

# Norwegian Commercial Club of Seattle



## NCC/NACC JOINT MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

From our gathering May 10th, 2023



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The May joint meeting of the Norwegian Commercial Club (NCC) and the Norwegian American Chamber of Commerce (NACC) convened on a fine summer-like evening, with about 40 members and guests in attendance. Lots of fun socializing during a cocktail hour that was slightly longer than usual to accommodate the caterer. Skål! This was Scholarship Night, always a delightful gathering, when we see and meet the students that our scholarships will be supporting in the year to come. After a fine buffet supper of pork loin roast with sides and strawberry shortcake, President Anne-Lise Berger called the meeting to order and Doug Warne introduced the guests. Guests included our four scholarship winners (more on them below) along with Christian Roach, Joan Sorensen Rice, wife of David Rice, and Bill Morrison, one of the writers for FISHERMENS NEWS and now working in electrical equipment sales.

Vice President Ivan Svasand then stepped in for Erik Pihl, Scholarship Committee chairman, who was called away, and introduced the five scholarship winners, who were chosen from amongst 25 applicants this year. First up was Mr. Ben Johnson, who will receive a \$5000 grant towards his studies in Philosophy at the University of Washington, with a minor in Scandinavian Studies, with emphasis upon Norwegian Language and History. We next met Ms. Amy Swanson King, who will also receive \$5000 towards her further study of Sami Immigration to North America in the PhD program at the University of Washington. We then met Mr. Austin Pacinich, a high school senior, who also receives a \$5000 grant to attend the Fisheries Program at University of Washington this year, with an expressed interest in Fisheries marketing and artwork related thereto, and who already has a small business underway in salmon-related merchandise. Finally, we met Ms. Avery Hallsted, who will receive a \$5000 grant to attend Washington State University studying Norway, its oil industry and related political structures and systems. Unable to attend Scholarship Night was the final 2023 Scholarship was Ms. Gabrielle Lund, who will receive the Doug Warne scholarship to study at the University of Oslo International Summer School.

Ivan then went on to introduce Club members to two former NCC scholarship winners, Ian Svasand and Jake Dixon, who spoke briefly about how helpful the NCC scholarships had been to them in their education and the boost their educations have given to their current careers. Thanks and congratulations to all!

Anne Lise then reported on the NCC Board's passage of a Code of Conduct for members to follow during meetings and other Club activities. A copy of the Code has been printed and enclosed with this newsletter. Please review and keep in mind! In other NCC news, Anne-Lise reported that the current Joint Venture Agreement between NCC and Norwegian American Chamber of Commerce (NACC) continues in place and this summer NCC and NACC are planning to revisit and consider a possible renewal of the Agreement for next year.

Next on the agenda was the welcoming and two new NCC Members, Ian Svasand (son of Ivan, parental pressure was noted) ; and Chris Roach, a business and technology consultant. We also met Henriette Bendicksen, visiting for the Nordic Innovation Summit Event at National Nordic Museum and who works for a travel and technology company based in Norway. Welcome all! Julie Pheasant-Albright reminded everyone to remember to stop by Kafestua, every Wednesday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for tasty sandwiches and other refreshments. A minimum \$8 donation gets you good conversation, a fine lunch and fellowship.

The drawing followed with Julie Pheasant-Albright winning the free dinner.

Respectfully submitted

DANIEL NYE  
Co-Secretary

Our final meeting before the summer break is coming up FRIDAY, June 1th at the Pac Fish Shipyard. Another barbecue feast put on by Doug Dixon and the Brickettes!

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