



***To Support, Preserve and Cultivate Finnish and Finnish-American Culture***

## **2018 Annual Meeting of the Chapter Membership**

**Saturday, March 10, 2018, 2:00 p.m.**

Finnish Room, Room 124, Cramer Hall, Portland State University

1721 SW Broadway, Portland, Oregon, 97201

### **ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES:**

**Members Attending:** Dave Alford, Tom Birnie, Greg Jacob, Chris Lazarus, Katariina Lehtonen-Harrskog, Pete Lee, Minna Lindholm, Elizabeth Newton, Päivi Panttila-Vargas, Judy Perkiömäki, Jukka Perkiömäki, Seppo Saarinen, Christine Schulbach, Dirk Schulbach, Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach, Andrea Tolonen, Larry Vargas, and Ray Wikman.

**Guest Attending:** Wynne Wakkila.

**A. Welcome:** President Greg Jacob welcomed the membership to the 2018 Annual Meeting and thanked Elizabeth Newton and Chris Lazarus for providing the refreshments. Greg pointed out the Finland-100 Proclamation signed by State of Oregon Governor Kate Brown is on display at the front of the room. Many thanks to Dave Alford who was the catalyst in organizing the Proclamation project and getting the Proclamation signed. 2017 was a good year due to all Finland-100 projects and events throughout the year. Greg thanked the FFCPC Board of Directors and members for their volunteer work.

**B. 2017 in Review:** FFCPC Finland-100 Committee Chair Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach reviewed the Finland-100 events held in 2017. FFCPC's goal for the Finland-100 project was a Finland-100 event should occur each month of 2017. The FFCPC Board members recognized we couldn't do all the work ourselves, so we informed other organizations about Finland-100 and encouraged them to host events. In return FFCPC advertised and/or otherwise supported their events. FFCPC also co-hosted events with several organizations including the Finnish-American Historical Society of the West and Nordic Northwest. These efforts in turn met one of Finland's official Finland-100 goals of helping advertise Finland to others, and in the spirit of the Finland-100 theme, "*Together,*" get others involved and working together.

FFCPC met its Finland-100 goals. The project was a huge success. In 2017, FFCPC hosted the largest number of events in FFCPC's history. These events attracted Finns, Finnish-Americans, and others who had not previously attended any FFCPC event. A prime example was the Vappu event FFCPC held on April 30, 2017 at Nordic Northwest's Fogelbo. Young Finnish and Finnish-American

families with children attended. Even the weather cooperated. Another example is FFPC's Dec. 9, 2017, Suomi/Finland-100 Independence Gala held at Nordia House, which attracted a wide range of FFPC and Nordic Northwest members, and non-members.

The Dec. 9, 2017 Gala was FFPC's crowning Finland-100 event. Many thanks to FFPC Board member Päivi Panttila Vargas for watching all the details and chairing the very successful Gala. Tickets to the Gala sold out weeks in advance and a wait list was established. 164 persons attended the event. Broder Söder catered a Finnish-style Christmas buffet dinner, which was highly praised. The Oregon Honorary Finnish Consul Vesa Vihavainen spoke, as did Pia Helin, Deputy Consul General of the Consulate General of Finland office in Los Angeles; Oregon State Representative Janeen Sollman, and FFPC President Greg Jacob. Two Finnish veterans were honored, Väinö and Lempi Koskela. Excellent music was provided by Con Fuoco, and Maria Männistö and her band. Seppo Saarinen provided and ran a slideshow. Decorations and games were designed and provided by Judy Gervais, Hilja Hyvärinen Davis and Chris Lazarus. In the spirit of the official theme of Finland-100 - *Together* - the FFPC Board decided to offer low ticket prices to make the event affordable to a broad range of attendees. Thanks to the generosity of a long list of Gala sponsors, FFPC was able to offer tickets below cost and still make a profit. Ticket prices were \$40 for members, and \$50 for nonmembers. A profit of \$683 was made on the event. FFPC received many glowing reviews of the evening.

Pirjo reviewed the list of Finland-100 events held in 2017 by various organizations and thanked the volunteers for each event:

**Jan. 28 and 29, 2017: Concert, *All-Night Vigil*** composed by Einojuhani Rautavaara, hosted by Cappella Romana at two locations in Portland, Oregon. Concert funded in part by a grant from Finlandia Foundation National (FFN). FFPC supported Cappella Romana's FFN grant request. FFPC advertised the event.

**Feb. 3, 2017, 7:30pm: Lecture, *The Kalevala: Its Significance to the Finns***, by Greg Jacob, Ph.D., at PSU, Cramer Hall, 1721 SW Broadway, Room 171, Portland, Oregon. Co-sponsored by FFPC and the Friday Night Lecture Series Committee of Nordic NW. Reception in the PSU Finnish Room after the lecture sponsored by FFPC.

**March 15 - June 15, 2017: Two Exhibits, *My Paradise: One Hundred Years of Finnish Architects' Summer Homes***, by photographer Jari Jetsonen and architect Sirkkaliisa Jetsonen. *Interpreting Climate Change*, by artist Inka Juslin. Sponsored by Nordic Northwest at Nordia House, 8800 SW Oleson Rd, Portland, Oregon. FFPC advertised the event.

**April 6, 2017: Finland-100 Traveling Sauna**, Tiny Digs Hotel, NE 28th and E Burnside, Portland. FFPC co-hosted a booth at and advertised the event. The Traveling Sauna was funded in part by a grant from Finlandia Foundation National.

**April 25, 2017: Concert, *Modern Kantele***, by one of the world's leading kantele players, Ida Elina, one of Finlandia Foundation National's Finland-100 Performers, at Nordia House in Portland. Co-sponsored by FFPC, Finlandia Foundation National, and Nordic NW.

**April 30, 2017, 3pm-6pm: Vappu Celebration**, at Fogelbo, Nordic Northwest, Portland. Co-sponsored by FFPC and Nordic Northwest. FFPC served hot dogs, sima, doughnuts, coffee, and soft drinks. Guests brought potluck items to share.

**May 8, 2017, 7:30pm: Film, "Alvar Aalto: Technology and Nature,"** at Nordia House, Portland. Sponsored by Nordic Northwest. FFPC advertised the event.

**May 9, 2017, 6:30pm-8:30pm: Finnish Cooking Class, *True Flavors from Finland***, by Finnish chef Leena Pölkki at Nordia House in Portland. Co-sponsored by Leena Pölkki, Pirjo and Dirk Schulbach, FFCPC, and the Nordic Northwest Cook and Eat Committee.

**May 13 and 14, 2017, 4pm: Concert**, by Finnish pianist Paavali Jumppanen, Portland Piano International, PSU, Lincoln Hall, Portland, Oregon. FFCPC advertised the event and in return received a free advertisement in the concert program and discounted tickets for members.

**June 3, 2017, 8:30pm-11pm:** Finland-100 was featured on the Viking Ship float in the Portland Rose Festival Starlight Parade. Viking Ship float participation chaired by Dave Alford. Sponsored by Nordic NW and FFCPC. Many FFCPC representatives walked with or rode on the float.

**June 10, 2017, 11am-6pm: FFCPC hosted the Helsinki Cafe food booth and the Finland-100 booth** at the Portland Midsummer Festival at Oaks Park, 7805 SE Oaks Park Way, Portland, Oregon. The food booth was chaired by Dirk Schulbach and the Finland-100 booth by Pirjo Schulbach. The booths were staffed by a long list of volunteers.

**July 2017:** One of FFCPC's Finland-100 projects was a **WWII Finnish fighter plane painting** created by a local artist Jerry Ghiglieri. Dave Alford chaired the project. Many thanks to Elizabeth Newton for successfully transporting the painting from the USA to Finland, and delivering it to the Finnish Ministry of Defense in Helsinki. Katariina Lehtonen represented FFCPC at the official dedication of the painting at the Finnish Ministry of Defense. Several Finlandia Foundation National trustees attended the official dedication. This Finland-100 project was supported by a grant from Finlandia Foundation National and sponsored by FFCPC.

**August 12, 2017: Astoria Regatta Grand Land Parade, Astoria, Oregon.** Finland-100 reps from FFCPC and the Viking Ship float committee participated in the parade. Viking Ship float participation chaired by Dave Alford.

**August 26, 2017, 11:30am: Finnic Picnic and Paavo Nurmi Fun Run** at the Lindgren Cabin at Cullaby Lake County Park, Warrenton, Oregon. Co-sponsored by the Finnish-American Historical Society of the West and FFCPC. Picnic chaired by Andrea Tolonen and run by Greg Jacob. Cooking by Andrea Tolonen, Wayne Barker, and Dirk Schulbach. Finland-100 picnic menu included salmon and grilli makkara, and a blueberry pie contest.

**September 17, 2017, 10am: Finnish Messiah Lutheran Church's Finland 100 Celebration** at Nordia House. Worship service, concert, sing-along, and more. All day event.

**October 17, 2017, 7:30pm: Concert, *Sibelius Inspiration***, by Finlandia Foundation National Finland-100 Performers cellist Jussi Makkonen and pianist Nazig Azejian, at Nordia House in Portland. Co-sponsored by FFCPC, Finlandia Foundation National, Nordic Northwest, and Suomi-Seura/Finland Society.

**November 14, 2017, 3:30pm: Nordic Christmas Cookie Class**, featuring *Finnish Joulutorttu* by Pirjo Schulbach and *Swedish Christmas Boats* by Sandra Nelson Miller. Sponsored by the Nordic Northwest Cook and Eat Committee, Sandra Nelson Miller, and Pirjo Schulbach.

**Dec. 2 and 3, 2017: ScanFair**, including FFCPC's Finland-100 presentation, FFCPC's Joulupukki/Santa Claus photo booth, FFCPC's Finnish food booth, and Nordic Northwest's children's craft room including Finnish crafts. Finland-100 presentation chaired by Seppo Saarinen. Joulupukki booth chaired by Katariina Lehtonen. Food booth chaired by Greg Jacob. Baked goods for the food booth

made by Elizabeth Newton. The work of the chairs and many volunteers made these two busy booths a success. At the Portland Veterans' Memorial Coliseum, 300 N Winning Way, Portland, Oregon.

**Dec. 6, 2017: Finland-100 Concert** sponsored by Finnish Messiah Lutheran Church at Nordia House. FFPCPC advertised the event.

**Dec. 9, 2017, 5pm-9pm: FFPCPC's Suomi-Finland 100 Independence Gala Celebration** at Nordia House in Portland. Festive Finnish Christmas dinner, program and entertainment. Event sponsored by FFPCPC, and co-sponsors Finlandia Foundation National, Ray Wikman, Leena Mela Riker, Helka Lehtinen Gordon, Dr. Ola Hårskog, Katariina Lehtonen, Greg Jacob, Karin Lahti, Dr. Jukka and Judy Gervais Perkiömäki, Dirk and Pirjo Schulbach, Dave Alford, Susan Teppola of Laurel Ridge Winery, and Saara Matthews of Finn Ware Astoria.

As part of the Finland-100 project, Pirjo also focused time on increasing the number of postings and readership of FFPCPC's Facebook page. The effort was worthwhile, the number of Facebook members who liked the FFPCPC page increased from 307 on January 1, 2017, to 403 on Dec. 31, 2017. And today, the number is 412.

Pirjo thanked the FFPCPC Finland-100 Committee and FFPCPC board members for their volunteer work on the Finland-100 project. Committee members are: Gala Chair Päivi Panttila Vargas, Dave Alford, Hilja Hyvärinen Davis, Elizabeth Newton, Judy Gervais Perkiömäki, Chris Lazarus, Katariina Lehtonen, Sini Mullins, Marjo Peltoniemi Northup, Dirk Schulbach, and Andrea Tolonen.

**C. Review 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes:** Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach presented the February 18, 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes. Ray Wikman made a motion to approve the 2017 FFPCPC Annual Meeting Minutes as presented. Pete Lee seconded the motion. The membership approved unanimously. Greg Jacob thanked Pirjo for her dedicated work as Secretary, Membership Chair, and Finland-100 Committee Chair.

**E. Treasurer's Report for 2017:** Treasurer Dirk Schulbach presented the Treasurer's Report for calendar year 2017, including the balance sheet, and profit and loss detail. Total assets as of Dec. 31, 2017 are \$44,062.64. Approximately \$30,000 of the assets were acquired from the Finnish American Historical Society of the West. Dirk highlighted a few of projects in the Profit and Loss Detail report. The Ida Elina concert was a net loss of -\$205. \$332 was received for the sale of Sarvanto prints. \$453 was made at the Portland Midsummer food and Finland-100 booths. The Sibelius Inspiration concert was a net loss of -\$415. There were unreimbursed expenses that lowered the losses. The ScanFair food booth made \$860, some items sold were donated. The ScanFair Joulupukki booth made about \$3,400. The Dec. 9, 2017 Finland-100 Gala made over \$683 in profit. Again, there were donated expenses not reimbursed and many sponsorships, these improved the apparent profits. Dirk recommended, when the Board votes via email on issues, the vote be discussed at the following Board of Directors meeting, so the item is listed in the official meeting minutes. Greg Jacob thanked Dirk for his dedicated work as Treasurer.

**F. Auditor's Report:** FFPCPC's books for calendar year 2017 were audited by FFPCPC life members Hilja Davis and Sonja Haugen. In conducting the audit, Hilja and Sonja studied FFPCPC bank statements, reconciliation reports, itemized profit and loss, balance sheets and meeting minutes. As Hilja and Sonja were unable to attend the meeting today, Dirk Schulbach read their *2017 Annual Accounting Audit Report* to the membership. In Hilja's and Sonja's report they concluded: *"The financial records for FFPCPC are in outstanding order and completing the audit was a straight forward task. They appreciate treasurer Dirk Schulbach's organization and attention to detail as well as his meticulous documentation of financial records."* FFPCPC thanked Hilja and Sonja for their work

on the 2017 audit. Judy Perkiömäki nominated Hilja Davis and Sonja Haugen to audit the 2018 books in 2019. Dave Alford volunteered to audit if Hilja or Sonja are not available. The membership approved unanimously.

**G. Most Valuable Finn Award:** Dave Alford and Ray Wikman presented the *Most Valuable Finn Award* to FFCPC Secretary, Membership Chair, and Finland-100 Committee Chair Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach for her work and dedication of countless hours in 2017 as the FFCPC Chair of Finland-100 and in organizing the 2017 celebratory year of events.

**H. Finnish-American Historical Society of the West (FAHSW):** Greg Jacob read a history of FAHSW written by Merle Reinikka. FAHSW merged with FFCPC late last year. In 2017, FAHSW had about 60 members. Some of these members are libraries or universities. This year, FAHSW members may join FFCPC as Associate members for \$10 per year. Andrea Tolonen writes the Quarterly FAHSW Newsletter, which FAHSW prints and mails to their members. FAHSW members were informed in the January 2018 newsletter of the merger with FFCPC. For the next issue of the newsletter, Greg Jacob will write an article welcoming the FAHSW members to FFCPC. FAHSW produces historical monographs. They are available for sale at Appelo Archives in Naselle, Washington. A future goal is to make these monographs available in electronic format. Dave Alford moved Andrea Tolonen be editor of the FAHSW Quarterly Newsletter. Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach seconded the motion. The membership approved unanimously. Dave Alford moved that FFCPC appoint a committee with Andrea Tolonen as chair to look at past FAHSW activities, and recommend to the Board which will be FFCPC activities and missions. Pete Lee seconded the motion. The membership approved unanimously.

**I. Erik Lindgren Cabin:** Greg Jacob reported one of FAHSW's responsibilities was the historic Erik Lindgren Cabin at Cullaby Lake in Warrenton, Oregon. Elizabeth Newton of the FFCPC Lindgren Cabin Committee reported the committee has drafted short-term and long-term goals for the Cabin. The Committee recommends FFCPC hold the Cabin open on weekends this summer from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Elizabeth is coordinating the Cabin host sign-up list and is actively seeking volunteers. Another goal of the Committee is to host one special event each month, three events total. To be a volunteer Cabin host, one does not need to be a FFCPC member. Elizabeth will also ask members of the Astoria Finnish Brotherhood if they would like to volunteer as well. Greg Jacob reported government officials are helping research ownership of the Cabin. Dave Alford reported Judy Perkiömäki created notebooks of information about the Lindgren Cabin for each Cabin committee member. Judy and Jukka Perkiömäki have hosted the committee meetings at their home.

**J. Election of Directors:** Hilja Davis and Judy Perkiömäki chaired the FFCPC Nominations Committee. Terms of office for the following Board members expire today: Pete Lee, Päivi Panttila Vargas, Jukka Perkiömäki, Dirk Schulbach, and Ray Wikman. Nominations Committee Chair Judy Perkiömäki presented the slate of candidates for the 2018 Board of Directors vacancies. They are Andrea Tolonen (president of FAHSW for 17 years), Pete Lee, Päivi Panttila Vargas, Jukka Perkiömäki, Dirk Schulbach, and Ray Wikman. Larry Vargas was nominated from the floor. Ray Wikman made a motion to elect the slate of candidates as presented by Judy and nominated from the floor. Minna Lindholm seconded the motion. The motion carried with one abstention. President Greg Jacob congratulated the new and re-elected board members: Pete Lee, Päivi Panttila Vargas, Jukka Perkiömäki, Dirk Schulbach, Andrea Tolonen, Larry Vargas, and Ray Wikman.

**K. Upcoming Events:**

Late April 2018: FFCPC Vappu at Nordic Northwest's Fogelbo in Portland, Oregon.

June 2, 2018: Portland Rose Festival Starlight Parade in Portland, Oregon. Watch for the Nordic Northwest Viking Ship float.

June 9, 2018: Portland Midsummer Festival at Oaks Park in Portland, Oregon. Visit FFCPC's booth at the festival.

June 15-17, 2018: Astoria Midsummer Festival in Astoria, Oregon.

July 27-29, 2018: Naselle Finnish Festival in Naselle, Washington.

August 19, 2018: FFCPC Finnic Picnic at the Historic Erik Lindgren Cabin at Cullaby Lake Park in Warrenton, Oregon.

Judy Perkiömäki recommended FFCPC and the Lindgren Cabin be represented at a table at the Astoria Midsummer Festival and the Naselle Finnish Festival.

**L. WWII Painting:** Judy Perkiömäki recommended donating a Sarvanto aerial combat WWII print to the PSU Finnish Room.

**M. Adjournment:** Board member Ray Wikman made a motion to adjourn the 2018 Annual Meeting. Chris Lazarus seconded the motion. The membership approved unanimously.

**O. Refreshments:** President Greg Jacob invited everyone to enjoy the refreshments and thanked Elizabeth Newton and Chris Lazarus for providing the refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

*Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach*  
Secretary, Membership Chair, and Finland-100 Chair  
Board of Directors  
Finlandia Foundation Columbia-Pacific Chapter

*May 20, 2018: Approved by the Board of Directors for presentation to the membership for review and approval at the 2019 annual meeting.*

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