



Annual Membership Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 23, 2016

Time: 6:00-7:30PM

Place: Smith, Cambrell, & Russell, LLP Office

Address: Promenade, Suite 3100, 1230 Peachtree Street N.E, Atlanta, GA 30309

<http://www.sgrlaw.com/about/contact/atlanta/directions/>

Host: John Saunders, Honorary Consul of Finland for the state of Georgia.

Please RSVP, if you plan to attend:

Minna.LeVine@ChamberofEcoCommerce.com

Agenda

6:00-6:30PM Arrivals/ Networking

Light food (cheese & crackers, peanuts and small finger sandwiches, soft drinks, wine) available during social/networking and meeting so that at 7:30 p.m. people can leave.

6:30PM - Welcome (Minna LeVine)

1. Acceptance of Minutes from Last Meeting (Michael Gustafson)
2. Treasurer's Report (Arja Hanninen)
3. Website & Social Media (Minna LeVine)
4. Membership & BOG
5. Updates from VP Denmark (Gitte Toben), VP Finland (Anne Hamalainen), VP Sweden (Mikael Norin)
6. Updates from Honorary Consuls and other Scandinavian-American Organizations
7. Grants/Fundraising
8. SAFG 2016-17 Program

Education

- Annual Education event at Junior Achievement Atlanta - *May 2016*
- TransAtlantic Education Leadership Exchange (TELE) study tour to Finland - *September 2016*
- Nordic Speaker Series at World Trade Center Atlanta

Socials/Networking

- Saga-Chef: socials/networking events 2016-17
- Saga-Chef: culture & cuisine study tour of Scandinavia 2017
- Annual Nobel Peace Prize Gala & Concert at Carter Center Atlanta (Minna LeVine) - *November 2016*

Collaboration

- Other Scandinavian organizations (All)

9. Other Business (All)

10. Next Meeting/Telcon

- Date and Time

11. Adjourn by 7:30PM



A CALL TO ACTION

Dear Members,

I need your support. In 2016, new members will be appointed to the Board of Governors (BOG) of the Scandinavian American Foundation of Georgia (SAFG), for a two year term. I am requesting that you give serious consideration to SAFG positions. Your support will make a difference for those we serve.

The 2016-17 promise to be exciting for the SAFG. The organization will continue to have a positive impact on the community. The BOG will play a central role in this important work. We invite you to consider a BOG position, or recommend someone you know such as your spouse, son or daughter, friend, or co-worker.

A primary responsibility of Board Directors is to participate in the development of policy and major decision-making at Board Meetings and Annual Membership meetings held once or twice a year in Atlanta-metro area. You can also join the meetings by phone or internet, in case you have a conflict and personally can not attend the meetings. Other key responsibilities are monitoring the Foundation goals and objectives; assisting in fundraising activities and representing the Foundation in the broader community.

Since its founding in 1983, SAFG, has been recognized as benefiting specific projects and programs in Georgia and having a real impact within the Scandinavian American community. We invite you to become a part of this growing tradition.

You can contact me by phone to discuss this invitation with me, or if you wish, please email Minna.LeVine@ChamberofEcoCommerce.com.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Minna LeVine

President

Mission Statement

Founded in 1983, the Scandinavian American Foundation of Georgia supports, promotes, and encourages the interchange of educational, cultural, and amateur athletic activities between the State of Georgia and the countries of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden in order to further the mutual understanding, goodwill, and friendship of the peoples of Scandinavia and Georgia.

As a non-profit organization, the Foundation seeks to advance these goals through sponsoring programs in Amateur Athletics, Culinary Arts, Dance, Education, Film, Literature, Music, Theater and Visual Arts.

Another key role of the Foundation is to serve as facilitator for the several local organizations in Georgia having specific orientation to individual countries of Scandinavia. Only through the generous contribution of time, talent, and financial support of its individual and corporate members can the Scandinavian American Foundation of Georgia fulfill this overall mission.