

Annual General Membership Meeting
Icelandic Club of Greater Seattle
January 10, 2015
Nordic Heritage Museum

Attendance: Jon Palmason (Treasurer), Amanda Allen (Membership Secretary), Janice Sigurdson (Recording Secretary), (Tota Sellars (Trustee), Gisli Olafsson (Trustee), Henry Bjornsson (Trustee), Sonna Somerville Ghilarducci (Trustee), Ann Palmason, David Johnson, Chuck Mulberg, Adda Sigurdardóttir, Irene Olason, Vilhalmur Steinhorrsson, Leslie Romer, Margaret Hlastala, Hrefna Miller, Kathi Olason-Scott, Linda Russo, Christina Russo, Gusti Helgason, John Simpkins, Crystaline Brown, and Anna Hauksdottir.

Welcome – 2014 President Emily Kristjanson was unable to attend the meeting so Treasurer Jon Palmason welcomed everyone and started the meeting at about 2:10 PM.

Treasurer's Report – Jon Palmason presented a financial report of the Club. From a cash basis view, the Club currently holds nearly \$85,000 in cash or cash-equivalent assets. Roughly \$67,000 is restricted for the Icelandic Room of the NHM and there is \$5,388 in the scholarship fund, which is less than the previous year and thus to be of greater focus in fundraising in 2015. Expenses exceeded income for last year by \$881. The membership voted to approve the Treasurer's report as presented.

Reading of Nominations – Linda Russo read the names of those recommended as a slate of officers and trustees for 2015. The slate was accepted by unanimous consent:

- Gisli Olafsson, President
- Jon Palmason, Vice President
- David Johnson, Treasurer (and INL of NA liaison)
- Janice Sigurdson, Membership Secretary
- Emily Kristjanson, Immediate Past-President and Trustee
- Sonna Somerville Ghilarducci, Trustee
- Tota Sellars, Trustee
- Henry Bjornsson, Trustee
- Amanda Allen, Trustee (Facebook Management, Newsletter, Photography)
- Kathi Olason-Scott, Trustee
- Peter Gudmundsson, Trustee (Marketing)
- Birna Iris Hylndottir, Trustee
- Jens Eysteinnsson, Trustee

New President's Remarks—Gisli Olafsson announced he was pleased to become the new President, as he had just served a year as Trustee with extremely positive, fun experiences and hoped to continue

into 2015 with the energy and enthusiasm of the Board. He also presented a tentative schedule of events for 2015, highlighting an exciting Thorrablot on February 28 at the Swedish Club.

Special Guest Presentation—Following Gisli's remarks, the group was treated to a presentation by Anna Hauksdottir who presented slides and narration on her 32-day trip across Iceland on horseback last summer. Using her mother's journal from 1925, Anna recreated the earlier trip. Her stories and photos were truly inspirational and the membership greatly enjoyed the presentation.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 .

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Sigurdson, Secretary