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## International Delegates Select Sons of Norway Leadership

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Aug. 28, 2018 – A new slate of officers and directors were elected or welcomed back to their duties when 155 Sons of Norway delegates from Canada, Norway and the U.S. met in Minnesota this month to cast their votes for the organization's leadership for the next two years.

Newly elected officers are International President Ron Stubbings, Port Coquitiam, British Columbia; and International Vice President Mark Agerter, Eugene, Ore. Reelected are International Secretary Marci Larson, Jacksonville, Fla.; and International Treasurer Elaine Nelson, Fargo, N.D.

New International Directors are Christine Hicks, Lynnwood, Wash.; Robin Fossum, Chetek, Wis,; Mary Beth Ingvoldstad, Hidden Valley Lake, Calif.; Erik Brochmann, Mission, B.C.; and Per Mikalsen, Kristiansand, Norway. Returning International Directors are Karl Hella, Northfield, Minn.; Kenneth Johnson, Patchogue, N.Y.; and Steve Halverson, Fargo, N.D.

Sons of Norway expresses sincere thanks and appreciation for dedicated years of service to retiring International Board President Jon Tehven, Waverly, Iowa, and International Directors Jon Grinde, Madison, Wis.; Roger Espeland, Scottsdale, Ariz.; Gloria Benazic, Kelowna, B.C.; and Odd Harald Olsen, Hjelmeland, Norway.

The organization's board and delegates convene every other year to set Sons of Norway policies and procedures and determine law changes to its charter and constitution.

In 2020, the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of Sons of Norway, the International Convention will be held in Hamar, Norway.

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Sons of Norway, a financial services and international cultural organization headquartered in Minneapolis, began with shared values and a simple promise of financial security when like-minded people came together to protect their families, celebrate their culture and strengthen their community.

For more than 120 years, we've lived our mission to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, celebrate our relationships with other Nordic countries and provide quality insurance and financial products to our members. Now 50,000 members strong, we play an active role in communities throughout North America and Norway.