THE INTERNATIONAL EDVARD GRIEG SOCIETY MINUTE BOOK FROM GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2019

The General Assembly for the International Edvard Grieg Society was held at Edvard Grieg Museum Troldhaugen in Bergen Sunday 27 October 2019 at 11.00-12.30.

1. Opening of the meeting

The President of IGS, Beryl Foster, opened the meeting and welcomed the delegates. There were no objections to the summons or place of the meeting. Beryl Foster was suggested as Chair for the meeting. Monica Jangaard was suggested to take Minutes. **Approved.**New President Siebert Nix chaired the meeting from item 8c.

2. Registration of the delegates

The following delegates were present (alphabetical order):

From institutions:

Jorunn Eckhoff Færden, Bergen Public Library Lorentz Reitan, Bergen Philharmonic Orchestra

Einar Røttingen, The Grieg Academy - University of Bergen

Fra Griegselskaper:

Desiree Paulsen Bakke, Oslo Grieg Society

Sally Garden, The Grieg Society of Scotland

Marla Fogderud, Edvard Grieg Society of America, Inc.

Marla Fogderud, The Edvard Grieg Society of the Dakotas

Beryl Foster, Grieg Society of Great Britain

Tove Kayser, Friends of Troldhaugen

Gregory Martin, Edvard Grieg Society of the Great Lakes

Siebert Nix, Grieg Stichting Nederland

Christoph Siems, Grieg-Begegnungsstätte Leipzig e.V.

Liubov Syniak, The Ukrainian Grieg Society

Individual members:

Erling Dahl jr.

Trine Kolderup Flaten

Remaining members of IGS Executive Committee:

Signe Bakke

Monica Jangaard

Arnulf Mattes

Njål Sparbo

Other observers:

Wojciech Stępień, Polen

The following delegates were absent:

Belgian Grieg Society, Deutsche Edvard Grieg-Gesellschaft, Edvard-Grieg-Forschungsstelle Universität Leipzig in Kooperation mit der Grieg-Begegnungsstätte Leipzig e.V., The Italian Edvard Grieg Society, The Grieg Society of Japan, Norwegian Institute of Recorded Sound, Russian Grieg Society, Edvard Grieg Society N.Y. Inc., Edvard Grieg Society Norway

House, Minneapolis, Northwest Edvard Grieg Society, Rune Andersen (personal member), Patrick Dinslage (personal member), Øyvind Norheim (personal member), Arvid Vollsnes (personal member), Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra, Stavanger Symphony Orchestra, University of Oslo, NTNU Department of Music, Norwegian Academy of Music, Western Norway University of Applied Sciences (HVL), Norwegian Concert Institute, the Municipality of Bergen and Hordaland Regional Municipality.

3. Election of two representatives to sign the Minute Book

Tove Kayser and Erling Dahl jr. were proposed. Approved.

4. Annual reports 2017 and 2018

The annual reports and financial reports for 2017 and 2018 were presented by Beryl Foster. Einar Røttingen reported on the society and status for the economy, after the extraordinary General Assembly Meeting in 2018 with the agreement that the institutional members of the General Assembly will contribute with an annual fee of NOK 3000 to keep the Foundation operative. **Approved.**

5. Treasurer's reports 2017 and 2018.

Treasurer's reports for 2015 and 2016 were presented. Approved.

The meeting also approved that the secretariat will ask for an English version of the Treasurer's report from 2019.

6. Reports from the Grieg Societeies

Siebert Nix:

- Grieg Stichting Nederland

Gregory Martin:

- Edvard Grieg Society of the Great Lakes

Marla Fogderud:

- Edvard Grieg Society of America, Inc.
- The Edvard Grieg Society of the Dakotas

Christoph Siems:

- Grieg-Begegnungsstätte Leipzig e.V.

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Erling Dahl jr. informed on the planned 2. International Grieg Competition for pianists i Xian, China 7 to 11 November and on the planned Grieg exhibition in connection to the tour of Bergen Philharmonic Orchestra to China in June 2020.

7. Strategy for the Society and choice of venue for the next meeting.

Einar Røttingen, Chair, informed on behalf of the Executive Committee about the situation for IGS after the extraordinary General Assembly Meeting in Bergen in 2018, the profile for this year's conference Grieg Now! and plans to develop the contact between the international Grieg societies and to support their activities and initiative. The Executive Committee wants younger alternatives, to build competence and strengthen the recruitment in the long run. Venue for the next General Assembly Meeting is not decided. **Approved.**

8. Election

Einar Røttingen presented proposal for new Executive Committee and Beryl Foster presented proposal for the Presidentship from the Electoral Committee.

The following candidates were elected:

a) Election of Executive Committee and its Chair

Einar Røttingen (Chair)

Signe Bakke

Arnulf Mattes

Njål Sparbo

Monica Jangaard (Troldhaugen)

Deputies to the Executive Committee

Martha Berit Belt

Knut Christian Jansson

Gregory Martin, USA

Liubov Syniak, Ukraine

Christoph Siems, Germany

b) Election of President of the Council Assembly

Siebert Nix, The Netherlands

c) Election of Deputy to the President

Wojciech Stępień, Poland

d) Election of Electoral Committee

Siebert Nix, Marla Fogderud and Einar Røttingen

c) Election of Auditor

Re-election

The candidates proposed by the Electoral Committee were unanimously elected.

9. Miscellaneous

No items were reported.

Bergen, 19 November 2019

Monica Jangaard

- Secretary -

Tove Kayser

Erling Dahl ir.