

National Director's Report to the SONFIC AGM

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This has been my first year serving on the Board of Directors of the Sons of Norway Foundation in Canada. Thank you for the privilege of being involved with this organization. This year has provided me an opportunity to get to know many of the people who are the backbone and heartbeat of the foundation. Thank you all for your commitment and drive in keeping this organization thriving.

In August I had the privilege of attending the closing presentation and banquet at the Trollhaugen Culture Camp near Alix, Alberta. I was honoured to pass on congratulations and best wishes on behalf of the Sons of Norway Foundation in Canada. This year marked the 50th Anniversary of the camp and it was well attended by more than 100 campers of all ages, volunteers and with instructors coming from Norway and north-eastern United States. The campers had a fantastic exposure to Norwegian culture and language, thanks in part to a grant from our Foundation.

August also saw numerous applications to the Sons of Norway Foundation in Canada Bursary Program. Being a part of the evaluations of these applications was an enlightening experience for me personally. Congratulations to those receiving awards and best wishes to all applicants in their scholastic pursuits.

Finally, thank you to all who contribute to the SONFIC. Whether it is serving on the Board, making donations to the foundation, working within your lodge or groups on projects to raise funds, or simply raising awareness about the foundation and its programs, these all contribute to the success of our organization.

Hilsen,

Ron Reine