



Friends of the Viking Ship, NFP
2017 Annual Report

Given at the Annual Meeting
July 18, 2017



WORLD'S COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION, 1893



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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
Craig Hanson
Ken Nordan
Marta Temmer
Andrew Woods

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 2017

Friends of the Viking Ship NFP – Annual Meeting July 18, 2017

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

Reading and Approval of Minutes (2016 Annual Meeting)

Officers' & Standing Committee Reports

Treasurer

Secretary

President

Vice President

Maintenance/ Stabilization

Tours

Outreach

Collections

Development

Ad hoc Committee Reports

Location

Viking Shelter

Draken Harald Hårfagre Reception

Nominating Committee Report

New Business

1. Election of Board members
2. By-laws changes

It is the recommendation of the Board of Directors that the following change be made to the By-laws:

Article V, Section 2. **Removal of residency/citizenship requirement for Board of Directors:**

Section 2. NUMBER, TENURE, AND QUALIFICATIONS - The number of Directors shall be no less than nine (9) and no more than twelve (12). All Directors shall be members of the Corporation and elected by the voting members of the Corporation.

No director may serve more than four (4) consecutive terms. No serving Director may be re-elected unless his or her term as a Director expires at the Annual Meeting at which he or she seeks re-election.

Terms of Directors:

The term of office for directors shall be two years. Until such time as the number of directors may be increased as provided by these by-laws, the number shall be nine, four of whom shall

be elected in even-numbered years, and five of whom shall be elected in odd-numbered years.

~~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.~~

Article VI, Section 2. **Insertion of new language with respect to residency/citizenship requirement 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.)*

Closing Remarks

MINUTES OF THE 2016 ANNUAL MEETING

Friends of the Viking Ship (FOVS) Annual Meeting - July 21, 2016 - 7:00 p.m. Geneva Public Library

Present: Bruce Andresen	Roald Berg	Dave Barrows	James Desherow
Craig Hanson	Pat Hanson	Brian Ibsen	Jamie Larson
Kathryn Larson	Lynn Sørve Maxson	Tom Maxson	Ken Nordan
Dave Nordin	Charles Pierson	Larry Poland	Liz Safanda
Perry Straw	Marta Temmer	Andrew Woods	Clementine Zavelle

Call to Order: Following refreshments, Acting President Brian Ibsen welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Introductions: All present introduced themselves starting with the Board members.

Minutes from annual 2015 meeting were discussed.

Treasurers Report: Bill Scheiderich, Treasurer, was not present at meeting. Jamie Larson read and summarized the report. Jamie specifically noted to attendees about the new breakout of the various expense accounts, which are used to match the suggested accounts used by the BBB for charitable entities. The approximate expense ratio of cost: programming vs administrative vs fundraising is about 80% vs 12% vs 8%, which is well within Better Business Bureau standards (e.g., at least 65% of expenses should be program-related). Liz Safanda suggested that in the future we include a chart that shows Income vs Expense over a rolling 10 year period. We had a few large expenses last year (feasibility study), but this year will have less.

President's Report: Jamie and Brian expressed a thank you for all of the hard work.

Vice President's Report: Read by Jamie Larson. Special thanks from Brian Ibsen to Jamie for keeping FOVS on track.

Maintenance Report: Read by Bruce Andresen and included a lengthy sidebar about the ongoing problem of Carpenter Bees. Also noted that we are not to be in the ship to clean and measure the deflections. Indicated a special appliance built for cleaning ship from the outside. Note: the 2014 annual report indicated a \$2000 labor cost for the new shelter. This labor cost was donated by the provider. The group will contact "County Services" to help with wood preservation from Bee and Wasp infestation. Andrew Woods noted that Gunnar was not able to visit the ship last year to review the work due to work permit issues.

Tour Committee Report: Read by Dave Nordin

Brian moved that, rather than read all reports, that each member would summarize their report, so that we can move on to other business. He indicated that we had a "hard" ending time for the meeting since the library closed at 9:00pm.

Outreach Report: Summarized by Ken Nordan.

Collections Report: Summarized by Andrew Woods. Perry Straw added some background on Peter Kenar, the wood worker that carved a new Tiller Arm for the ship.

Development Report: Summarized by Brian Ibsen. Additional thoughts were made about possible contributors. Driehaus (Brian would make a proposal). Liz Safanda suggested talking to Maersk Foundation, Andrew suggested Pritzker Military Museum. Brian reported that at this time no money was in the pipeline.

Location Committee: Roar was not present as head of committee. Three (3) top prospects are: 1) Field Museum (presentation in pipeline) 2) Chicago History Museum 3) Swedish American Museum. Also the Maritime Museum was a potential but they are not as far along as they need to be at this time.

Stabilization Committee: Bruce and Perry summarized. Gunnar is to visit the ship when Draken is in Chicago.

Draken Committee: Skipped

New Business

Conflict of Interest Policy and By-laws Amendment: Read by attending membership, Brian Ibsen asked for Comments. None were heard. Lynn Maxson moved to accept the by-laws amendment and policy and for everyone on the board to sign the disclosure, Dave Barrows seconded. No discussions were heard, passed unanimously. Jamie indicated that he had already signed and other members and committee chairs followed. The following by-laws change will be made:

Article V, Board of Directors - *insert the following new language:*

Section 10. Conflict of Interest Policy.

The Board shall adopt a written Conflict of Interest Policy to be distributed to and acknowledged annually by those persons who are subject to it.

Nominating Committee: Discussion and reelection of three (3) members: Frances Berg, Jamie Larson, and Bill Scheiderich. Dave Barrow moved, Perry Straw seconded, no dissenting votes. Motion carried.

Nominee Marta Temmer talked about herself and her interest in preserving “Viking.” Strong points in favor of her nomination included her experience in Marketing and Graphic Design. She has also had a life-long interest in Viking ships due to her Norwegian / German heritage. Jamie Larson moved, Liz Safanda seconded that Marta be elected. No dissenting votes and the motion carried.

Nominee Bjørn Rektorli was not present at the meeting, and there was some discussion about his qualifications versus other potential candidates. Without either Bjørn or a representative for him present, Brian recommended that his election be deferred. Lynn Maxson moved to table election until a future date, Clementine seconded. No dissenting votes and the motion carried. It was also recommended that the annual nomination process be revisited to better formalize both the submission of nominations as well as the vetting of potential candidates.

On a separate but related point, Jamie mentioned that there had been questions raised about the intent of the U.S. citizenship clause in our by-laws, given that Bjørn is a Norwegian citizen (but a permanent U.S. resident). After consultation with Honorary Board Member Bill Nissen, we are prepared to view the citizenship clause as recommendation based on the wording used, rather than a requirement. Bill also recommends we amend our by-laws next year to remove the ambiguity of this clause going forward.

Closing Remarks

Due to severe weather passing through the area the library closed a little early, so closing remarks were very brief.

8:55 Lynn Maxson moved for adjournment, Andrew Woods seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT 2017

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Friends of the Viking Ship Profit and Loss Standard

September 1, 2016 through July 12, 2017

	Sep 1, '16 - Jul 12, '17
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
43300 — Direct Public Support	
43345 — Lorraine Straw Memorial	20,205.00
43310 — Corporate and Business Grants	1,500.00
43320 — Membership Dues	2,190.00
43330 — Corporate Contributions	6,200.00
43340 — Individ, Business Contributions	16,382.44
Total 43300 — Direct Public Support	46,477.44
46400 — Other Types of Income	
46430 — Book Sales - Folo	1,596.50
46445 — Book Sales - Rasmussen	2,776.50
46450 — Poster Sales	200.00
46470 — Shipping Charge	22.00
46455 — Postcard Sales	316.00
Total 46400 — Other Types of Income	4,911.00
49000 — Special Events Income	
49100 — Open Day Contributions	3,382.00
49200 — Tours	2,020.00
49300 — Presentations	600.00
Total 49000 — Special Events Income	6,002.00
Total Income	57,390.44
Cost of Goods Sold	
50700 — Cost of Sales - Inventory Sales	1,930.22
Total COGS	1,930.22
Gross Profit	55,460.22
Expense	
61100 — Program-Ship Preservation/Locat	
61125 — Equipment and Maintenance	4,794.94
61110 — Enclosure Maintenance	100.34
61115 — Property Insurance	327.00
61120 — Storage Facility	915.50
Total 61100 — Program-Ship Preservation/...	6,137.78
61200 — Program-Presentation/Education	
61255 — Travel	3,310.27
61210 — Outreach Expenses	

Friends of the Viking Ship Profit and Loss Standard

September 1, 2016 through July 12, 2017

	Sep 1, '16 - Jul 12, '17
81240 — Advertising	520.00
61210 — Outreach Expenses - Other	43.00
Total 61210 — Outreach Expenses	563.00
61270 — Porta Potti Rental	960.00
Total 61200 — Program-Presentation/Educ...	4,833.27
61300 — Fund Raising	
61310 — Postage & Mailing	9.53
61320 — Brochures	269.80
Total 61300 — Fund Raising	279.33
61000 — Administration & Operations	
61096 — Square Fee	21.54
61040 — Accounting & Filing Fees	334.46
61020 — Brochures & Rackcards	31.33
61035 — Newsletters	780.71
61010 — Postage, Mailing Service	170.40
61090 — Misc Administration Exp	1,175.02
61030 — Office Supplies	224.63
61095 — PayPal Fee	172.59
Total 61000 — Administration & Operations	2,910.68
Total Expense	14,161.06
Net Ordinary Income	41,299.16
Net Income	41,299.16

Friends of the Viking Ship Balance Sheet Standard As of July 10, 2017

	Jul 10, '17
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10000 — Harris Bank	181,357.84
10020 — Cash	258.00
Total Checking/Savings	181,615.84
Other Current Assets	
13500 — Supplies Inventory	
13520 — Folo Book inventory	7,252.00
13580 — Raasmussen Inven...	1,199.66
13560 — Postcard Inventory	402.36
Total 13500 — Supplies Invent...	8,854.02
Total Other Current Assets	8,854.02
Total Current Assets	190,469.86
TOTAL ASSETS	190,469.86
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
210001 — Chase Ink Credit ...	1,024.62
Total Credit Cards	1,024.62
Total Current Liabilities	1,024.62
Total Liabilities	1,024.62
Equity	
30000 — Opening Balance Equ...	131,020.36
32000 — Unrestricted Net Assets	17,125.72
Net Income	41,299.16
Total Equity	189,445.24
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	190,469.86

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2017

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Since the 2016 annual meeting of Friends of the Viking Ship, 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 85%) was sent via email, and, as we get the email addresses of more members, that percentage will increase.

There are currently 104 FOVS members. This number includes all members whose dues are current or whose dues expired in 2017, prior to today's date (7/18/17). Anna Pierce, a volunteer with a degree in museum studies, and I are currently working on updating our membership list. Anna will mail (USPS) a letter to all previous FOVS members (2008-2017) in our database to encourage them to renew their memberships. The letter will be sent via first class mail with a forwarding address reply requested, which will enable us to update our records when we receive this information from USPS.

Since being elected FOVS delegate to the Norwegian National League in April 2016, 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 banquet on Saturday, May 20th at the Park Ridge Country Club as well as the parade on Sunday, May 21st at Hodges Park in Park Ridge.

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.

I served as chair of the 2017 Nominating Committee, along with FOVS members Dave Barrows and Lynn Maxson, to fill vacancies on the FOVS Board.

Frances Berg, Secretary
Friends of the Viking Ship

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2017

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This was my first full year as President of the Friends of the Viking Ship. The highlight for me was working productively with a diverse group of fellow board members, in board meetings, on visitors' days at the ship, and in various speaking engagements and related events. The year started with the visit of the *Draken Harald Hårfagre* as part of Tall Ships Chicago. Our booth on Navy Pier introduced us to many new friends, plus it was great to meet Gunnar Eldjarn and his son as well as various members of the *Draken's* crew.

I enjoyed my outreach on behalf of the Location Committee to the Chicago History Museum, the Chicago Maritime Museum, the Swedish American Museum, the Field Museum, and the Museum of Science and Industry. The MSI suggested talking with Tim Later of the Chicago Park District, which I did. I also talked with Michael Strautmanis, Vice President for Civic Engagement of the Obama Foundation. Nevertheless, I don't think we are closer to a permanent location for the ship.

In researching the "Boat Soup" treatment solution for the ship proposed by the Maintenance Committee, I have been able to establish or strengthen our ties to museums beyond Chicagoland, in Norway as well as in the US. I think becoming more active with other museums helps us chart a more sustainable long-term solution for *Viking*.

Don Hoganson's resignation leaves me alone in the Development Committee. My duties as President mean I have less time for Development. We need to address this going forward.

Frances Berg introduced me to Anna Pierce, who has a degree in Museum Studies and experience in several other museums. As a board, we voted to experiment with paying someone for administrative help. I thought this would be Anna, given her experience, but she has not had enough time. Nevertheless, she continues to help Frances with membership and Andrew with collections as a volunteer. The longer I serve as your President, the more I am convinced that we will at some point need to hire an experienced and dynamic executive director for FOVS to get us to the next level. There is only so much that we can do as an all-volunteer organization.

I pushed the board to consider a "Boat House" in Good Templar Park, replacing our canvas-covered structure with a more durable steel one with a concrete foundation that would enable climate control. I look forward to learning more about what it would cost to give our ship a new level of protection from the natural elements during the months and years it will take to find a more permanent home.

I have watched carefully as the Nomination Committee works to bring new people on to our board. I think this will be increasingly important going forward. I believe we must build stronger ties to maritime and historical constituencies for the ship. I also have learned more about *Viking's* role in the years leading

CHICAGO MARITIME MUSEUM

**Brian Ibsen, President
Friends of Viking Ship**

**At Third Friday Open House,
Bridgeport Art Center • 1200 W. 35th Street
Friday, March 17 • 7:30 pm**

The Viking ship was built in Norway in 1892-03 as a replica of the ancient ship Gokstad. Excavated in 1890, the Gokstad had been called the most beautiful ship ever built. In 1893, the Viking sailed from Norway to Chicago via the Erie Canal and the Great Lakes, and became one of the greatest attractions at the World's Columbian Exposition. Today the Viking is on display in Geneva, Illinois. She remains the largest and one of the most important artifacts from the 1893 World's Fair.

Friends of the Viking Ship president, Brian Ibsen, will discuss the history and the preservation of the ship.

Open House is from 7 to 10 pm. Presentation begins at 7:30 pm.

Remember, while you're here on Friday night, it's a good time to join or renew your membership and support the museum's mission in its new location. Museum entrance and free parking available on north side of building. For more information contact the museum at 773-376-1982.

up to Norway's full independence from Sweden. I think we can and should build a stronger constituency in Norway.

I have gone through many of the files I inherited from Lorraine. I have yet to review the files she inherited from our organizational predecessor. I think the information in these files gives us a strong foundation for increasing our membership and sharpening our message.

FOVS Member Larry Poland was an important voice this year advocating for hard thinking about how well we tell our story. His idea of the Viking Experience is a good one that calls on us to think hard about what we say and how we say it. I am happy that the Tours and Outreach Committees have begun to grapple with this.

Honorary Board Member Perry Straw was another strong voice, urging us to stay true to our mission and to build on the strong foundation Lorraine created for us.

We continue to be in strong financial shape, and the Treasurer is doing a good job. However, I believe we need to think about how we might set up and fund a permanent endowment for the ship in the years ahead. An important strategy to support this will be to ask members to include *Viking* in their estate planning.

I tried to work through our committee structure and to meet with each committee head from time to time and to delegate effectively. While I worked closely with Vice President Jamie Larson (especially planning comprehensive and lively agendas for our board meetings), and with Secretary Frances Berg on a variety of activities, and with Treasurer Bill Scheiderich as part of my Audit Committee responsibilities, we did not manage to meld as a four-person executive committee, either in person or virtually. I still believe this will be necessary.

Beyond work with the board and on the committee, I have explored how we could engage students from North Park University for volunteer opportunities. Kathryn Larson introduced me to their history and Scandinavian Studies departments.

In our board discussions this year, we have acknowledged the difficulty of the transition from Lorraine Straw's leadership. The challenge has been one of managing the volume of work, organizing the variety of activities, and also, leading our group into an uncertain future. In some ways, we have reduced the uncertainty by eliminating some options for an eventual permanent location for *Viking*. Our goal for the year ahead is to continue to protect our ship while finding agreement and focus on a plan for her future.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Ibsen, President

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2017

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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. During my brief time last year as acting president, I realized all too quickly the enormity of what the role entails. Going forward I do believe, as does Brian, that hiring a temporary employee to assist with administrative duties is something we should seriously consider in the years ahead.

In support of organizational governance, I continue to work towards achieving accreditation for our organization from the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance, and I provided assistance to fellow board members and committee chairs in our efforts meet the BBB standards for governance, organizational effectiveness, financial transparency, and accuracy in all communications with our stakeholders. At the beginning of our fiscal year, I again drafted our annual operating plan with key activities, milestones, and proposed timeline, and incorporated updates provided by board members and committee chairs—one way we utilize to assess the effectiveness of our efforts. To provide better transparency to members, potential members and donors, I also updated our Guidestar Non-Profit profile with current-year financials and other relevant information.

As a member of our Outreach Committee, 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 1,900 individuals, from 45 different countries). It is truly a pleasure to see how much interest there is out there in both the story and progress of our ship, as well as Viking history and culture in general. In further support of Outreach, I also contributed content to our Fall/Winter newsletter and assisted with editing duties, completed updates to replacement posters for the shelter, and drafted the 2017 tours brochure.

To assist our president in his efforts on the Development Committee—and with significant help from our Treasurer Bill Scheiderich—I compiled the required documentation necessary to register our organization in those states identified as initial targets for donor solicitation: New York, California, and Minnesota.

I also supported our Nominating Committee this year by providing current board election status information and guidance regarding our options for 2017 based on the by-laws. Adhering to our by-laws is something I think all of us newer board members should internalize so that we can stay true to the course that Founding President Lorraine Straw and our original board charted for us.

On a personal level, as I've helped out with Open Day tours and other activities throughout the year, I've also enlisted my two kids in the effort. While enabling some good family time together, it also offers a unique opportunity for them to experience the intrinsic enjoyment of volunteering for a good cause (and maybe even learn a few things along the way!). When my family and I first visited the ship back in 2010, little did I know the deep and lasting impact "Viking" would have on our lives.

It has been both a busy and challenging year—and the upcoming year may no doubt prove more so—but I am thankful that we have such an active board and committees made up of volunteers with so much passion for achieving our mission.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Larson, Vice President

MAINTENANCE/STABILIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT 2017

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On August 1st, 2016 Gunnar Eldjarn was able to once again visit Viking, see our progress, evaluate the work done and give us advice about the next steps for our ship. Present were Gunnar Eldjarn and his son Eric, Dave Barrows, Neil Anderson, Craig Hanson, Pat Hanson, Perry Straw and Bruce Andresen. Pat and Craig greeted Gunnar and his son on behalf of the park and Craig was able to stay for most of the time.

Gunnar spent over 2 ½ hours in looking things over, answering questions, making suggestions and talking about our ship, some of which is on video taken by Perry Straw.

It was especially gratifying to hear Gunnar as he looked at the new “pillows” and tapped on them for tightness say “very good” and at one point “this is excellent”. He expressed that the fit doesn’t have to be perfect at all points and that you can tell by sound if the pillow is tight and fitting properly. He recommended that we loosen the cables inside the ship around the mast hole and measure and monitor for changes before

removing the cables, so that we could re-tighten them if necessary because changes have occurred. He expressed that he would like to see the angle iron on the outside removed where the cables are attached and the holes plugged to restore the appearance of the ship if the cables are removed. One of the things Gunnar also expressed while at the stern is that since the ship will never sail



again and so, a slight warping of the keel would not affect her very much, perhaps he conjectured, we could then consider loosening the stern stem cable and see if, now that the ship is better supported that the stern appearance might be made cleaner looking by the removal of the tall steel tube and it’s angle iron.

Gunnar said “yes, this is a good idea” to modify the two starboard bow outriggers and add 3 short “l” beams to store and support the yard and mast together off the ground and on the cradle, making them more visible and the mast more protected. He also agreed that having the yard alongside the mast would be helpful.

He said that only a single post was needed with a 4 inch point of interface between the post and the ship for both the bow and the stern. He has indicated where on the curve of the keel to place this support and even that the one at the bow needn’t be as large (5/4ths is sufficient), to minimize the supports visual impact he felt that only 4 inches of channel would be sufficient to support the keel.

Gunnar felt that we could apply the linseed oil and turpentine to any or all of the wood and that it would even benefit the rivets (by penetrating the rust) both inside and outside of the wood, but that if it was in a museum, other opinions would have to be considered. He even offered that Pine Tar would be best preservative but that since it has a very strong odor that no one would be able to be inside the shelter for many months after the application. He also agrees with the idea of better lighting (LED) illuminating the

ship and the idea of putting in 2-3 deck boards per rib on the starboard side so people can better visualize how things looked under sail. He was disturbed by how much dust was inside the ship ("it is very dusty"). He expressed that our two tone color scheme of gray below and black above looks nice and how it complements the ship, and was pleased to hear that we would be soon completing what remained unpainted. He said that the pillows could be stained black to minimize visual impact as long as only one "pillow" was removed at a time. His specific comment about the new tiller arm was that "it is quite nice" and lets people see how the steer board would be used.

Starting on September 20, 2016 and continuing September 22, 27, 29, October 4, 11 and 13 work proceeded at the ship to remove old parts, modify existing parts and add new parts to accomplish our goals and to prepare for winter. Bruce Andresen worked with Neil Anderson, Dave Barrows, Dave Nordin and Perry Straw both before and after the mast move on October 15th our last Open day this year. On the 15th we also had in addition, Roar Broch, Andrew Woods, Jeff Rydin, Jamie Larson with his two children, Bryn and Erik, and Dan Snyder of "Mast Movers LLC" (caretaker of Good Templar Park) who all helped to move the mast to its new home atop the cradle outriggers. The mast move started at 10 AM, ended at 12:30 and did not interfere with our Open Day. Thanks to the aid of Dan's tractor, moving the 52.5 foot-long mast was less of a back-breaking effort than anticipated, but we now all have a healthy respect for the strength of the Vikings of old who could raise and lower it with the limited tools and technology they had available to them!



After the mast move, work continued on October 18, 20, 25, 27, and November 1, to finish the projects for this year. The shelter cover was changed on October 27th. The new cover was cut two feet too short at the factory so a more temporary cover was used which was available to the crew thru the



generosity of Peter Orum of Midwest Ground Covers. November 13th and 15th the crew of Dave Nordin, Andrew Woods and Dave Barrows did the semi-annual vacuuming, cleaning and inspection of the ship.

In 2017 so far, Perry Straw, Bruce Andresen and Dave Barrows have worked at the ship on the following days, March 7, 9, 15, 16, 21, 23, 28, April 4, 6, 15, May 18, June 18 and 23. Perry worked alone one day, Bruce worked alone a few days

but generally there were either 2 or 3 people working at all times. On March 9th about an hour after we arrived Perry and I made a startling discovery. The very strong winds the night before had pulled one of the twin wall plastic panels off the posts at the rear of the shelter down to the crossbar at chest height. We spent the rest of that work day with re-installing and securing the plastic with new fasteners and large washers.



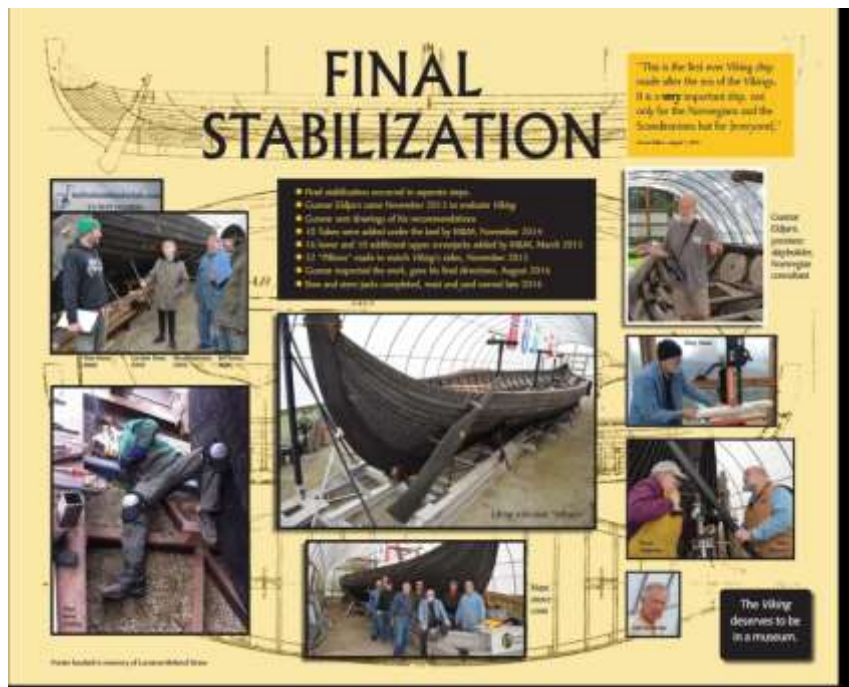
What has been accomplished since our last Annual Meeting:

- Moved the mast and yard to their permanent location on the starboard outriggers.
- Added bow and stern jacks per directions from Gunnar Eldjarn.
- Removed the cables inside the ship since they are no longer needed and compromised the view of the ship.
- Corrected the bow and mid tent support (wrong since the 1920 restoration).
- Painted all bare metal that was added to the cradle.
- A thorough vacuuming was done last fall of both inside and to the ship exterior to remove dust, clean and inspect the ship.
- The shelter cover was replaced with a temporary (till mid this year) cover (thanks Peter Orum).
- Applied "boat soup" (a mixture of linseed oil, pine tar, and turpentine recommended by Gunnar Eldjarn)) to the mast, yard, tent supports, keelson, mast fish, mast lock, under each pillow and to the keel. While each pillow was off (only one at a time) the pillow was stained ebony to make it less noticeable. All mast support wedges and the bow end keel wedges were stained ebony. Various locations were painted to conform to our paint scheme.
- Replaced all posters due to mildew damage, added new door posters and head and tail banners hung from the flag cable.
- Removed excess steel left from the original cradle to ship supports from three spots in two stages: stage 1- the overhang past the cradle, and stage 2- from keel to cradle, only one piece remains to be removed between the keel and the cradle at the bow on the port side.
- The port side poster location was modified from one to the possibility of three posters, with one new poster added "Final Stabilization" (see graphic of poster at right).



It is with great joy that it can be reported that the stabilization work on Viking is finished!

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



TOURS COMMITTEE REPORT 2017

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Visitors to the Viking Ship for docent-led tours, from July 16, 2015 to June 27, 2016

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOUR TYPE</u>	<u>ADULTS</u>	<u>TEENS</u>	<u>CHILDREN</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>
7-10-2016	family	12	3		\$200
7-11-2016	family (Moller)	6			\$ 60
7-14-2016	Senior Home	20			\$145
7-16-2016	OPEN DAY	32		7	\$337
7-26-2016	family	2			\$ 90
7-26-2016	single	1			\$120
7-27-2016	family (Rasmussen)	2			\$ 50
8-13-2016	S.O.N. Lodge	10			\$169
8-20-2016	OPEN DAY	89	5	15	\$919
9-12-2016	family	5			\$130
9-13-2016	Senior Home	15			\$190
9-17-2016	OPEN DAY	24		3	\$210
9-17-2016	family	15			\$155
9-29-2016	Home School	11	12	14	\$185
10-6-2016	Home School	19		50	\$425
10-15-2016	OPEN DAY	151		28	\$755
10-20-2016	Pvt. School	2		9	75
10-20-2016	Pvt. School	3		16	\$ 90
10-24-2016	Home School	3		10	\$105
11-12-2016	Impromptu	13			\$ 65
11-18-2016	Home School	8		22	\$150
12-29-2016	family	7			\$100
2017 TOURS					
1-2-2017	family	13			\$155
4-1-2017	Woodworkers	15			\$235
4-6-2017	Impromptu	3			\$ 15

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT 2017

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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*.

PRESENTATIONS AND DISPLAYS

Outreach is an important part of the mission of FOVS to educate 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, is 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. In particular the committee would like to specify some of the events that were part of the outreach effort.

In July of 2016 a large contingent of board members and FOVS supporters participated in the 2016 Tall Ships Festival at Navy Pier. There we greeted and welcomed to Chicago the Viking longship *Draken Harald Hårfagre* after its long voyage on the North Atlantic from Norway. Members of this group manned a booth dockside next to *Draken* along with Viking reenactors. We also participated in the official greeting ceremony dockside as well as the dinner event one evening. Our team of docents brought members of the *Draken* crew out to GTP to visit the 1893 *Viking*.

Outreach also had display booths at:

- Display, September 2016, Scandinavian Day Festival, Vasa Park, South Elgin, IL
- Display, November 2016, Norwegian Heritage Fest, Palatine, Illinois
- Presentation, January 2017, Wyndemere Senior Home, Wheaton, Illinois
- Presentation, March 2017, Chicago Maritime Museum, Chicago, Illinois
- Presentation, April 2017, Sons of Norway Lodge 82, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Presentation, April 2017, Torske Klub, Des Plaines, Illinois
- Presentation, May 2017, Deerfield Men's Club, Deerfield, Illinois
- Presentation, May 2017, Lecture on Viking Culture, Vasa Order of America District 8, Oak Lawn, Illinois
- Display, May 2017, Syttende Mai Parade, Park Ridge, Illinois



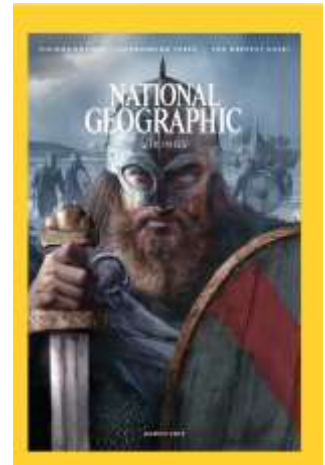
- Display, June 2017, Swedish Historical Society Midsommar Festival, Rockford, Illinois
- Presentation, June 2017, DIS Norge, Norwood Crossing, Norwood Park, Illinois

Advertising

- Full Page Ad, Norwegian National League Constitution Day Program Book
- Various Chicago Based Online Event Calendars including:
 - Daily Herald
 - Chicago Tribune
- Norwegian American Weekly newspaper calendar, open days
- Selected advertising on Facebook to assess potential impact on Open Day attendance

Media

- National Geographic Magazine, March 2017, Article about Viking ships. Acknowledgement for contributions to the drawings depicting the “center fold”.
- Biannual “Ship to Shore” newsletter. Winter Edition was 12 “jam packed” pages.



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
- New website, work in progress

Facebook

- Facebook page is doing well with almost 2000 “likes”, up from 923 last year. We are currently running newspaper articles and photos relating to the voyage from Norway to Chicago, promoting upcoming Open Day tours, as well as posting links to online information related to Viking history and culture. Our average daily “post reach” (the number of Facebook users engaged by our posts) was 2,242 people per day over the last year, compared to an average of 504 people the year before.

Printing

- Additional printing of six postcards for sale
- Open Day flyers
- Additional Printing of Rasmussen Book
- Supported updating and printing of new replacement informational posters for the shelter

Respectfully,

Kenneth F. Nordan, Chair

COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT 2017

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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, should it wish to recommend such a practice to the board.

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.

In the last year we continued to experience weather-related damage (e.g., flooding within the shelter, storm damage to the exterior of the shelter, etc.) threatening the integrity of the shelter, the ship, and the other contents within. 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:

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" (see last page of this report)

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

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

Bow and stern jacks completed October 2016
Lithographs of Captain Andersen and Crew, donated by Mark Nesse, January 2017

New chairs for Open Days

New cover for ship shelter (temporary), October 2016
Poster "Clinker vs Carvel," several books related to Viking history/culture, stamps, printouts, photocopies, and a photograph, donated by Mark Nesse, June 25, 2017

Prow Support, Mast Castors, Stern Support

Prow Support Plywood Pillow

Supports, jacks, and "pillows" of wood between them and the ship

Updated posters for shelter, 9; one new one, "Final Stabilization," March 2017

Yellow Metal Box



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

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, 2

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

Posts, 8x8, which supported the ship at Lincoln Park

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

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 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.

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

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

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

"18" Grizzly band saw with mobile base

Sincerely,

Andrew Woods, Chair



DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT 2017

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This committee has been somewhat inactive due to my time being given instead to the presidency of FOVS. Honorary Board Member Don Hoganson resigned his position on the committee earlier this spring. Last year, as an outcome of the survey, we identified a potential fundraiser to help us, but other obligations prevented her from assisting us on an ongoing basis unless we were willing to pay her. We never seriously considered doing that.

A key objective for the balance of this year will be to recruit new members for this committee.

I sent a letter to members and friends in December summarizing 2016. I want to do this again early in December 2017. I hope this will evolve into an annual appeal. As our membership grows, the returns for the appeal will grow as well. Secretary Frances Berg and volunteer Anna Pierce are working together to better codify, document, and classify the names in our database. This will help. I have also identified a list of 100 or so wealthy individuals who could plausibly be interested in Viking based on their business, family, and personal interests. I simply have not found ways to reach most of them.

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. People giving from their assets at the end of their lives have been the main source of endowment giving to most of the organizations I have worked for. Honorary Board Member Bill Nissen may be able to help me with this.

Another explanation for the lack of significant new fundraising is that we have yet to articulate a case for support that is targeted for specific audiences. *My Name is Viking* is good for introducing the ship, but it does not describe particular projects or goals to be met by fundraising. If we decide to move ahead with a Boat House at Good Templar Park, that project would serve as a specific objective around which to build new commitment.

Working up a set of such arguments is a priority for me. So, in addition to writing up the reasons why someone might give to a particular project, we can appeal to prospects based on good analysis of why they would be likely to care about our ship.

I would like to prepare one each for the following prospect perspectives: 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 Driebehaus).

In addition to these perspectives, I believe we need some projects to raise money for. As mentioned above, the new Boat House could be one. In the past, we had a campaign to replace rivets. Depending on how we decide to proceed with the "Boat Soup" treatment, we might organize a similar project. I recently met with Andrew about collections – that could be another project. More aspects of the Viking Experience might also attract certain kinds of donors, to pay for kiosks or rails like the ones so popular these days. Creation of videos would be another fundraising project. All of these ideas have the positive aspect of potentially bringing new members and donors into our fold, but they also could become distractions from our primary mission of finding a permanent location.

At the end of the day, our ship cannot last another ten years much less a century or more without us developing an endowment, greater cash flow from memberships and associated charitable giving, and, most importantly, a small group of determined and wealthy donors who will never give up on her.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Ibsen, Chair

LOCATION AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT 2017

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The Location Committee presently consists of Dave Nordin, William Nissen, Brian Ibsen and Len Kutyla. Since the last report to the Annual Meeting, a longtime member of the committee, Don Hoganson, resigned and in his place we got a new member, Len Kutyla. He is an architect. Roar Broch is the chairman of the committee.

It has been a year since the committee received and reviewed the Location Feasibility Study prepared for FOVS by Dan Martin.

The key event was the August 2016 presentation to the President of the Field Museum and his key staff. We learned some important lessons. Chief among them is that *Viking* is almost too big to be accepted into any existing museum in Illinois.

In a subsequent call by Brian to the curator and the Chief of Staff at the Museum of Science and Industry (MSI), we learned that it would be very unlikely that the MSI would accept our ship into their existing structures but might not be adverse to a new structure. Their main advice to Brian was to work with Jackson Park, Friends of the Park, and the Chicago Park District to identify and clear any roadblocks that might be in the way of a building for *Viking* adjacent to or integrated in to the MSI complex.



We have yet to build an informative relationship with any of the players in Jackson Park. Through a fortuitous meeting with Len Koroski of Goetsch Partners, Brian and Len (Kutyla) learned more about plans for creating a new building for the ship in Jackson Park that the Goetsch architectural firm prepared in the early 2000s. We continue to advance on the learning curve about what may and may not be possible with MSI and Jackson Park. Most recently, through another fortuitous meeting, Brian connected with the Obama Presidential Library Foundation.

At our April board meeting, the board decided that we need to make Cantigny our primary focus, since the McCormick Foundation is in the midst of an extensive review of its facilities and mission. The Outreach Committee is working on a presentation that Location Committee member Bill Nissen can use in a meeting with the head of the McCormick Foundation.

Once we have chosen a location, a new building for our ship will take at least a year to design. Fundraising will be a big challenge. In the meanwhile, our board constituted an *ad hoc* committee to review feasibility and costs for a new “Boat House” at Good Templar Park. This in no means suggests that we are backing away from the objective we set for ourselves three years ago during our Board Retreat, that is, to find a museum partner with a permanent location for the *Viking*.

Sincerely,
Roar J. Broch, Chair

VIKING SHELTER AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT 2017

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At the February 11, 2017 regular meeting of the FOVS the board determined the need to establish an Ad Hoc Committee to investigate the feasibility of a more permanent structure to protect and preserve the *Viking Ship* as an option to the longstanding temporary existing shelter. Members of the committee appointed were Craig Hanson, Dave Barrows, Larry Poland and Pat Hanson.

On March 6, 2017 the committee met at the Good Templar Park (GTP) offices and explored the following subjects:

- A document that Larry Poland had created for committee members with some of his thoughts on the possibility of a permanent site for The Viking at GTP and a proposed business model that he felt could possibly make it happen was forwarded to the FOVS Board members for review.
- The committee discussed the feasibility of the GTP Board designating property for a permanent site for the ship. The board was approached and once again indicated their willingness to provide property for a permanent museum facility. However, the Location Committee has raised issues of concern the GTP site poses for a permanent site.
- After much discussion, and research, it was determined that the Ad Hoc Committee should focus on an accessory building at GTP that would serve as a storage building to enhance the preservation and protection of the ship at its current location without jeopardizing the stability of the ship.
- Since any building over 3,000 square feet puts the structure into a different category of building code requirements, (sprinkler systems, fire prevention systems, sewer and water provisions, etc.) and could feasibly double the cost of construction, it was determined to limit the structure to under 3,000 square feet and classify it as unoccupied storage serving as a “Boat House”.
- The prospect of making the “Boat House” a two-phase construction project with protecting the ship in a secure weather tight structure first, and then completing the interior build out including climate control second as phase two was considered more feasibly desirable for logistic and cost containment reasons. However, Larry Poland recommended that we pull out all the stops and go for the entire construction in phase one because “temporary structures have a way of becoming permanent.” He was optimistic about the potential of raising the money necessary to “do it right.”
- At the May 6, 2017 FOVS Board meeting it was agreed that Craig Hanson put a project proposal together. Once a draft proposal is completed, the committee will meet again to discuss the plan and its presentation to the FOVS board. Naturally, any input from the FOVS board and membership is appreciated.
- Because of the prospect of getting city approval for a permanent accessory storage structure on the site, it was decided that no inquiries or proposal should be submitted to the City of Geneva until after they receive both FOVS and GTP board approval.
- Larry Poland provided a great deal of input to the committee which was appreciated, but unfortunately he ultimately resigned from the committee expressing his concerns for better visionary focus.

Sincerely,
Craig Hanson, Chair

DRAKEN HARALD HÅRFAGRE RECEPTION AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT 2017

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Last year, the board decided to participate in the activities in connection with the visit by *Draken Harald Hårfagre*. An Ad Hoc committee was formed, consisting of David Nordin, Andrew Woods, Bruce Andresen, Brian Ibsen and Roar Broch. Roar was appointed to be the Chairman.

The FOVS booth could not have had a better location! Right in front of *Draken Harald Hårfagre*!! About 20,000 visitors came down the ramp to visit *Draken* and the first thing they would see was our booth! And they had to pass us on their way out!



But before we got to that point, some FOVS people did a lot of work preparing for the event. David Nordin and Bruce Andresen arranged for new banners and a big screen TV, which featured various photos of *Viking* in a repeating slide show.



Jamie Larson surveyed board members and FOVS members about volunteers for "booth duty". David Nordin, Bruce Andresen, Andrew Woods, Kathryn Larson, Perry Straw, Brian Ibsen, Clementine Zavelle, Jamie Larson, David Barrows and Neil Anderson were among those who helped staff the booth from July 27th through the 31st.



During a private reception on Wednesday, July 28, FOVS' David Nordin, in front of the approx. 171 guests, translated a reading of "Greenlander's Saga", read by Lena Hallgrimsdottir in its original Old Icelandic language, describing Leif Ericson's discovery of the New World. Both were dressed in authentic Viking garb.

During the visit, some of the crew from *Draken Harald Hårfagre* came out to visit our *Viking*. The tour was arranged for by David Nordin and FOVS rented a minibus for the transport back and forth to our ship. David was, as usual, a great guide/docent!



The Captain had also expressed interest in going out there but, due to the pilot issue he had to deal with, he was not able to go. However, the photographer that was part of the crew, went out there with the “Master Builder” Gunnar Eldjarn. He did some filming and interview with Gunnar. The photographer said he is trying to make a “connection” between the Gokstad ship, our *Viking* and *Draken Harald Hårfagre*.

On Sunday, July 31, the captain of *Draken* received a check for \$10,000 from the Scandinavian Community and FOVS was part of this, through the personal contributions made by board members.

A more detailed report from the *Draken Harald Hårfagre* visit can be found in our *Ship to Shore* newsletter, Winter 2016-2017.

In all, I think we got a lot of exposure, and as I told visitors to our booth, “*Viking* came to Chicago 123 years before *Draken Harald Hårfagre*. He is leaving - we are staying!”

Sincerely,
Roar J. Broch, Chair



Visitors to *Draken Harald Hårfagre* had to pass this scary quartet on their way out!!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT 2017

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

It is the recommendation of this committee that the following individuals whose terms are expiring in 2017 be reelected:

1. **Bruce Andresen**
2. **Roar Broch**
3. **Brian Ibsen**
4. **Ken Nordan**

All the above have agreed to serve two-year terms, pending approval by the Friends of the Viking Ship membership at the 2017 annual meeting. The fifth member whose term is expiring, **Craig Hanson**, has decided not to seek reelection. **Andrew Woods**, whose term is also expiring, has reached his four-consecutive-term limit as defined by our by-laws and cannot be reelected.

It is the recommendation of the nominating committee that the following two individuals be elected by the FOVS Membership to fill two vacant seats:

1. **Pat Hanson**, former Friends of the Viking Ship board member, has agreed to serve a two-year term, pending approval by the membership at the 2017 annual meeting.
2. **Bjørn Rektorli**, Vice President, Finance, Global Finance Transformation for Brightstar, has agreed to serve a two-year term, pending approval by the Friends of the Viking Ship membership at the 2017 annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee of:

Dave Barrows

Lynn Maxson

Frances Berg

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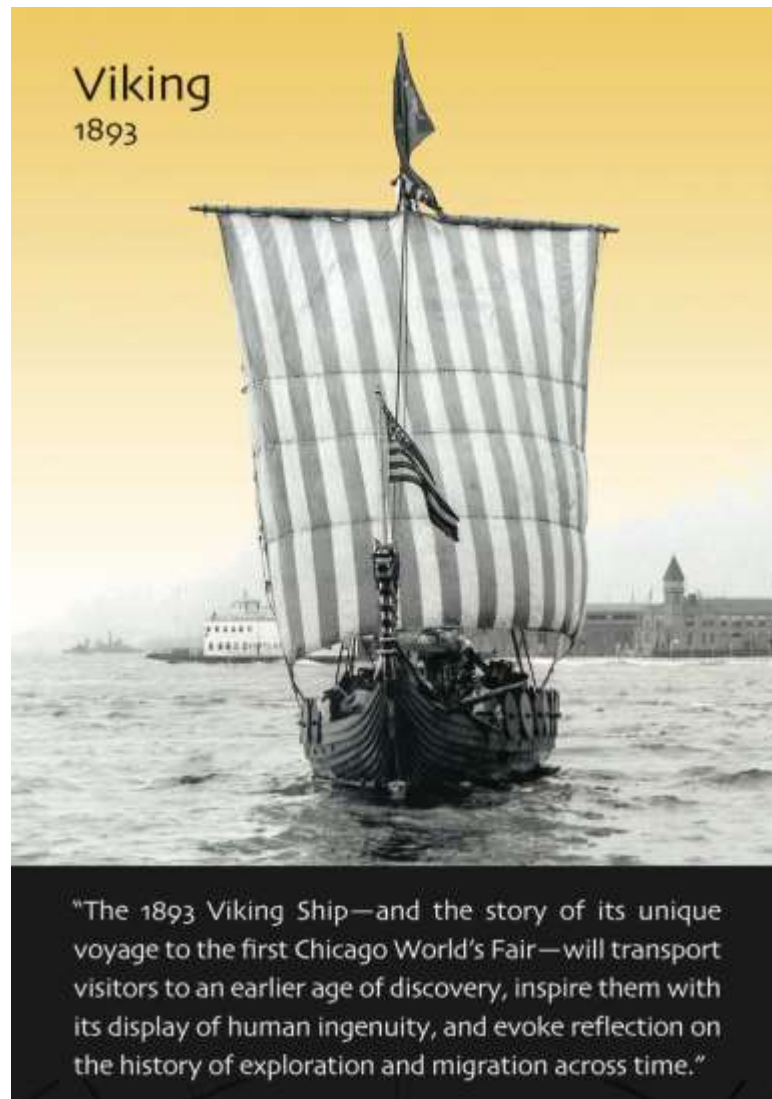


Lorraine Meland Straw

(November 22, 1943 – December 3, 2016)

FOVS President, 2008 - 2016





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