	Tour Type	Adults	Teens	Children	Total*
4/4/19	Private	NA	NA	NA	\$50.00
4/20/19	Open	64	2	8	\$723.00
5/18/19	Open	40	6	6	\$567.00
6/9/19	Private	4	0	0	\$160.00
6/16/19	Open	96	3	20	\$605.00
6/22/19	Open	187	10	17	\$1,847.00
6/23/19	Open	157	11	23	\$1,462.50
<b>2019 Year-to-Date Totals</b>		<b>548</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>\$5,364.50</b>

\*Total includes both admissions and onsite merchandise sales

Sincerely,  
Dave Nordin, Chair



## OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT 2019

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*Friends of the Viking Ship NFP – Annual Meeting July 18, 2019*

The Outreach Committee would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone, both on the board of directors and in the membership for all of the work and time they have put in to getting the word out about the 1893 Viking Ship.

Outreach takes many forms; the committee has used “community calendars” from several local and regional newspapers and family magazines to tell people about the open days and events at the ship. On a daily basis we update our Facebook page with interesting bits of information about the ship and tales of the voyage from various sources. Representatives of FOVS have attended festivals and club meetings providing information and answering question about the ship and how individuals can help to save the ship and advance our mission to find and finance a secure and climate-controlled environment for *Viking*.



Every year we ask the membership to join together to be a part of the Outreach effort. Without everyone putting their oars in the water and pulling together the modern day crew of *Viking* will not keep this ship and organization pressing forward toward our ultimate goal.

Thank you,  
Ken Nordan, Chair

## COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT 2019

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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:

The following audiobook was produced and donated to FOVS by Perry Straw:

- Audiobook; *'Viking' From Norway to America, 1894*, Rasmus Rasmussen (read by Kim Rasmussen)

The following magazines were donated over the last year:

- *Aftenposten Historie*, #6 / 2018 (featuring an article on *Viking* and Captain Andersen)
- *National Geographic, The Vikings; Lords of Sea and Sword*, 2018, donated by Bruce Andresen
- *National Geographic*, March 2017 (special issue on the Vikings, with ship centerfold illustration based on *Viking*), donated by Bruce Andresen
- *National Geographic*, May 2000 (article on Viking ships), donated by Bruce Andresen

The following DVDs were also donated by Bruce Andresen:

- *Vikings & Norsemen*, 52 Vintage Books on DVD, 2017
- *1893 Chicago World's Fair, Ultimate Collection*, Books, Photos, Illustrations on DVD, 2018

### 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, 11, with cable and winch: *USA, Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Iceland, and Norway et al.*  
 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  
 Refrigerator  
 Shelving  
 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.]



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

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

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

**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

Handkerchiefs, 3, embroidered, from the Chicago 1893 World’s Fair, donated

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

Sincerely,  
Andrew Woods, Chair

## DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT 2019

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Current uncertainty about the two most attractive possible permanent locations has temporarily stalled major grant seeking outside the Scandinavian community, since our target amount, message, and intentions need to be more concrete. The first is the Museum of Science and Industry, where public opposition to further museum use of park district land was the issue. And the second is the Chicago Maritime Museum, which is the only museum in the visitor-dense Chicago area that has specifically stated they want the ship, and they have asked us to allow *Viking* to be displayed there. They currently have a leased space, but are very actively pursuing an attractive permanent space.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marta Temmer, President

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT 2019

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The Nominating Committee presents the following four names 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 agreed to serve for another term:

- Bruce Andresen
- Roar Broch
- Pat Hanson
- Bjorn Rektorli

**Open board seats:**

With the re-election of the above board members the board will have two open board seats following the resignation of President Brian Ibsen, prompted by his move to Alaska, and Ken Nordan who has reached his term limit after four consecutive terms.

Following multiple strategic board sessions in pursuit of a permanent location for the ship, the board has instructed the nomination committee to search for candidates with professional backgrounds in fundraising and museum operations, especially candidates with curator, exhibition and archive subject matter expertise. The nomination committee is currently working with three potential candidates in the Chicago area.

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee

Bjørn Rektorli

Dave Barrows

Andrew Woods

Jamie Larson (Acting Chair, Governance Committee)

# PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE FOVS COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

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In 2018, on the request of the FOVS Board, the audit committee completed a review of the Board's effectiveness as it relates to:

- 1) the Board's alignment with the Friends of the Viking Ship's (FOVS) mission, as materialized through tactical and strategic goal settings, and
- 2) the effectiveness of carrying out those goals.

The review was based on the Board's self-assessment of the past two fiscal years and the audit committee's observations as members of the Board and its committees.

The key recommendation was to derive a more formative approach to committee structures, their members and goals, with primary focus on fund raising and accelerated determination of a permanent location for the ship, while rationalizing (consolidating) the number of existing committees to help focus on the primary mission.

Below is the recommended committee structure, with a focus on attracting external subject matter expertise to help lead mission-critical milestones and derive a more formalized engagement between the Board and its committees.

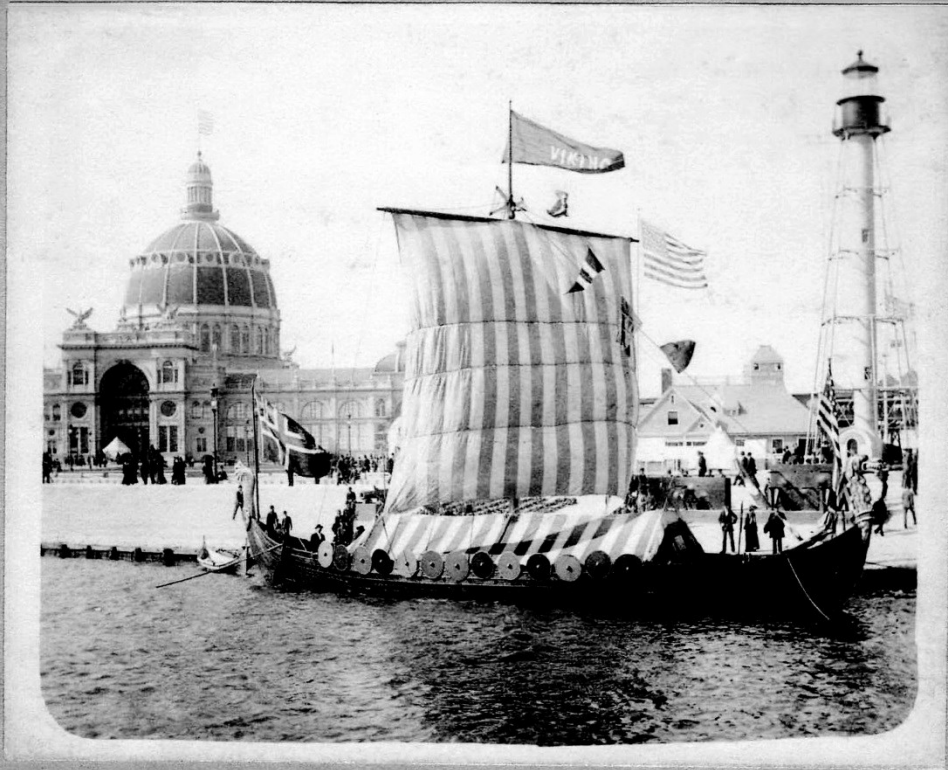
**Mission-critical committees** to be resourced by a combination of external and internal subject matter experts with clear goals and authority:

1. **Strategic planning, fund-raising and marketing committee** to charter a more robust roadmap for FOVS, capitalizing on previous and current work. The existing "location committee" to be consolidated here with the committee being the driving force for enabling a permanent location for the ship. With the recent entry of FOVS into the "social media world," we see an opportunity to "re-tool" our approach and consolidate efforts into one campaign.
2. **Museum affairs committee** for consolidation of tours and outreach committees to focus our advocacy for the ship's promotion, display and history for public benefit and education, basically a committee in charge of museum-oriented operations
3. **Maintenance and Collection committee** has the responsibility of maintaining, stabilizing and safeguarding the ship, and for cataloging and safeguarding all FOVS artifacts with a continued collection effort of relevant artifacts with the permanent location in mind.

**Administrative committees to be focused on FOVS and Board governance:**

4. **Governance Committee.** This committee is responsible for the health and functioning of the board. It coordinates and proposes new members to both committees and the board, conducts orientation, produces board materials, oversees accounting and organizes independent financial audits. It might be productive to have the vice president lead the committee as most of the work has been fallen to the vice president in the past, but with an opportunity to distribute work among the committee members.
5. **Executive Committee** made up of the 4 executives of the board with the primary responsibility to interface with committee chairs to ensure mission-critical committees' progress and momentum between quarterly Board meetings. Generally, the committee makes all time-sensitive decisions between board meetings that may require more than a committee vote.

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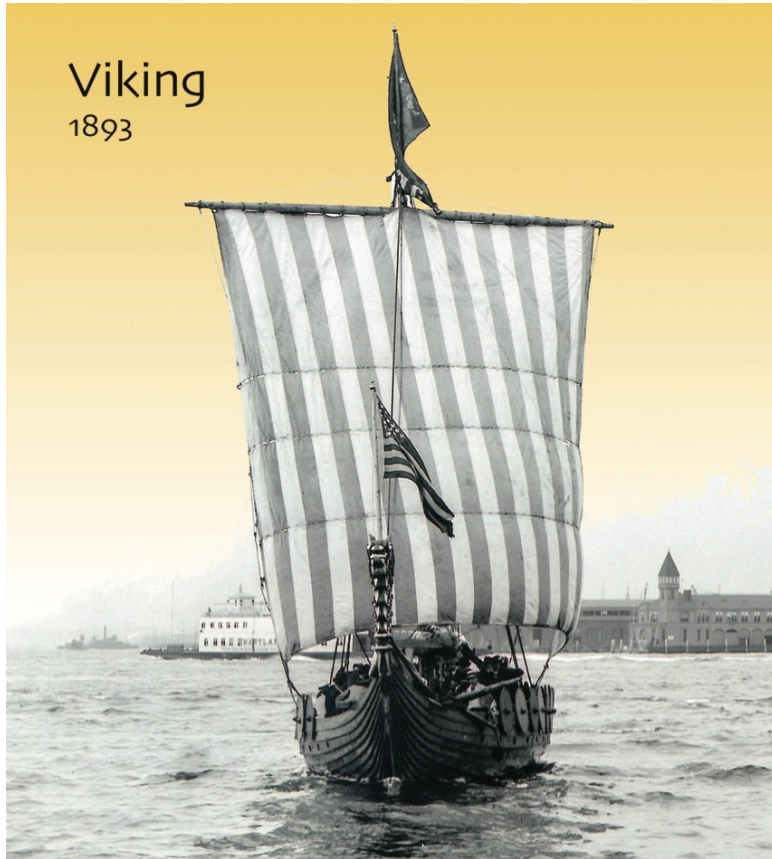
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