



SONS OF NORWAY FOUNDATION IN CANADA Incorporated 1971

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Greetings Member Organization of Sons of Norway Foundation in Canada!

Thank you to those who attended the AGM in September. We had two Board members step down and we thank Tore Pettersen and Erik Brochmann for their long service to the Foundation – I think combined, it totals almost 50 years!

The Board of Directors for 2024-2025 is as follows:

President – Gloria Benazic
Vice President – Karen Rosvold
Secretary – Patty Schwartz
Treasurer – Ron Reine
National Director – Brenda Carlstad

At the first Board of Directors meeting, a motion to change one policy was passed: Each member organization of the Sons of Norway Foundation will have two (2) representatives as Foundation Directors. We are hoping this will garner more participation in the Foundation.

At present, our Board of Directors requires two (2) more National Directors and two (2) Alternate Directors. It is hoped that each member group will solicit their membership and seek candidates to put forward to fill these vacancies. The Board of Directors are also speaking with various people but it is important to involve you, the member organizations, in this process. The potential candidate from your group can be named as the second representative as candidates are required to be Foundation Directors. Application for Board Nomination can be found at www.sonfic.ca website under the top tab “AGM”. I request that the nominations be submitted to me by November 1st 2024 so the Board can review and approve them on November 5th. We are also looking for a newsletter editor.

The work of the Foundation is important to support our communities and students. This year, the Foundation awarded eleven (11) bursaries to deserving students across Canada. A number of Project Grants were also passed for a variety of activities: workshops, Ski for Light, summer camps, Sports Weekend. Your donations make this support possible – thank you.

As we move forward, please feel free to contact our Board members with any questions or suggestions. We want to continue the legacy that Tore and Erik and other serving members have established.

Fraternally,

Gloria Benazic
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If you are interested in current affairs in Norway, check out the Facebook page – Sons of Norway District 7 – for recent happenings and some great travel videos.