



NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN  
HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

**DEDICATED TO**  
locating, collecting,  
preserving, and  
interpreting the  
Norwegian-American  
experience with accuracy,  
integrity, and liveliness



## NAHA BY THE NUMBERS

**1720+**

Unique  
Collections

**200+**

Archival  
Inquiries

**40+**

Donations  
Added in 2017







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members, supporters,  
donors, volunteers,  
and friends who made  
our 2017 programs  
and events possible:  
*Tusen takk!* Thank you!

### AN EVENTFUL YEAR

In addition to our well-established archives and publishing programs, NAHA planned events and tours that interpret of the Norwegian-American experience for members and friends. In May, we held a Spring Member Meetup in Minneapolis, in conjunction with the annual conference of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Studies (SASS). In June NAHA embarked on the Northern Migrations Tour, which ran from Trondheim to Bodø and explored migration to, from, and within Northern Norway. Following the tour, several NAHA members traveled to Stavanger for the triennial seminar of our sister organization, NAHA-Norge. Our fall

member event, From the Norwegian-American Table, held in partnership with the Mill City Museum in Minneapolis, attracted 100 participants.

### ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

2017 was a watershed year for the Association, as we marked the retirements and began navigating transitions of key staff positions. NAHA editor Todd Nichol retired in August; his successor as editor is Anna M. Peterson, assistant professor of History at Luther College. NAHA Archivist Gary De Krey also retired, and the Association welcomed Interim Archivist Kristell Benson, MLIS, to serve until a permanent archivist is named.



### THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL 2017.

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.



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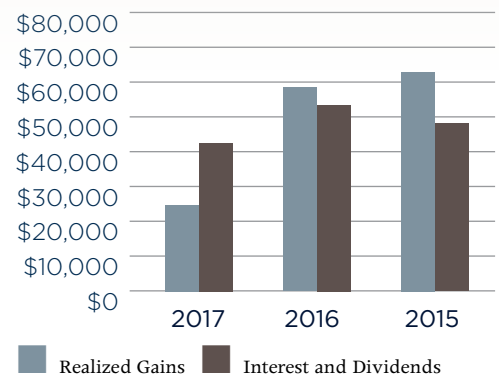
## SUMMARY OF INCOME

Income from investments	\$41,049	15%
Membership fees	\$32,625	12%
Donations and bequests	\$180,127	68%
Other	\$11,645	5%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$265,446</b>

## SUMMARY OF EXPENSES

Salaries and benefits	\$69,802	54%
Professional services	\$4,250	3%
Administrative supplies and services	\$13,713	11%
Outreach and events	\$13,563	11%
All Other	\$27,115	21%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$128,443</b>

## INVESTMENT INCOME



## INVESTED FUND BALANCES

Market value as of December 31, 2016

O. E. Rølvaag Memorial Fund (Endowed Fund for Operations)	\$779,977
Theodore C. Blegen Fellowship Fund (Editor's Fund)	\$360,542
Sigvald Quale Norwegian Society Fund	\$205,576
Operating and Temporarily Restricted Funds	\$467,551

**Full financials are available upon request.**  
 Contact [naha@stolaf.edu](mailto:naha@stolaf.edu) or call 507-786-3221.

**TOTAL 1,813,646**