

Dear Lag Officers and Members,

We are pleased to announce that we will hold the Fellesraad Program and Annual Meeting on Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1. It will be a virtual meeting only available on Zoom. There will be no registration fee and the event is open to lag membership. The Program description for the Friday event and a tentative agenda for the Annual Meeting is attached. When you register your email address will be on the list to receive a link on April 29th for the zoom connection.

Dr. Terje Joranger, Executive Director of the Norwegian Museum in Ottestad, Norway will be our featured presenter. He will share two presentations from Norway. One is about the Norwegian Plans for the upcoming 2025 Centennial. This is a Commemoration of the first emigration from Norway to America in 1825. The other presentation is about the Emigrant Museum in Norway. Note that we (Fellesraad and Bygdelag) anticipate taking a role in the 2025 Commemoration as well.

As the Business meeting will occur on Saturday, we will need two delegates from each Lag to vote on the officers for the coming year.

We are asking that each lag send the following information to Nancy Pickering so she can combine it into a report for our meeting on Saturday. Please send to <u>nancyp@minn.net</u>:

- A brief greeting from your lag
- What the lag did this year including Zoom programs
- Brief plans for next year

We look forward to meeting together once again even though it will not be in person. Tusen takk for all you do for your Bygdelag and keeping our Norwegian ancestral heritage alive.

Med vennlig hilsen,

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