



**Friends of the Viking Ship, NFP**

# **Transitional Annual Report: 2019 Supplemental**

Given at the Annual Meeting  
December 3, 2020





## **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.

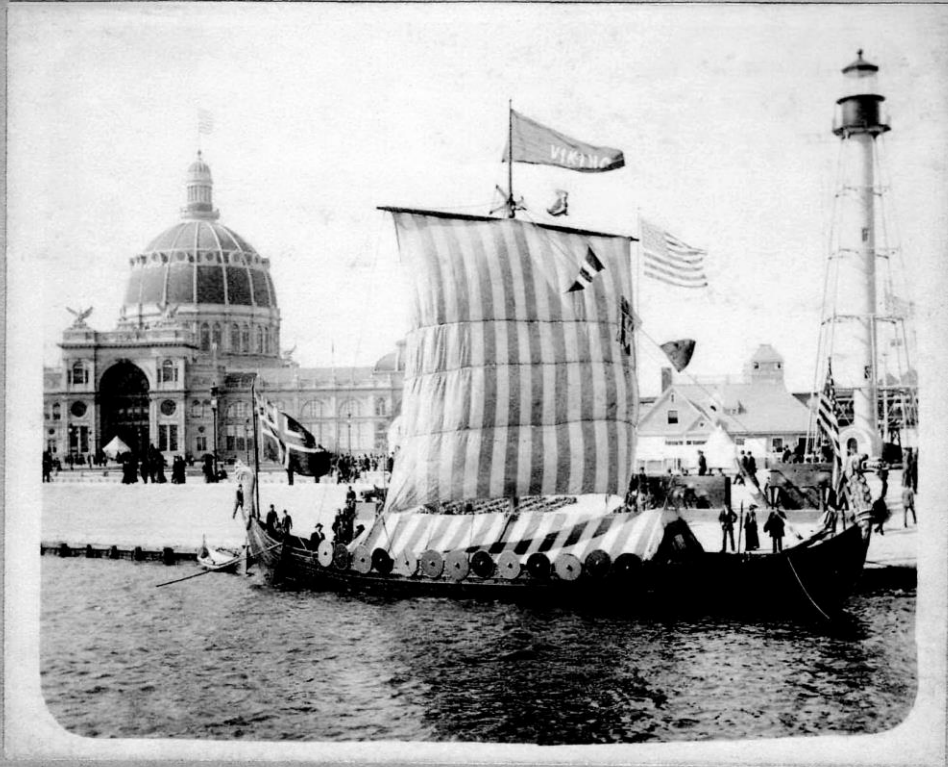
### **Officers and Members of the Board of Directors**

Marta Temmer, President  
David Nordin, Vice President  
Andrew Woods, 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 (Ret.)  
Hon. Perry J. Gulbrandsen (Ret.)  
Gunny Harboe  
Donald Hoganson  
William Nissen  
Peter Orum  
Elizabeth Safanda  
Perry C. Straw Jr.

WORLD'S COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION, 1893



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# **ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA**

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*Friends of the Viking Ship NFP – Annual Meeting December 3, 2020*

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

**Reading and Approval of Minutes** (2019 Annual Meeting)

**Officers' & Standing Committee Reports**

Treasurer

President

Vice President

Museum Affairs

Maintenance and Collections

Fundraising and Marketing

Governance

**Nominating Committee Report**

**New Business**

1. Four-Month Extension of Current Board Term Due to Fiscal Year Change
2. Election of Board Members
3. 2025 Bicentennial Celebration of Norwegian Immigration

**Closing Remarks**

## MINUTES OF THE 2019 ANNUAL MEETING

### Friends of the Viking Ship (FOVS) Annual Meeting - July 18, 2019 - 7:00 p.m. Good Templar Park

**Present:**

Bruce Andresen	Linda Andresen	Frances Berg
Roald Berg	Randi Broch	Roar Broch
Naomi Dhuse	Craig Hanson	Pat Hanson
Jamie Larson	Dave Nordin	Bjorn Rektorli
Bill Scheiderich	Jorunn Scheiderich	Perry Straw
Marta Temmer	Andrew Woods	

Following refreshments, President Marta Temmer called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**Mission Statement:** Attendees read the FOVS Mission Statement, printed on the first page of the FOVS 2019 Annual Report, in unison.

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

**Minutes** (copy attached): Frances Berg, acting Secretary, read the minutes of the July 19, 2018 annual meeting of the members of Friends of the Viking Ship. Roar Broch moved, Dave Nordin 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 2019 Annual Report booklet.

**Treasurer:** Treasurer Bill Scheiderich reported that the FOVS fiscal year has been changed to calendar year, and this change is reflected in his report. Cash in the bank is \$219,920, which is an increase of \$21,371 from last year. Dave Nordin asked what was included in the line item Direct Public Support. Bill said it included donations and membership dues. Bill said tours income is included in Special Events Income. Perry Straw moved, Bruce Andresen seconded, that the treasurer's



report be accepted. Motion carried. President Marta thanked Bill for doing a great job as treasurer.

**Secretary:** Jamie Larson moved, Dave Nordin seconded, that the Secretary's report be accepted. Motion carried.

**President:** Marta reported that, as a result of suggestions by Audit committee members of the FOVS board, the committee structure of the board has changed. The new committees are Strategic Planning (Board Members), Executive, Governance, Nominations, Maintenance & Collections (former Collections and Maintenance combined), Marketing & Fundraising (former Development and Outreach combined), and Museum Affairs (formerly Tours).

Naomi Dhuse questioned whether only the four members that make up the Executive committee are making decisions for the board. Vice President Dave Nordin assured the group that all decisions regarding the Viking Ship are made by the full board. The committees gather information, discuss it, and bring it to the board for action. Dave Nordin moved, Perry Straw seconded, that the President's report be accepted. Motion carried.

**Vice President:** Dave reported that much of his focus this year has been on fundraising, not only through group tours of the ship but also by meeting with many lodges, clubs, schools, individuals and private groups. He has also continued to build on the FOVS board's positive relationship with the Chicago Maritime Museum (CMM). The CMM has said they are interested in having the Viking Ship as part of a regional maritime museum. Roar moved, Bjorn seconded, that the Vice President's report be accepted. Motion carried.

**Maintenance/Stabilization:** Bruce reported that the Maintenance Committee has been busy this year with maintenance of the ship and shelter. In addition to maintenance, Perry has constructed two Viking shields similar to those that were on the ship when it sailed from Norway. Dave moved, Jamie seconded, that the Maintenance Committee report be accepted. Motion carried.

**Tours:** Dave expressed gratitude to Jamie for the compilation of information regarding open-day attendance, private tours and sales. The information shown on the chart in the report is income only and does not reflect the payments to Good Templar Park (GTP). When asked about the charge for a private tour, Dave said it was a minimum of \$50.00 or \$5.00 per person. Perry moved, Jorunn seconded, that the Tours committee report be accepted. Motion carried.

**Outreach:** In chairman Ken Nordan's Outreach committee report, he thanked everyone for their part in the outreach effort. Dave suggested that future Outreach reports should have itemization of the Outreach events. Perry asked about the schedule for the FOVS newsletter *Ship to Shore*. Ken has had responsibility for the newsletter. Due to term limits, he will no longer be a member of the FOVS board, so the future of the newsletter is uncertain. The board will attempt to publish one in the fall.

**Collections:** Chairman Andrew Woods had presented a very detailed Collections Committee report of items owned, purchased, and donated to FOVS. Jamie moved, Roar seconded, that the collections committee report be accepted. Motion carried.

**Development Committee:** Uncertainty about the two most attractive possible locations for the Viking ship has temporarily stalled major grant seeking. Roar said he has not completed the translation of the magazine article referenced in the minutes of the 2018 FOVS annual meeting. Roar moved, Perry seconded, that the Development Committee report be accepted.



**Nominating Committee:** Jamie said it is important to have a list of strong potential candidates for future board vacancies. Bjorn has agreed to serve as chair of the permanent Nominating Committee. Naomi suggested that future Nominating committee reports should show not only who is terming out but should also show what position, if any, that person currently holds on the board.

### **New Business**

**Election of Board Members:** The Nominating Committee presented the following board members for re-election for another term:

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

Perry moved, Dave seconded, that the nominations be approved. Motion carried.

**Approval to Changes to Bylaws:** Jamie explained the rationale for proposed changes to the bylaws as presented as an addendum to the annual report.

**Article IV: Section 1.** Due to the change from a fiscal year to a calendar year, the annual meeting can occur any time during the year.

**Article IV: Section 5.** Members who are current in their annual dues payments may vote at the annual meeting.

**Article VII: Section 3.** Committees of the FOVS board named here will be restructured as Governance (with Nominating and Auditing committees as sub-committees) and Maintenance and Collection.

**Article X: Section 1.** Annual Dues – Each member shall pay dues each year, the sum and date to be determined by the Board of Directors.

Jorunn moved, Bill seconded, that the proposed changes to the bylaws be approved. Motion carried.

### **Closing Remarks**

President Marta thanked Jamie for presenting the bylaws changes and for compiling the annual report.

**Adjournment:** Perry moved, Dave seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Berg, Acting Secretary for the annual meeting



## TREASURER'S REPORT

*Friends of the Viking Ship NFP – Annual Meeting December 3, 2020*

Please find below a summary of our financial position as of the end of December 2019.

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

	TOTAL
Income	
43300 Direct Public Support	
43320 Membership Dues	
43322 Individual Membership	440.00
43324 Family Membership	1,410.00
<b>Total 43320 Membership Dues</b>	<b>1,850.00</b>
43330 Corporate Contributions	3,850.00
43340 Individ, Business Contributions	15,696.99
<b>Total 43300 Direct Public Support</b>	<b>21,396.99</b>
46400 Other Types of Income	
46420 Polo Shirts	
<b>Total 46420 Polo Shirts</b>	<b>717.50</b>
46430 Book Sales - Folo	1,450.00
46445 Book Sales - Rasmussen	2,028.00
46450 Poster Sales	
46453 Viking Ship Poster	110.00
46454 Arrival Poster	40.00
<b>Total 46450 Poster Sales</b>	<b>150.00</b>
46455 Postcard Sales	249.00
46460 Viking Coloring Book	120.00
46465 Medallion	140.00
46470 Shipping Charge	36.00
46500 Consignment	900.00
46515 Pepsi Soda	2.50
46525 Water	11.00
<b>Total 46400 Other Types of Income</b>	<b>5,804.00</b>
49000 Special Events Income	
49100 Open Day Contributions	
49110 Adult Entrance	5,460.00
49120 Teen Entrance	156.00
<b>Total 49100 Open Day Contributions</b>	<b>5,616.00</b>
49200 Tours	1,260.00
<b>Total 49000 Special Events Income</b>	<b>6,876.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$34,076.99</b>

	TOTAL
Cost of Goods Sold	
50000 Cost of Goods Sold	1,723.49
50700 Cost of Sales - Consignment	562.40
Inventory Shrinkage	679.53
<b>Total Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>\$2,965.42</b>
GROSS PROFIT	<b>\$31,111.57</b>
Expenses	
61000 Administration & Operations	
61010 Postage, Mailing Service	0.00
61020 Brochures & Rackcards (deleted)	475.67
61030 Office Supplies	350.26
61040 Accounting & Filing Fees	135.00
61070 Annual Meeting	585.00
61085 Communications & Internet	0.00
61090 Misc Administration Exp	1,099.74
61095 PayPal Fee	31.52
61096 Square Fee	66.82
<b>Total 61000 Administration &amp; Operations</b>	<b>2,744.01</b>
61100 Program-Ship Preservation/Locat	
61105 Liability Insurance	744.00
61111 Postage, Mailing Service	93.77
61115 Property Insurance	336.00
61120 Storage Facility	973.00
61125 Equipment and Maintenance	217.02
61185 Communications & Internet	302.84
<b>Total 61100 Program-Ship Preservation/Locat</b>	<b>2,666.63</b>
61200 Program-Presentation/Education	
61210 Outreach Expenses	
61240 Advertising	932.00
<b>Total 61210 Outreach Expenses</b>	<b>932.00</b>
61236 Postage, mailing Service	93.77
61260 Misc Costs	208.81
61270 Porta Potti Rental	960.00
61275 Good Templar Fee	2,246.40
61285 Communications & Internet	302.84
<b>Total 61200 Program-Presentation/Education</b>	<b>4,743.82</b>
61300 Fund Raising	
61310 Postage & Mailing	46.89
61320 Brochures	380.00
61360 Advertising	0.00
61385 Communications & Internet	151.43
<b>Total 61300 Fund Raising</b>	<b>578.32</b>
Unapplied Cash Bill Payment Expense	0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$10,732.78</b>
NET OPERATING INCOME	<b>\$20,378.79</b>
Other Income	
42000 Interest on Money Market	1,857.73
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$1,857.73</b>
NET OTHER INCOME	<b>\$1,857.73</b>
NET INCOME	<b>\$22,236.52</b>

**Friends of the Viking Ship**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of December 31, 2019

	TOTAL
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
10000 Harris Bank - Checking Acct	1,485.00
10003 Fifth Third Checking	22,532.55
10005 Harris Bank - Money Market Acct	0.00
10008 Fifth Third Money Market	211,753.56
10010 PayPal	0.00
10020 Cash	200.00
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$235,971.11</b>
Accounts Receivable	
11000 Accounts Receivable	0.00
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Other Current Assets	
12000 Undeposited Funds	0.00
12100 Inventory Asset	0.00
12101 Inventory Asset-1	9,560.38
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>\$9,560.38</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$245,531.49</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$245,531.49</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
20100 Accounts Payable	0.00
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Credit Cards	
210001 Chase Ink Credit Card	185.09
<b>Total Credit Cards</b>	<b>\$185.09</b>
Other Current Liabilities	
24200 Accrued Expenses	0.00
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$185.09</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$185.09</b>
Equity	
30000 Opening Balance Equity	245,346.40
32000 Unrestricted Net Assets	-22,236.52
Net Income	22,236.52
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$245,346.40</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$245,531.49</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Scheiderich, Treasurer

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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*Friends of the Viking Ship NFP – Annual Meeting December 3, 2020*

Two Thousand Nineteen was a busy year for Friends of the Viking Ship. We started the year by holding and all-day Board Strategic Planning Workshop. In addition to our regular Board Meetings, we held another Strategic Planning Workshop later in the Spring. These sessions help to determine the most pressing and pertinent goals for the organization. We also held the 2018-2019 Annual Meeting in July 2019, prior to the change to match Fiscal Year with Calendar Year.

Open Days in 2019 were very successful and more streamlined. We began using the iPads to not only process credit cards with Square, but also to manage cash received during the day, as well. By including tours (adults, teens, and children), we could account for each person who saw the ship, all sales, and all donations made on a single report at the end of each Open Day. Two additional iPads and Square readers were added for a total of four, purchased with money donated by Bruce & Linda Andresen. We also had several Private Tours in 2019.

Our Gift Shop was open in 2019 and we had several items for sale including multiple colors and sizes of polo shirts for men and women, three books, three posters, ladies' earrings, postcards, pewter pins, and patches.

Challenges that we saw in 2019 were getting volunteers, as our base is shrinking. Many of the outreach needs we have require web, video, graphics, or social media capabilities.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marta Temmer, President

## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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The latter portion of 2019 was a period of heavy activity to promote greater awareness of the ship via person-to-person contact with a wide variety of interested supporters, as follows:

- 8/22/19 - Power Point Presentation to Geneva Kiwanis Club
- 9/8/19 - Booth presentation at Vasa Park's Scandinavian Day in South Elgin, IL
- 9/19/19 - Recorded a radio program segment on the 1893 Viking Ship for WBBM radio station
- 10/8/19 - Power Point Presentation to Sun City Scandinavian Club, Huntley, IL
- 10/29/19 - Attended the Joint Annual Meeting of the Good Templar Park Association and Good Templar Homeowners Association to review relations with the Park and discuss 2020 events
- 11/10/19 - Power Point Presentation to joint meeting of Sons of Norway and Vasa Order of America lodges in Kalamazoo, MI



Respectfully submitted,  
David W. Nordin, Vice President

## MUSEUM AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

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The latter half of 2019 brought no progress in pursuing a Museum of Science and Industry permanent location. This was because litigation opposing any further building on Chicago Park District land (based on opposition to the Obama presidential center), such as would be needed to create an exhibit space for the Viking Ship, remained pending. Receiving no specific updates about an earlier proposed joint exhibit space with the Chicago Maritime Museum, we scheduled a joint meeting with their board at their museum for March 2020. This, however, had to be suddenly and unexpectedly canceled due to the Covid-19 outbreak, and the unrelated spring 2020 rupture and overflow of a raw sewage pipe into the Chicago Maritime Museum, causing tens of thousands of dollars in damages, and closing it for the year 2020.

As a result of our October 2019 meeting with the Good Templar Associations, however, we learned that the area set aside for the Viking Ship at the southeast corner of the Park was still available for the ship. (This was further clarified by the Good Templar Park board in October 2020 to indicate that that space would be available for the ship at no charge, pending successful resolution of all other related legal, zoning and long-term care arrangements.)

We also learned that the Chicago Maritime Museum may be in possession of one of our Viking ship's original faerings, or rowboats, a matter for which an inspection request has been made. We have gathered our archival collection of photographs of the original faerings to compare with the vessel they have, and requested CMM's records, if any, documenting the provenance of that vessel.

My grant applications on behalf of FOVS to a state Covid relief fund for loss of tour revenue, and to the Kane County Riverboat Fund to commission hand-made recreations of the Viking's shields, dragon/horse headed carved awning supports, carved captain's stand, and educational large scale model of the ship, were unsuccessful. However, we did successfully receive a grant award from the Illinois Humanities Council, to conduct meeting-training for teachers on how a visit to the Viking Ship can be used to help them meet teaching objectives- a large potential future regular cash flow source.

### **Tours**

#### **Visitors to the Viking Ship for docent-led tours, from August through December 2019:**

- 8/26/19 - Spectrum Private School - 21 visitors
- 9/19/19 - Wintrust Community Bank Platinum Adventures Club - 23 visitors
- 9/21/19 - Packard Automobile Collectors Club - 54 visitors
- 9/21/19 - OPEN DAY - 148 adults, 14 children, 10 teens - 168 visitors
- 10/10/19 - ACES west suburban homeschool - 43 visitors
- 10/12/19 - Peter Orum's Danish Army Engineer's unit tour - 12 visitors
- 10/16/19 - Clapham private school, Wheaton, 6th grade - 18 visitors
- 10/17/19 - Viking researchers from Tasmania - 2 visitors
- 10/19/19 and 10/20/19 - OPEN DAYS (scheduled to coincide with GTP's Cottages in the Woods program) - 394 visitors

- 11/10/19 - Naperville Area Home Schoolers Group - 19 visitors
- 11/12/19 - West Suburban Home Schoolers Group - 9 visitors



As the foregoing illustrates, the ship receives regular visits from a wide network of suburban school groups, although, thus far, FOVS has developed no specific marketing program to grow attendance by these potentially large and recurring groups of visitors. Suburban schools do not face the same travel time and field trip budget restrictions as do many Chicago schools, although a stronger, regular visitor revenue stream could make it possible for FOVS to perhaps offer to subsidize some Chicago economically-challenged school groups whose travel time schedules would allow them to make the trip. Although the ship was a star attraction, and is the major remaining display item of one of the most dramatic, successful and important events in Chicago history (big enough to merit a star on the city's official flag-the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition), it has comparatively few Chicago visitors. This should be evaluated in planning for the ship's future. The foregoing also illustrates, as did our visitor numbers from earlier in 2019, how the ship can benefit from, and successfully complement and add to, established Fox Valley Scandinavian cultural programming such as that at Good Templar Park, Scandinavian Park, the traditional Danish Bird Target Shoot, and Geneva's Swedish Days community-wide celebration.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave W. Nordin, Chair



# MAINTENANCE AND COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

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## Maintenance

Since our last annual report, the Maintenance subcommittee would like to report the following items for fiscal year 2019:

August 17th, 2019 Update:

- In early August, there was an attempted break-in to the shelter, resulting in a rip in the cover fabric. Thankfully nothing was taken. A police report was filed, and the damage repaired.
- Both sides of the ship's interior were vacuumed with the port side completed on 8-15-19.
- All the red chairs were washed.
- All the posters except the vinyl banners, were washed.



November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Update:

- On November 5th Perry Straw, Dave Nordin and Bruce Andresen performed the following actions to prepare for the winter months:
  - The flags over the ship and at the stern were removed and stored.
  - The drop panels were screwed shut with an additional 10" square to make the shelter more weather tight.
  - The shields were removed. They will be stored by Perry until next season.
  - A tarp was secured over the chairs to further protect them over the winter.
  - Two of the LED lights illuminating the ship below the deck boards were removed.
- It is planned to make new deck boards for those that are missing. While the new boards would have the circles cut into them, be treated with boat soup and be the same thickness, they would be distinguishable from the original boards by a wood burned "FOVS" on the under-side.



Respectfully submitted,

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

## Collections

This subcommittee cares for, catalogues, arranges access to, and annually reports on FOVS artifacts and other property. It considers, executes and documents strategy and practice for acquiring, divesting, and caring for FOVS property. Digitization of the list of collections plus items in the collection itself is the responsibility of this subcommittee. I keep a file of pictures of the ship and properties, as well as an email log.

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

### **Recent additions to our inventory:**

There were no new items added to our collection since last year's annual report. We are generally discouraging new additions until we're able to secure a permanent location with heating, ventilation and air conditioning to provide a controlled environment in which to store them.

### **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:**

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

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

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

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

DVD: *Vikings & Norsemen*, 52 Vintage Books on DVD, 2017

DVD: *1893 Chicago World's Fair, Ultimate Collection*, Books, Photos, Illustrations on DVD, 2018

Magazine; *Aftenposten Historie*, #6 / 2018 (featuring an article on Viking and Captain Andersen)

Magazine: *National Geographic, The Vikings; Lords of Sea and Sword*, 2018

Magazine: *National Geographic*, March 2017 (special issue on the Vikings, with ship centerfold illustration based on *Viking*)

Magazine: *National Geographic*, May 2000 (article on Viking ships)

**Off-site items:**

Various artwork, 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

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





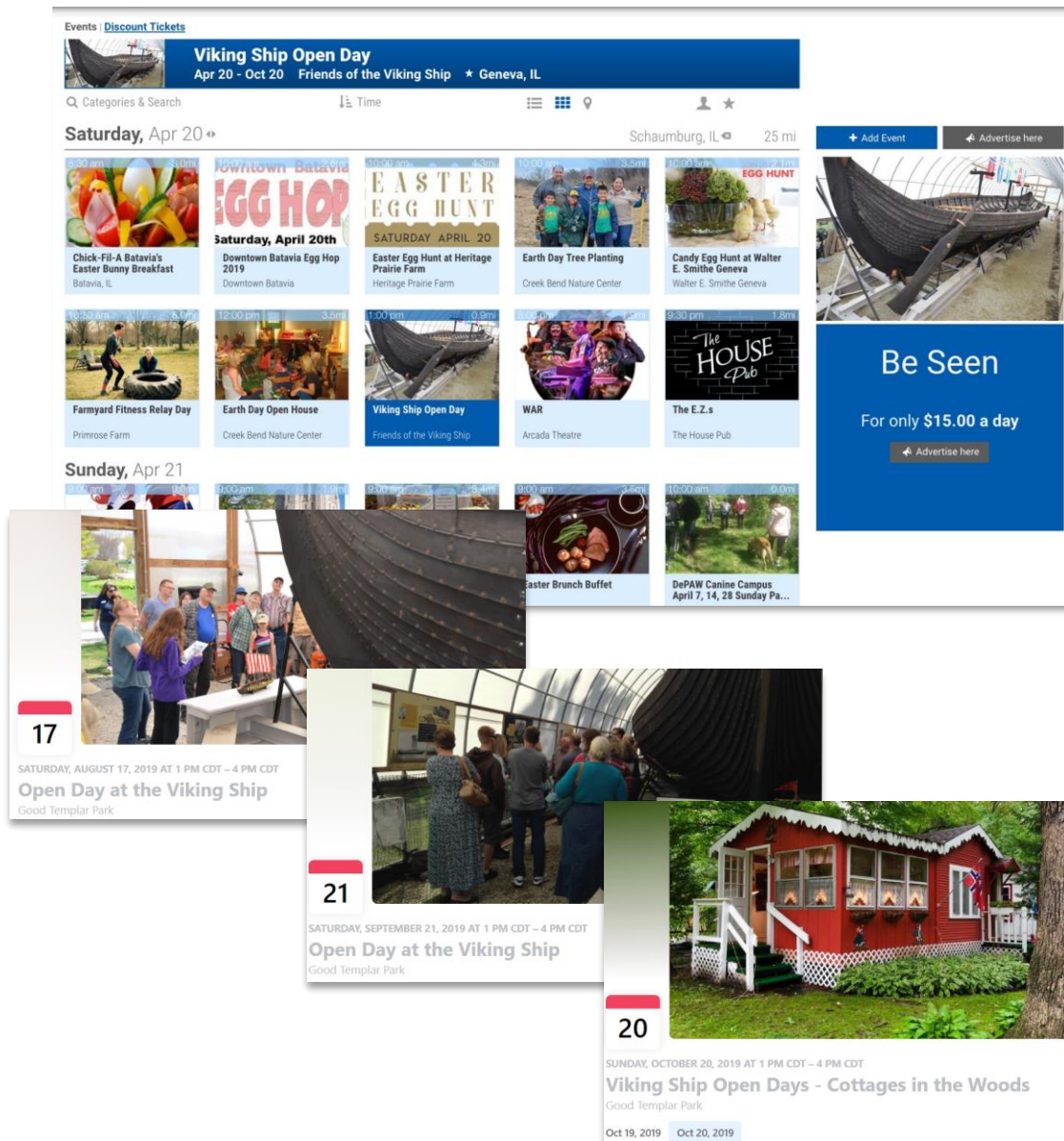
# FUNDRAISING AND MARKETING COMMITTEE REPORT

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The Marketing and Fundraising Committee did not meet frequently, however, over the course of 2019, the following activities were achieved:

- Advertised the Open Days in the Chicago Tribune and Daily Herald Online Calendars (Metromix/Redeye and SpinGo)
- Daily post on Facebook by Jamie Larson to engage with the public, including promoting Open Day events.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marta Temmer, President



## GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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The Governance Committee is responsible for the health and functioning of the organization and board. The committee coordinates and proposes new members to both committees and the board, conducts orientation, produces board materials, oversees accounting and organizes independent financial audits. In a broader sense, we work to ensure that our organization adheres to our by-laws as well as key standards of accountability in everything we do.

One key accomplishment to call out for fiscal year 2019 was our successful renewal as an accredited charity by the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance (BBBWGA). Renewal with the BBBWGA isn't as easy as sending in a check, but rather requires completion of a detailed questionnaire, covering topics like board member composition, existence of conflict of interest and effectiveness policies, and current copies of our annual report, by-laws and other official documents. It also requires detailed disclosure of our financials, including a breakdown of expenses dedicated to programming vs. administration and fundraising. After all that, we were very pleased to learn that we once again met the requirements to be accredited!



It is extremely important to us at FOVS that all our members and donors know that we are an organization committed to using the resources we have in the most responsible and professional ways possible. We have been accredited by the BBBWGA since our initial application in 2017, which means we meet their high standards in the areas of ethical governance, organizational effectiveness, financial transparency, and accuracy in all communications with our stakeholders. According to the BBBWGA, these standards were developed "to assist donors in making sound giving decisions and to foster public confidence in charitable organizations. The standards seek to encourage fair and honest solicitation practices, to promote ethical conduct by charitable organizations and to advance support of philanthropy." I would encourage you to confirm that any charity you consider donating to is accredited by the BBBWGA—they truly set a high bar for organizations seeking to prove they can be trusted with the resources provided to them.

On the following pages are the two reports from the subcommittees within Governance, both led very effectively by fellow board member, Bjorn Rektorli:

- Auditing
- Nominating

Respectfully submitted,  
Jamie Larson, Chair

## AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

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*Friends of the Viking Ship NFP – Annual Meeting December 3, 2020*

To the Board of the “Friends of the Viking Ship”  
Geneva, Illinois

We have audited FOVS financial accounts for 2019 as reported by management. The audit included a review of FOVS’ balance sheet as of December 31, 2019 and related profit and loss statement for the year. Please refer to the below summaries of financial reports.

In our opinion, the financial statements in all material aspects represent a fair representation of FOVS financial position as of December 31, 2019 and its operational results for the year.

### Audit of key balance sheet items:

- Confirmation of year-end cash balances to bank statements (\$235,971)
- Inventory sub-ledger to general ledger reconciliation (\$9,560)
- Book to physical inventory was conducted in November 2019, concluding a \$680 shrinkage. As inventory safeguarding is deemed adequate the shrinkage is likely a result of inaccurate recording of square sales transactions. When cash-on-hand at the end of an open house event is greater than the recorded square sales, the variance is typically recorded as donations with no corresponding inventory transactions.
- Confirmation of credit card liability to credit card statement
- Review of payments subsequent to year-end in order to verify possible unrecorded liabilities on December 31, 2019. No such liabilities appear to exist

### Audit of key profit and loss items:

- Sample of cash disbursements transactions to original documents to verify expense relevance

### Additional comments:

- While net profit of \$22,236 was 10% above 2018 and on budget for the year, the underlying financial activities had fluctuations versus both prior year and budget.
  - Revenue of \$34,077 was down \$6,245 / 15% from 2018 and \$18,568 / 35% vs. budget. The revenue decline was driven by lower member ship dues and individual/business contributions. FOVS memberships declined from 96 to 69 year over year
  - Gross profit from sales of merchandize fell from 60% pts. to 49% on flat sales volume
  - Overall expenses of \$10,733 were \$7,401 below 2018 and \$16,757 lower than budget. While administrative cost was on budget, activities in ship preservation, outreach/education and fundraising were lower than budgeted
  - 90% of the year end cash balance was deposited in a money market term account, yielding \$1,857 of interest income for the year.
- Cash increased by \$22,459 from prior year and ended at \$235,971
- Inventory was essentially flat at \$9,560
- Net equity increased by \$21,627 to \$245,531

Auditors and Board Members,  
Bjorn Rektorli  
Tom Cleveland  
March 5, 2020



## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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*Friends of the Viking Ship NFP – Annual Meeting December 3, 2020*

The current board has ten members of which four are due for re-election, one not eligible for re-election and one resignation.

Board members who have agreed to stay for reelection:

- Samira Bamberger
- Tom Cleveland
- Jamie Larson
- Dave Nordin

Board member who is not eligible for re-election due to term limit:

- Bill Scheiderich (Treasurer)

Board member who has resigned:

- Marta Temmer (President)

The committee is pleased to present the following nominees for election to the Board (background information on each provided on the next two pages):

- Linnea Scherer (Treasurer)
- Andrew Woods (Director)

Marta's resignation is unfortunate, but we understand her personal reasons to do so. Although she will not be a member of the board, she has promised to stay close to our organization to the extent she is able to. We thank Marta for her leadership on the board and as President.

Bill is leaving us due to the eight-year term limit. We thank Bill for his financial stewardship. During his tenure he created a solid foundation for accounting, reporting and front-end collection processes. His work is transferable to the next treasurer and will enable a smooth transition.

The nomination committee proposes re-election of the current board members due for reelection and the two nominees for the board. The board will have ten members for 2021 if all are re-/elected.

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee,  
Bjorn Rektorli  
Dave Barrows  
Andrew Woods

## **Linnea Scherer, CPA**

Candidate for election to the FOVS Board (Treasurer) at the Annual Meeting on December 3, 2020

Linnea has a bachelor's degree in Accounting from Northern Illinois University, focused on managerial/cost accounting, auditing, and government/nonprofit accounting, and is a Licensed Certified Public Accountant (CPA), certified by Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulations.

Prior to Linnea's professional career, she served as an intern with Klein Hall CPAs, assisting on audits of school districts and nonprofit organizations, and Caterpillar Inc. assisting with company internal financial reporting.



After completing her bachelor's degree Linnea re-joined Klein Hall CPAs as an accounting associate, participating in government audits and providing accounting and tax services for smaller businesses. For the past three years she has served as an accountant at Fox Metro Water Reclamation organization in Oswego, IL. The Fox Metro Water Reclamation organization is a public utility company responsible for the conveyance and treatment of wastewater, serving over 300,000 residents in Oswego and nearby communities.

Linnea is uniquely qualified for the FOVS Treasurer position with her demonstrated accounting accomplishments, working with local governments and small businesses, combined with her auditing experiences.

Linnea has also been part of Scandinavian organizations in the area for many years. This includes twelve years in the Swedish American Children's Choir while growing up. She has also been an active member of the Vasa Lodge since 2018 and a volunteer at Scandinavian Days at Vasa Park for many years.

Linnea has a personal connection with Viking ships as she is a member owner of a replica Viking ship called the Sebbe Als located in Augustenborg Denmark. The group is called Vikingeskibslaget Sebbe Als (The Sebbe Als Viking Ship Guild). This replica was built 1969 and is one of the oldest replica Viking ships to still be sailing in Denmark. A connection between this Viking ship group and the Hudson River Sloop club in New York was the catalyst for how her parents met. She visits the ship every other year when she is in Denmark.

Nomination Committee  
Bjorn Rektorli, Chair

## Andrew Woods

Candidate for election to the FOVS Board at the Annual Meeting on December 3, 2020

We reached out to Andrew and he agreed to be a nominee for the annual meeting's election to the board. He does not need much introduction as he is well known to all members of the ship after many years of volunteering in many capacities at the ship and events promoting the ship.

Andrew was one of the original members as of the first official meeting of "Friends of the Viking Ship", the critical first meeting that set the course for where the ship is today and its survival.

He served on the board from 2008\* through 2017 including serving on multiple board committees, including maintenance and collections, and as such, he is part of the Viking Ship's institution. Andrew has been and continues to be the lead exhibitor at the Ship's open days with an impressive variety of Viking era swords, helmets, cooking gear, and engaging material for the younger generation and their exploration of Viking warriors and ships.

We would welcome Andrew back on the board to further exhibitions and collections, and to continue his co-stewardship of the ship's destiny.

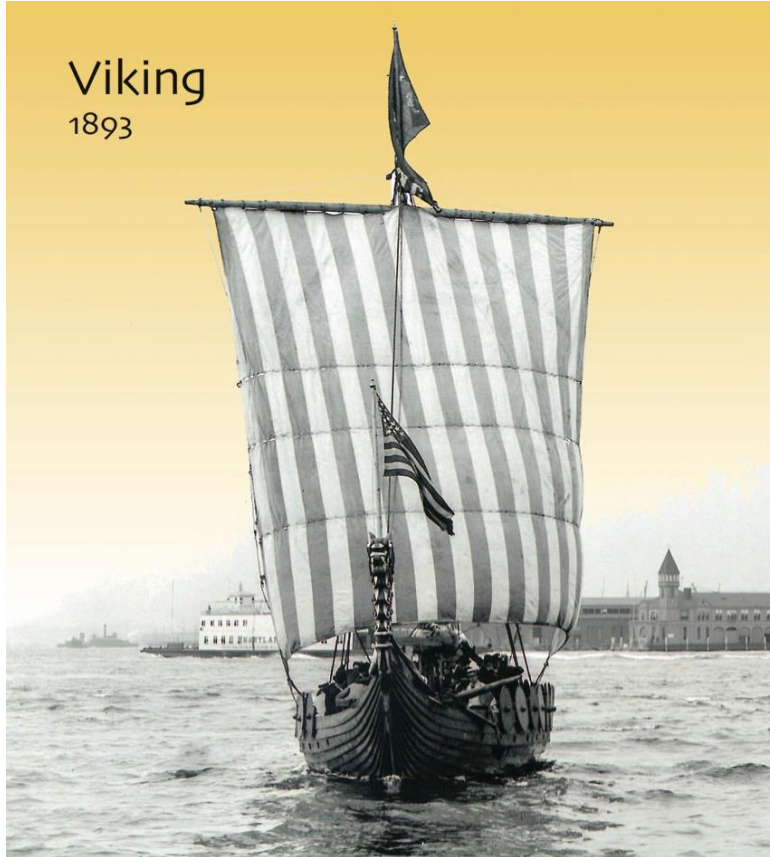


Nomination Committee,

Bjorn Rektorli, Chair

\* Andrew was elected to a one-year term in 2008 and the board elected for him to complete his four-year two-year term commencing in 2009.

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