

Sons of Norway Foundation in Canada Announcement
May 28, 2024
Sons of Norway Lodge and Affiliate Group Leaders

The purpose of this letter is to acknowledge and thank all of those who have participated in the building of this Foundation in support of the preservation of our Nordic Heritage and Culture and the integration of this culture and ideals into our vibrant Canadian mosaic.

During our 53 years of existence, we have had many great people supporting us through volunteer work and by generous donations. This combination has enabled us to support many group activities financially, provide scholarships and bursaries for post-secondary studies and support humanitarian financial assistance.

While we can all be proud of what we have been able to support over these years, we also have to look at “where we are heading”. More specifically, we need to take a long look at our volunteer organization. This is not just our Board of Directors but includes all of those who participate as Foundation Directors of our Lodges and Affiliate groups.

Most Lodges and Affiliates have been very active in volunteer support over the years. In most cases this support has been continuous, and we can be thankful for that.

This year, two of our National Directors will not seek re-election. For information, those not seeking re-election are Treasurer Erik Brochmann (15 years) and myself, President Tore Pettersen (34 years, 30 years as President).

We are asking Lodge and Group Leaders, and Lodge and Group Voting Member Representatives to discuss having the Representative of their Voting Membership to be available for nomination for National Director on our Foundation Board of Directors.

The Election for National Directors and Alternate Directors will occur at the SONFIC AGM on Saturday, September 14th. The meeting will, again, be virtual by Zoom. The election will be conducted following reports and other business items. Please note the election of Board Officers will be conducted by the Board members at a Board of Directors meeting immediately following the AGM.

For information on Foundation Policies and Procedures, please contact any Board member (listed on our Website www.sonfic.ca .under the 'Leadership Guide' drop-down box).

Fraternally,

Tore Pettersen, President