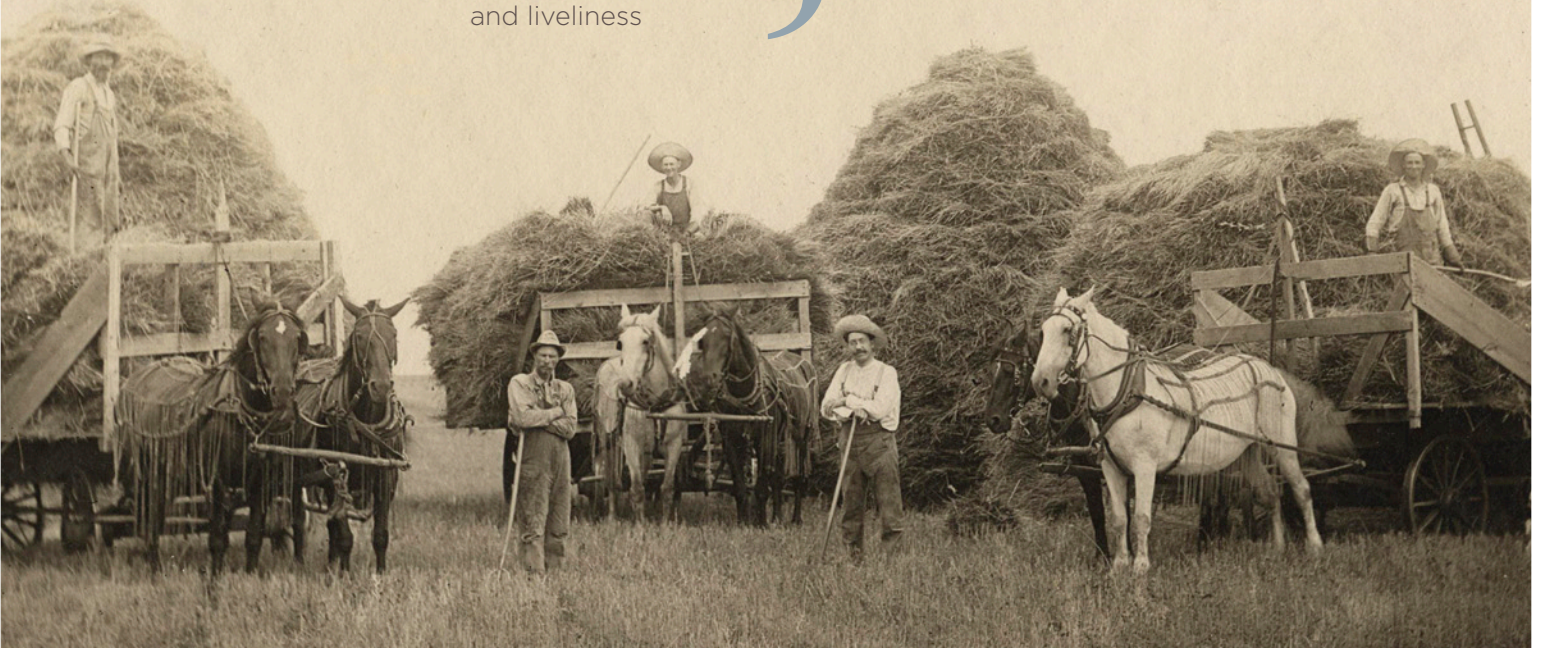




NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN
HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION



Dedicated to locating,
collecting, preserving,
and interpreting the
Norwegian-American
experience with
accuracy, integrity,
and liveliness



... (Bredaf ... med
... - der jeg seer at
... hilsen til annette
... jeg maad du jeg sidt til
... have daret sig men
... Gud ske tak ovetstaaet
... friskog fardig og arbeider
... 30. marts ... jeg begynde
... den 1. af marts og har
... tid staaet mig roke, saa
... jeg ser at den har haft
... dine Bredre og at de har
... tanker at komme til
... jeg tror det vilde vare
... fligste Skridt de kunde
... som de har en god
...

ANNUAL REPORT

2015

To our members, supporters,

donors, volunteers, and friends who made our 2015 programs and events possible: *Tusen takk! Thank you!* We look forward to working together in 2016 and beyond.



IN 2015, THE NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION:

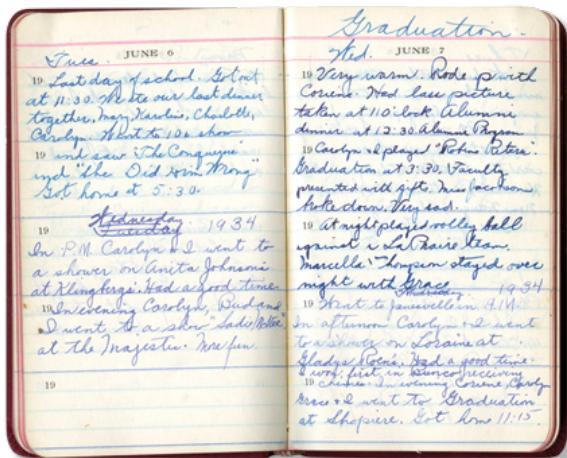
Received 33 archival donations, responded to research inquiries from 130 individuals and welcomed more than 40 on-site researchers.

Expanded our Norwegian-American Image Collection, significantly increasing the number of digital images available on our website and expanding search options.

Helped interpret the Norwegian-American experience for members and friends who attended NAHA events. Gatherings included Norwegian Heritage Day with special guest Laurann Gilbertson, chief curator of Vesterheim museum, and our 90th Anniversary Celebration at the Minnesota History Center, where we contemplated “The Future of our Past.”

“There’s something about holding a document in your hands that you know was held by your ancestor — there’s nothing like it.”

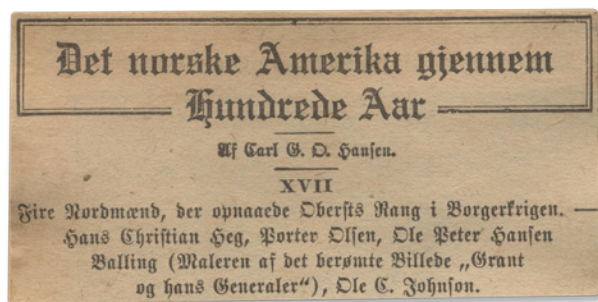
— Denise, a new NAHA member



Released Phase One of our digital Rowberg Collection — some 50,000 of our nearly 300,000 newspaper clippings about Norwegian-Americans.

Began editing and production of Volume 3 of *From America to Norway: Norwegian-American Immigrant Letters, 1838-1914*, scheduled for release in Fall 2016.

Navigated a key staff transition in March, when Amy Boxrud succeeded Jackie Henry as the Association’s director.

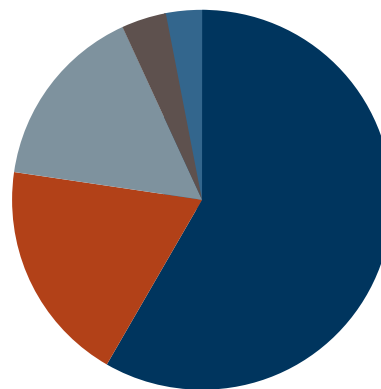


financials

FUNDING FOR OPERATIONS

Distributions from investments	\$94,926	58%
Membership fees	\$30,944	19%
Unrestricted donations	\$25,706	16%
Events/conferences	\$6,185	4%
Other	\$4,979	4%

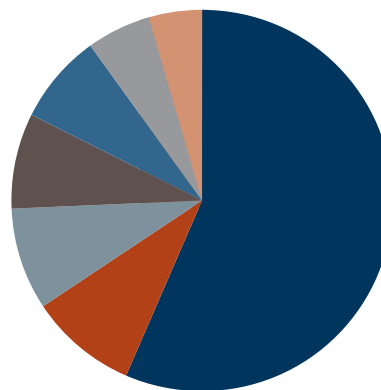
TOTAL \$162,740



SUMMARY OF EXPENSES

Salaries and benefits	\$70,919	57%
Outreach	\$11,492	9%
Professional services	\$10,874	9%
Administrative supplies and services	\$10,139	8%
Events	\$9,602	8%
Other	\$7,978	6%
Special publications	\$6,831	5%

TOTAL \$127,835

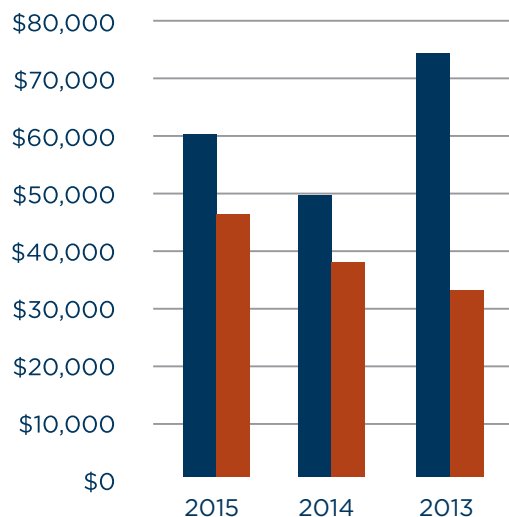


INVESTED FUND BALANCES

Market value, as of December 31, 2015

O. E. Rølvaag Memorial Fund (Endowed Fund for Operations)	\$937,270
Theodore C. Blegen Fellowship Fund (Editor's Fund)	\$390,609
Sigvald Quale Norwegian Society Fund	\$222,719
Operating and Temporarily Restricted Funds	\$303,022

INVESTMENT INCOME



Full financials are available upon request.
Contact naha@stolaf.edu or call 507-786-3221.

Realized Gains Interest and Dividends

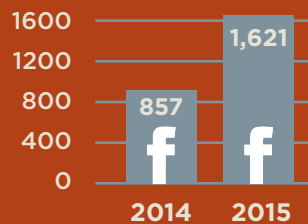


“My mother and grandmother came with me to study at the archives, and it is an experience that we will remember forever.”

— Kayle, a middle-schooler and student member of NAHA

SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH

In 2015, we nearly doubled our followers on Facebook, which includes friends in the United States, Norway, Canada, and around the world.



LEFT: NAHA is energized year-round by St. Olaf College students who serve as staff and volunteers for the Association. **MIDDLE:** NAHA Associate Archivist Jeff Sauve, Director Amy Boxrud, and Vice-President Dennis Gimmestad scout historic Norwegian-American churches in Rice and Goodhue Counties in preparation for the Association’s preservation tour slated for May 2016.

ABOVE: 90th Anniversary Celebration panelists were Philip Anderson, president of the Swedish-American Historical Society, Gary DeKrey, NAHA archivist, Lee Pao Xiong, director of Concordia University’s Hmong Studies Center, and Annette Atkins, author and historian.

2015

Thank you for your role in making our 90th anniversary year a success. We appreciate your goodwill and generosity, your support of our work, and the passion you share for our mission of collecting, preserving, and interpreting the Norwegian-American experience. Here's to an exciting 2016 and beyond!

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HOW YOU CAN HELP

Become a partner with the Norwegian-American Historical Association by:

- Inviting a friend to join NAHA
- Giving a gift membership
- Donating materials to the archives
- Making a financial gift at naha.stolaf.edu



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A NEW, CLIMATE-CONTROLLED HOME

In 2015 we came within striking distance of our first-ever capital campaign. We now have less than \$10,000 to raise in our campaign for climate-controlled archives. Since our project is part of a larger project for the archives and special collections of St. Olaf College's Rølvaag Memorial Library, our timeline is linked to that of the college. In the summer of 2017, the space we envision as the future home of the NAHA archives is scheduled to become vacant and ready for its next purpose. In the meantime, we have invested our campaign funds so they can continue to grow while we begin planning for the new facility.

THANK YOU TO OUR CLUB 2014 DONORS!

