



Dear Singers,

Happy New Year to all!

As per the Bylaws of the NASB, I write this State of the NASB letter to you as an update relative to our Association's current well-being and plans for 2015.

**Financial Status:**

Paul Bockstege, our treasurer provided the following financial breakdown for the NASB Foundation and NASB Organization:

NASB Foundation

The largest expense has been the Leadership Workshop, and Music Directors' forums at \$ 724.90

The current NASB Foundation Financial Balance is \$18,366.39.

We could really use someone to come forward and write grants to help us finance some of the programs we would like to get started. This is a 501(c)3 corporation and donations are tax deductible.



2 clubs haven't paid their 2014 dues.

We understand a number of the choral groups are having difficulty-maintaining singers. We sponsor the Leadership Workshop and Music Directors' Forum to help our choruses. Our choruses need to take advantage of these opportunities. The Vorstand is hard at work making efforts to find methods to revitalize the NASB and its membership through evaluation of choral activities currently being implemented and successfully practiced internationally.

### **Archivist/Historian**

The NASB is working with the Max Kade Institute and Mills Music Library as a solution to collect and archive records of choral organizations in one location. This archival would be an option for those choruses not having yet found a home for their historic music and records. The Vorstand will attempt to obtain a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to financially assist in gathering and cataloging the many NASB/District/Choral files.

Gary Luther will work closely with Marlena Voigt, our Archivist and Wolfgang Wengler, our Archivist Emeritus, in achieving the goal to preserve our files and documents.

### **Publications:**

To further expand our offering of methods to disseminate information to our membership, beyond our fine Newsletter *die Sangerzeitung* so reliably published by Willi Banzhaf, we now have a Facebook page: North American Singers' Association Nord Amerikanischer Sangerbund. The website [www.nasaengerbund.org](http://www.nasaengerbund.org), maintained by webmaster Geoff Kroening, continues to faithfully update the webpage with information.

### **Sangerfest 2016**

Nick Lipnichin and his Saengerfest Board are preparing for a pleasurable fest. The music order forms have been mailed to choral groups. The songbooks have not gone into production yet. We are still

securing copyright permissions before. We understand Willi Banzhaf needs some lead-time to get them produced.

Work on negotiations with a venue for the Sunday morning portion of the weekend continues.

## **62. Nationales Sangerfest ~ Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania U.S.A.**

Thursday, May, 26 through Sunday, May 29, 2016

Nick Lipnichan, Fest President ~

Fest email: [pghsaengerfest@gmail.com](mailto:pghsaengerfest@gmail.com)

### **Sangertag 2015**

The Dayton Liederkranz-Turners have delegates based on dues paid (one delegate per 10 singers or fraction) to attend the Sangertag 2015 events June 19<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup>. Sangertag including dinner and dance will be Saturday followed by the Sanger leadership meetings on Sunday. More information will follow shortly. The Sangertag and meetings are a great opportunity to be involved with the NASB and get to meet up with fellow singers.

We are making every effort to make our NASB a friendly, worthwhile organization. We, the Vorstand, greatly appreciate any feedback so that we can provide the tools you need to keep your chorus vibrant and viable.

Wishing you and your Chor a successful, enjoyable 2015,

Mit besten Sangergruen,

Gary Luther  
President