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NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN
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Dedicated to locating, collecting,
preserving, and interpreting the
Norwegian-American experience

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to our members, supporters, donors, volunteers, and friends who made our 2018 programs and events possible. Here's what we accomplished together.

COLLECTING AND PRESERVING

At the heart of the Norwegian-American Historical Association is its archives. For more than 90 years, the NAHA archives has served as the permanent home for North America's largest collection of letters, papers, books, photographs, and other records of Norwegian-American life.

NAHA continues to actively collect and preserve materials, with more than 40 collections acquired or added to in 2018.

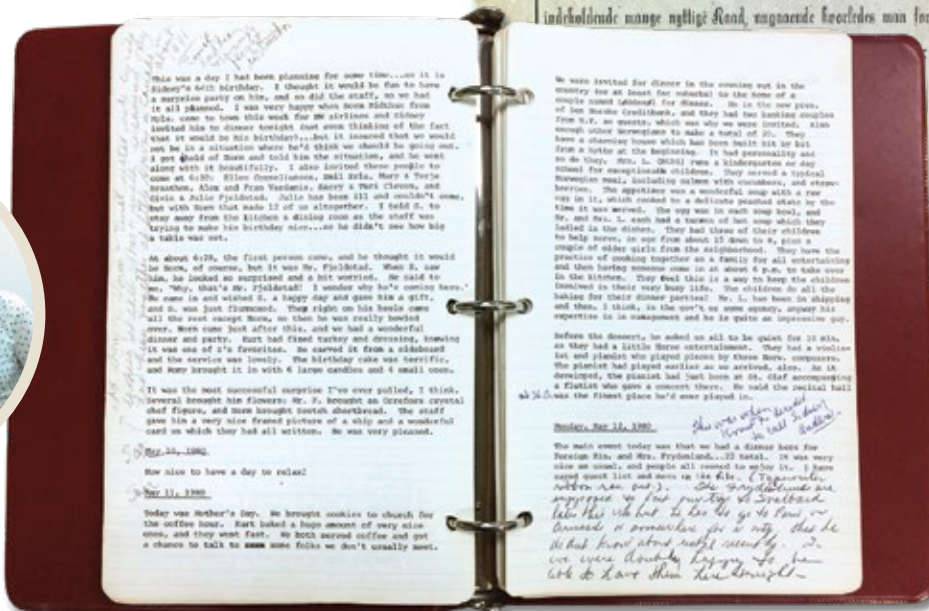
Significant additions to the archives in 2018 include the papers of diplomat Laurits S. Swenson, a rare promotional pamphlet (right) disguised as fiction to promote immigration on the Anchor Line, and a journal (below) written by Lois M. Rand while her husband, Sidney, served as U.S. Ambassador to Norway.

Each year, patrons across North America and around the world use the archives for their research. In 2018, dozens of historians and family genealogists accessed materials on site, and our staff answered more than 100 research and material requests by phone and email.



Laurits S. Swenson

From top: Laurits Swenson materials donated by Ole Nørgaard, facilitated by Michael Hovland, patron member. Anchor Line promotional pamphlet donated by Orm Øverland, lifetime member. Journal donated by its author, Lois Rand, lifetime member.



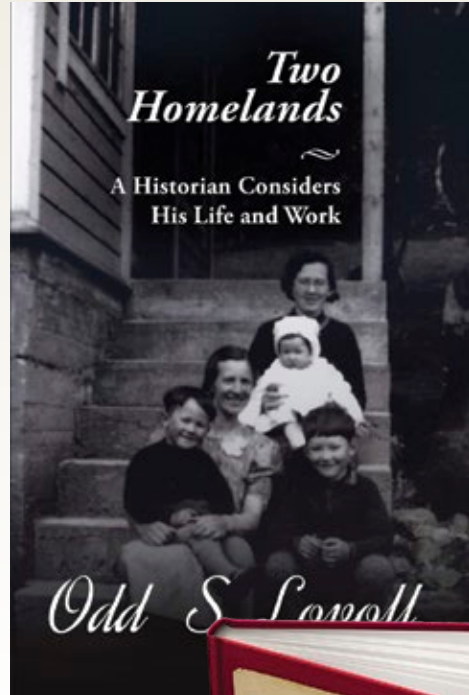
Volunteer Dale Hovland (left) provides patron support in the archives.



Each year, NAHA members receive its quarterly newsletter, *Currents*.

INTERPRETING THE STORIES

2018 was a pivotal year for the NAHA publications program. In January the association completed its four-book series *From Norway to America* with a volume of indexes. Distributed by the University of Minnesota Press, this collection of immigrant letters spanning the years 1838–1914 is edited and translated by Orm Øverland. Also in 2018, together with the Minnesota Historical Society Press, NAHA co-published *Two Homelands: A Historian Remembers His*

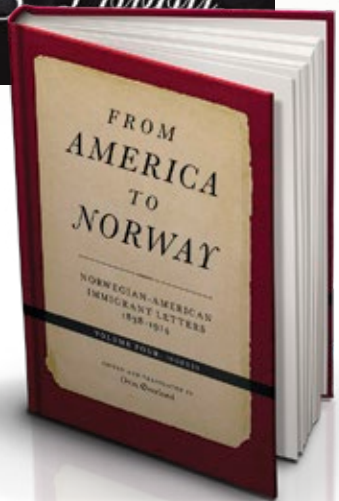


Life and Work by longtime NAHA editor Odd S. Lovoll.

In July, NAHA welcomed its new editor, Anna M. Peterson of Luther College. Since beginning her work with the organization, she has focused largely on the relaunch of *Norwegian-American Studies*, the association's peer-reviewed journal. Now published in cooperation with the University of Minnesota Press, the redesigned journal is scheduled for release in the fall of 2019 in both paper and digital formats.



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OFFERING OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND EXPLORE

NAHA continues to offer its members and the public opportunities to gather and explore the Norwegian-American experience. In April the association held its second annual Spring Member Meetup, featuring runologist Henrik Williams from Uppsala University in Sweden. In August, NAHA hosted a three-day North Shore Fisherfolk Tour exploring the history and culture of the Scandinavian commercial fishing industry on the north shore of Lake Superior. The NAHA 2018 Biennial Member Meeting, held at St. Olaf College in October, included a day-long seminar focused on the craft of writing. Luther College Associate Professor of English Amy Weldon gave the keynote address titled "Ancestors are People, Too: Writing History in Images."



Tour participants examine a historic Lake Superior boathouse



Participants on the North Shore Fisherfolk Tour gained a new perspective on the shoreline.

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SUMMARY OF INCOME

Donations and bequests	\$88,003	42%
Membership fees	\$33,925	16%
Investment income and interest	\$54,719	27%
Events and conferences	\$11,660	6%
Grants	\$10,000	5%
Other	\$9,768	4%
TOTAL	\$208,075	100%

Returned endowed funds
previously managed by St. Olaf College \$814,782

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES

Salaries and benefits	\$94,584	48%
Publications	\$40,017	20%
Administrative and supplies	\$27,476	14%
Events and conferences	\$14,771	8%
Contract labor	\$13,902	7%
Professional fees	\$5,595	3%
TOTAL	\$196,345	100%

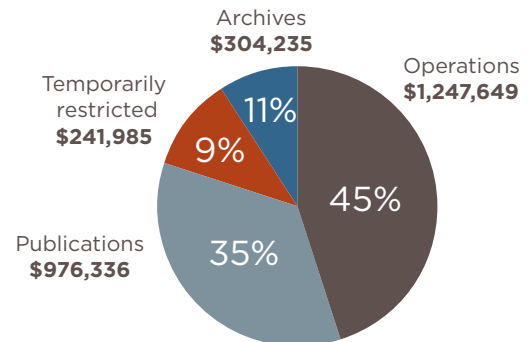
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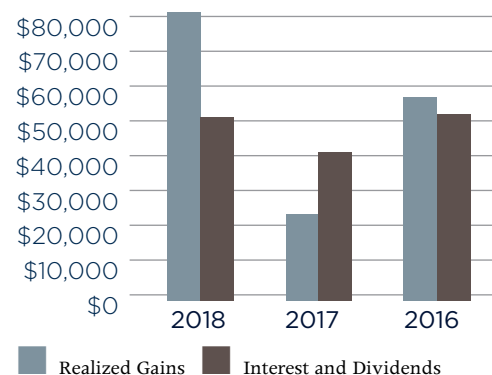
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O. E. Rølvaag Memorial Fund	\$872,161
Other operations	\$375,488
Theodore C. Blegen Fellowship Fund	\$388,229
Bjork Fund	\$494,850
Other publications	\$93,257
Fosholt-Hyldle Fund for Archives	\$304,235
Sigvald Quale Norwegian Society Fund	\$221,362
Other temporarily restricted	\$20,623
TOTAL	\$2,770,205

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Michael Hovland *for archives assistance*
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HOW YOU CAN HELP

There are many ways to support the mission of the Norwegian-American Historical Association:

- Invite a friend to join NAHA, or give a gift membership.
- Donate materials to the archives and encourage others to do the same.
- Make a financial gift or increase your giving at naha.stolaf.edu.
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