

Flere Lag Stevne Steering Committee
Minutes: April 16, 2026 **4:30 pm**
Via ZOOM

Call to order: Chair Rod Kurth - 4:39 pm

Roll Call: **Chair** - Rod Kurth, *Solørlag*; **Vice Chair** - Dixie Hansen, *N. Hedmark og Hedmarken Lag*; **Treasurer** - Joy Shong, *N. Hedmark og Hedmarken Lag*; **Secretary** - Norma Barnes, *Romerikslaget*; Jeff Svare, *Gudbrandsdalslag*; Andy Berg, *Solørlag*; Martha Balfanz, *Gudbrandsdalslag*; Mary Baumgartner, *Romerikslaget*; Gerry Frisbie, *Trønderlag*.

Stevne Program Editor - Nancy Pickering, *Gudbrandsdalslag*.

Stevne Registrar - Chuck McKeen, *Romerikslaget*

Guest - John Peterson, *Gudbrandsdalslag*

Reports:

- Secretary – Norma Kjenstad Barnes
 - ✓ Minutes of March 19, 2026 meeting emailed. Accepted.
- Treasurer – Joy Shong
 - ✓ No changes.

Unfinished Business:

- Tour -
 - ✓ Gerry - contacted Freeborn County Historical Society, Albert Lea. No answer on possible tour of History Center & Pioneer Village.
 - ✓ Mary volunteered to contact the Austin Chamber of Commerce regarding potential visits to the Mower County Historical Center at the fairgrounds, the Spam Museum & Hormel Estate, and the wind farm.
- Vendors -
 - ✓ Norma reported that Jeri Johnson has confirmed three vendors from last year: Nordic Designs (Lois & Ron Mueller); *Loppemarked Butikk* (Karen Mullen); Lena & Ole's Gifts.
 - ✓ Mary contacted the new owner of Bethany Houseware and he is considering participation.
- 2026 *Stevne* theme - "Echoes of the Past: Stories of our Immigrant Ancestors."
 - ✓ Nancy working to fine-tune theme design for program book.
 - ✓ Dixie - finalizing flyer to send to lag members about submitting Norwegian ancestor stories.
 - ✓ Jeff - emailed three early area Norwegian Lutheran congregation lists to lag representatives for genealogists to use in finding ancestors of our members.
- Publicity -
 - ✓ Norma reported *Fellesraad* put a listing of 2026 *stevner* in the Norwegian American newspaper.
 - ✓ Nancy added that the notice was also published in the Sons of Norway Viking magazine.
- Speakers -
 - ✓ Jeff offered Rick Voight the 7 pm, Wed. slot on preserving family memories. Not confirmed.
- Program Grid - Joy went through day by day. Romerikslag will move Annual Meeting to Wednesday.
- Meals - Updated menu not available until May 15, but Joy and Norma will work on tentative choices for banquet and possible Wednesday box lunch so Joy can present budget estimate at next meeting.

Next meeting: Thursday, **May 21**, 2026, 4:30 pm - Zoom

Adjournment: 5:42 pm

(Respectfully submitted by Norma Kjenstad Barnes, Secretary)