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GREETING FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2016 began with the excitement of a visit from H.E. Kåre Aas, the Ambassador of Norway to the United States. During his tour of the Naeseth Library, Ambassador Aas expressed his admiration for all those who have helped make NAGC such a great asset for the Norwegian community. Anne Veslemøy Lindblom, Honorary Consul of Norway in Wisconsin and NAGC board member, and her spouse Scott, hosted a special dinner in honor of the Ambassador.

Among the year's most important accomplishments was the success of the NAGC board/staff website committee. Led by board member Paul Larson, this committee has diligently continued its work. Staffers Diane Maurer, Jeanne Wright, and Jerry Paulson, together with volunteer Helen Olberg, have spent many hours with Paul in adapting and refreshing our web presence. Complementing these efforts were the webinar additions of Jerry Paulson and Jenna Schultz and Bryant Foundation-sponsored videos, all enriching NAGC's web content. As a result, our total number of web users increased, with the majority of online researchers from the U.S.,

GREETING FROM THE STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

The Naeseth Library was busy in 2016, with class participants, researchers from across the country, and many visitors from Norway. We were especially pleased to welcome 40 members of DIS-Norge (*Databehandling I Slektforskning*), the Genealogical Society of Norway.

Many important donations of research materials enriched the collections here, and our improved website content attracted new researchers online as well as in person. We are indebted to the support for our website enrichment that was provided by the Edwin E. and Janet L. Bryant Foundation.

Our Madison-area Friends group once again sponsored an annual benefit dinner, a gathering that supported our operating budget and brought together

followed by the U.K., and Canada.

NAGC's endowment campaign in 2016 reached a milestone of \$1.5 million added to our endowed funds. Board member donations, and an added contribution from the estate of Dan Huebner, led the way. Mindful of the importance of bequests, we continue to urge all our members to consider a planned gift, a legacy in support of NAGC's future.

2016 ended with the election of three new board members: Robert M. Fossum, Scott R. Johnson, and Kenneth Larson. We are delighted to have these new colleagues; each of them is an ardent advocate of our role as a national resource for excellence in Norwegian-American genealogical research.

We offer special thanks to all the donors whose names appear in this 2016 Annual Report. Your annual donations and participation in our endowment campaign are the crucial support for this research center that discovers, shares, and preserves Norwegian family history and heritage.

Lowell E. Olberg,
Chairman, Board of Directors

our members and patrons for an evening of beautiful folk music by Norwegian violinist Skogen Sällström. We extend many thanks to the generous sponsors of this event.

NAGC's recordkeeping software was updated, and the staff trained in its new uses. As the year ended, Kathleen Olson retired as the library specialist, bringing to a close nearly a decade of her staff and volunteer service in the Naeseth Library.

On behalf of the Staff, we thank all the NAGC members and donors who continue to support our work in service to the Norwegian-American community.

Jeanne L. Wright
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