

Section 5

Comments and Suggestions

Questions which solicited written responses.

Question 15:

Within recent years more and more schools and colleges have started their fall term before Labor Day. Suggestions have been made to change the dates of the National Gymanfa Ganu from Labor Day weekend to another time during the year.

Do you feel the dates should be changed? Yes No

If your answer is Yes, what other dates would you suggest?

The following are suggestions and comments from the survey form arranged according to the month or season indicated by the respondent. Where multiple responses were offered, it was assumed that the first noted was the first choice and therefore the first was used for classification purposes.

January - (no responses).

February - (no responses).

March

March or October.

The month of March or April depending on Easter.

April - (no responses).

May

Memorial Day or sometime in October (We can come anytime).

Early May - October??? (Many conflicts over Labor Day.)

Memorial Day week-end.

Question 15
May - continued

Sometime during the month of May.

May or June.

Some time around Memorial Day.

Memorial Day or 4th of July.

Memorial Day or July 4th.

May/June.

June

Between June 15 & Aug 15.

Mid-late June or early August.

Early June or August.

June 30.

Late June to July or early August.

If it would attract more young people. Early June or
Early August.

If it would attract more youth. Early June or early -
mid August.

June, October, November.

I'm a teacher & can't attend. Summer before 4th wk. in
June.

Late June.

end June - early July??

Question 15
June - continued

Between June 15 & August 15.

Mid to late June.

A June weekend??

For families, mid-June.

First week-end in June.

June 23, 24, 25.

Month of June.

July

July 4th.

If we wish college-age folks, we must. July 4th week
end.

Late July or early Aug.

4th of July week end.

Month of July, any week end.

July 4th weekend.

4th of July weekend.

Fourth of July.

4th of July Weekend.

Late July, early August.

Question 15
July - continued

About middle of July.

July weekend.

Mid July to mid August.

July or Aug.

Jul 1 - 4 (Dominion & Independence Days).

July or August - people could plan their vacations
around it, kids are not in school.

Next to last or last week in July.

July 4th weekend? 3 day week-end? Weather?

Sometime in July or August.

July - August or May.

August

Early August

The weekend before Labor Day.

August.

Last week in August!

Middle August.

1st or 2nd weekend in August.

As late as possible before any school terms begin in
fall.

Question 15
August - continued

Two weeks earlier.

How about 1st or 2nd wk. in August.

August.

Mid to late August.

July or August.

1 month earlier (later July - early August).

Mid-August or Mid-June.

Week before Labor Day.

August 15.

Middle of August.

Last weekend August & not Labor Day.

One week before Labor Day.

1 or 2 weeks before Labor Day.

If majority really think youth might come if held
earlier - might try 2nd week of August.

Prior to the start of school.

3rd or 4th weekend in August.

Middle of August.

First week in Aug.

Any time before last week of August.

Question 15
August - continued

A week earlier.

Sadly yes. A week or two earlier.

August.

August 1 or 15.

Earlier in August.

1 month earlier (later July - early August).

The weekend before Labor Day.

Week before Labor Day.

The weekend before Labor Day weekend.

1st week in August.

An August weekend.

First weekend in August or June (middle).

2 weeks before Labor Day or wks after.

Pre-weekend in Aug prior to school start but not
cutting into a work period mid-summer for young
people.

Earlier in the month (1 week).

Late in August.

Middle of August.

Late August.

Weekend before Labour Day Weekend.

Question 15
August - continued

Is there an August holiday common to U.S. & Canada?

Mid August.

September

Last of Sept.

Later in Sept.

Later in September.

Mid Sept. (2nd week).

Weekend following Labor Day.

Later in September.

Another weekend in Sept. or Oct.

October

October.

October.

Mid-October.

October - early.

October. It is too hot to go east on Labor Day.

October 1 - 3.

October.

Question 15
Ocotober - continued

Oct. 1st.

November

Early November/October.

December

Christmas time.

Spring

Spring break

Spring or mid summer would be possibilities.

Pentecost (Whitsun) or Memorial Day.

Spring Break.

College Spring Break (must keep youth!!).

Spring vacation or in June.

Spring.

Late spring or early fall. Not over a holiday.

Late Spring to late summer when weather is good for
travel.

In the cooler Springtime.

How many people are affected? Possible Whitsunday
weekend as originally common.

Question 15

Summer

What is best for students in the summer.

Sometime in early summer - after schools let out but before the heat!

Early or mid summer.

Summer or week after Easter.

Any summer week-end.

Any other summer weekend.

During the vacation months.

Summer time.

Since I am a teacher, during the summer.

Fall

Anytime after Labor Day.

After Labor Day or Mid-September.

After Labor Day.

Winter - (no responses).

Question 15

Miscellaneous comments when YES was given as a response to the question ("No opinion" and "No preference" responses are not included).

Not on a holiday week-end.

Sometime cooler.

Later weekend.

Vary the week ends.

When young people can come - they are our future.

So more young people can attend.

Whatever would get the most attending.

If needed.

Other than Labor Day - (Labor Day is last family day before school).

Miscellaneous YES comments

Not a holiday!

If we wish to involve the younger people.

Having been a teacher, I never attended until I retired.

If a suitable date could be determined.

Consider dates suitable for younger folks.

If this would involve more youth (OK). Anytime in nice weather.

Definitely. Just avoid peak travel dates.

Question 15
Miscellaneous YES comments - continued

Not on a major holiday.

Miscellaneous comments when NO was indicated as a response to the question or the question was not answered ("No opinion" and "No preference" responses are not included).

School schedules will always be a problem and summer interferes with vacations.

Memorial Day is only 3 day.

Most schools and most workers have Labor Day off.
There is no other 3 day weekend available.

OK either way.

Should be in summer - 1st week end in Aug. Would enough be benefited?

Cost primary concern. No suggestion.

Not sure. No time is ever perfect.

Can come anytime.

Retirees can come anytime. Spring, just after schools out & before young people go to work.

October, early May.

End of August.

November or December.

March or October.

Need to influence colleges.

It doesn't matter; we will go.

Question 15
Miscellaneous comments

It doesn't matter, we will go anyway.

It does not matter to me.

I will attend anytime.

Reason: Very difficult to find a non-conflict time.

I have not feeling about it.

I'm retired, so I prefer be silent.

Since I teach and school starts the day after Labor Day, I would only attend a National in our area at that time.

Only if majority vote yes.

Very difficult - all dates are crowded.

Don't know.

If it was changed, there would be come who would not attend.

We would attend all if they were held on some other weekend. July 4th?

I realize this is a problem - but we are retired.

Maybe.

St. David's Day might be a good time, but we don't have a 3 day weekend in March. Hang on to a d day weekend.

4th of July. Families could incorporate their vacations.

This would be good for young people, but a 3 day weekend is definitely needed.

Question 15
Miscellaneous comments - continued

Doesn't matter to me.

Not sure.

Don't know any better time.

However, another holiday weekend would be agreeable.

This is for the Trustees to decide.

It would be like changing New Years, St. David's Day, Christmas, etc. It would be hard to find a date not already in use by a local group -- hard to change these.

Undecided. A weekend around the 4th of July.

Very possible, maybe second week in September?

For the want of a better date to offer many considerations other than schools, hotel accommodations, available dates, etc.

You might consider Christmas season sometime.

Difficult to say. I understand the problem but know of no better 3 day weekend.

I personally like L. Day but I'll not be inconvenienced by another day.

Think most schools in Canada start after Labour Day so cannot comment.

If its changed some other questions will be missed, believe me???

Being retired, available anytime.

At retirement age. Anytime is good time. Whatever time receives the best response.

Question 15

Miscellaneous comments - continued

I like the way and time it is now, but I would attend any other time. Summer is best because of weather and traveling.

Schools and colleges are a passing phase. Most members are seniors in any case.

Question 16:

Since 1970, the WNGGA has supported the WAY (Welsh Associated Youth) organization. Should WNGGA continue to support WAY? Yes No

If your answer is Yes, in what way?

The following are suggestions and comments from the survey form. They are arranged according to the perceived primary theme of the response. There are many responses which can be included in more than one classification.

Financial Support

Money and educational opportunities.

Financially and emotional.

Through encouragement of their national heritage and financially.

- Voluntary contributions.
- Programs held concurrent with GG weekend.

Financially.

Financial.

Financial.

Financial grants, greater publicity, expand mission of WNGGA to more actively include educational, folk, and cultural events. Why is this question raised?

Financial assistance.

Financial support, scholarships, membership, free subscription of Welsh newspaper (Ninnau, Y Drych) to all young WAY members.

Financially, bring young people to Nationals.

Question 16
Financial Support - continued

Monetary - attending National is fine, but other events/activities, such as Welsh language courses or local festivals (or gymanfaoedd) might be of more interest or benefit to them.

Financially.

Financially.

Financial support & whatever way that would keep the young people interested in the Welsh heritage & Gymanfa.

Financial scholarships.

Continued financial support and scholarships to the National.

Any support financially that's needed, within reason.

More help to provide a way to help WAY members attend the Gymanfa, when financially unable.

Financial.

Financially.

Giving whatever funds are available from the W.N.G.G.A. Treasury. Supporting a good cause!

Monetary. Give the young people more exposure at the Gymanfa Sessions.

Financially, encourage Welsh activities & knowledge of Welsh Ways & History and language.

Financially.

Financially and by attendance at their luncheon.

Help to pay transportation for a few members.

Question 16
Financial Support - continued

Help subsidize its publication. Contribute to scholarship program.

Financially - guidance spiritually.

Help more to attend Nationals, perhaps housing nearby in college dorms, prizes for projects that increase Welsh awareness in the communities.

Financially and

Financially and

Small financial help

Donations.

More help with costs - travel & hotel.

Monetarily and other ways as needed.

Money.

Money.

Financial as well as moral.

Financial program.

Moral and financial.

Financially - help in increasing membership of WAY.

Financially

Financially.

Financially, as well as providing your facilities for publicity, membership drives.

Question 16
Financial Support - continued

Financial support.

Financial and other.

Financial.

Financially and by promoting memberships in areas
without existing Welsh societies.

Financial.

Financial assistance to WAY by attending their events
at the National. - Grants to attend the National

Subsidize it in the same way Masons sponsor their youth
organizations to ensure its continued existence.

Financially.

Financially, certainly. Beware of nepotism.

Financial and commendation.

Financially.

Financially and counseling as to program - support of
the programs WAY is now conducting.

Money.

Monetary support.

Financial and attending their meetings as sponsors.

With financial & every possible.

Monetarily

Financially and leadership in a subtle way.

Question 16
Financial Support - continued

Money - scholarships, maybe some kind of camp.

Financial support & scholarships.

Financially & providing more activities for youth.

Financial help.

Financial aid, encourage WNGGA members to becoming WAY members. Ask WAY for their support and input.

Encouragement and financial assistance.

Financial support. Support activities at the National.

Financial. Involvement as advisors/resource.

Financial to introduce WAY news. NO FREE TICKETS OR

Financial help, subsidized accommodations, continued help and advice and encouragement. Rescheduling of activities so WAY functions don't overlap Gymanfa functions.

Financial, moral (not just words).

Scholarships

Scholarship language courses.

Programs at the National and a scholarship fund for WAY members only.

Scholarships; anything that encourages young people to participate & retain an interest in their heritage.

Offer a scholarship.

Scholarships to encourage participation in WNGGA.

Question 15
Scholarships - continued

Continue scholarships - broaden encouragement for language study.

Scholarships.

Scholarship programs.

Study programs both in Wales and the U.S.

Sponsor a music scholarship.

Scholarships.

Financial scholarships.

Financial (scholarships).

By establishing more scholarships for our younger generation to attend college and more activities during the course of the convention to interest the ones not old enough for WAY.

Scholarships to musical students (Harp, voice, etc.).

Scholarships.

Education? Finance?

Scholarships.

Monetary (scholarships).

Financial scholarships.

Scholarships, financially.

Study grants.

Scholarships for Celtic studies in Wales or the US.

Question 16
Scholarships - continued

Scholarships.

Scholarships to language course in Lleyn.

Scholarships.

Scholarships.

Scholarships -- aid in attending Nationals.

Scholarships etc.

Promotion

More publicity before G.G. would make people aware of WAY. Many 'New' people don't know of its existence.

Canvas at WNGGA at National Festivals. That's how Mr. George Bundy got me in the coffee shop in Akron, Ohio, hotel as a college student attending my very first Gymanfa way back in the late '40's. We became friends that date 'til he died nearby here in Carlisle. I was so grateful to him.

Publicity.

Encourage more youth to attend, send newsletters to young folks.

Participate in NGG and WNGGA organization

With one session with emphasis on youth, - and use youth!

Encourage their involvement in the National.

More youth in participation at Sunday Sessions.

Question 16

Participate in NGG and WNGGA organization - continued

Larger share in Natl. Gymanfa Ganus.

Make WAY President an ex-officio member of the executive committee of WNGGA.

Elect a member of W.A.Y. (an eligible member of W.N.G.G.A.) to the Bd. of Trustees. They are our future - what better way to prepare them than to nurture them along and keep our traditions alive. We are constantly nominating & electing the same people!

Young can have a more active part in being represented in the planning and on board of trustees.

Giving them larger part in the WNGGA.

While monetary support is beneficial, but without other encouragement, WAY will not be able to preserve what the WNGGA has begun. WAY needs leadership opportunities within the WNGGA and more partnership from WNGGA members, and especially their children and grandchildren at WAY hosted activities such as the WAY luncheon and folkdance. Without WAY there won't be a WNGGA.

Give more time for the young Welsh folk to have a part in the NGGA services.

Nominations for National Officers should reflect the demographics of the organization. The mid-West is frequently not represented. This is true also of committees and the Board of Trustees. The same is true with respect to age. Although WAY supposedly represents the under 30 age bracket, it may be better to consolidate that into the WNGGA and give that bracket representation.

What about a group of officers that exists to explore the needs (and recruitment) of young members - the president of which would also sit on the regular National Officer Committee.

In Numerous and Various Ways

The WAY leaders will be the future of the WNGGA. We should give them advise, financial support, and the encouragement to carry on.

Question 16

In Numerous and Various Ways

[Promote thru St. David's Societies] Just Consider
Possibility....

Asking the youth how they would like to be helped then
do our best to follow through.

Morally, educationally, financially.

In all ways - support financially and morally. This is
the future of our Welsh heritage.

It has never been mentioned at our local organization.
To foster a continuing contact with youth in the
tradition of Welsh culture, especially music &
song and history.

Encouragement - attendance to their benefits - monetary
gifts - memberships.

Programing & financially.

Financially and publicity.

Encourage more youths to attend, also gets lists of
youth to receive newsletters.

Get Welsh Ways, History & Language to the Youngsters.

Explore possibilities of youth exchanges between Wales
and U.S. Encourage youths to attend Welsh
language courses.

Financially and providing time for activities &
meetings at the National as you have been doing.

To continue interest in youth - urging participation in
local, state, and national levels.

Non-politically but with respect.

Scholarships; trips; tours, etc.

Question 16

In Numerous and Various Ways - continued

Moral support mainly - sometimes with donations.

Advice and financial help.

Encouragement - some money.

Subsidize their activities and help w/ publicity.

Encourage adults to bring "youths," encourage young
Welsh in every way, financial support if necessary

Scholarships. Programs for the youth at Nat'l G.

Have a committee to encourage WAY - financial help also
- advise the Way officers - continue to offer
scholarships.

Time, energy, moral support and \$.

Scholarships, youth performances.

- 1) Financially.
- 2) Encourage WNGGA members & others to bring young
people in their families.

Scholarships.
Exchange students.
Dances, etc.

Financially and through supporting/encouraging youth to
attend/participate in National and regional
Gymanfa via youth functions.

Scholarships, subsidize activities and newsletter.

Provide facilitator and encouragement.

With money.
A board position.
Joint meetings.

Strong Welsh leadership and financially.

Question 16

In Numerous and Various Ways - continued

- 1) Make more money available for the young people so they can afford to attend the national Gymanfa.
- 2) Let young people sit in on committees so they can learn how to conduct such meetings in the future.

Scholarships - financial encouragement - sponsoring other activities at time other than NGGA.

Accent on language, culture and history.

Scholarships, active recruitment of young people, having the National Gymanfa at a time when young people can come.

More folk and dance performers, sponsor youth choir to WNGGA - exchange students.

Money, advisors, encouragement.

By encouraging folk music, dancing, etc.

Publicity, financial support, recognition in the program somewhere (Noson Lawen?).

Financially and with publicity.

Make the programs more attractive for young people. more information. Achievement awards. More encouragement. Appreciation of interest.

Encouragement. Achievement awards. Should be better informed of the work and functions of the WNGGA.

Communications, newsletters, financial and membership.

Financial and scholarships.

Publicity, financially and a little guidance.

Scholarships for studying Welsh history and culture etc., seminars by Welsh scholars. Increasing activities for young Welsh. Encouraging them to participate in Welsh church activity. Making room for them in all Welsh projects etc.

Question 16

In Numerous and Various Ways - continued

Participation.
scholarships.

Financial, publicity, awards.

Moral & financial.

Give scholarships to attend WNGG. Could WAY people help at registration?

Continue the present support. Give scholarships to study music and things pertaining to Wales and the Welsh people and the Welsh language, & the cultural and religious heritage.

Mailings and mini meetings.

Morally &, when possible, financially.

Scholarships, awr y plant, student exchange

Financial. Room(s) to meet. Possible tours or activities specifically for them.

Providing opportunities for WAY to hold activities during the Gymanfa weekend - also student sponsorship.

Information and instruction in Welsh culture and language, and some appropriate financial support.

More direct involvement in the National. More scholarships to attend.

In Any Way Possible

However possible.

Support WAY.

As in the past.

Question 16
In Any Way Possible - continued

The best way possible - they are the only hope to continue with the National.

Support them.

The same as has been done.

Having just recently joined the WNGGA, I'm not sure exactly what ways the WAY is supported now, however, I feel the youth are a very important part of spreading our heritage and keeping Welsh culture alive.

As has been done before.

Every consideration should be given to the WAY, for they are the future of WNGGA.

Same.

Any way possible.

They are the future of the WNGGA.

Where necessary.

Help them in any way possible. They are our future.

Any way you can - educationally, financially, providing an identity.

Any way. We need to support the future.

However necessary to let the youth know of the Welsh heritage.

Whatever makes the organization successful.

However they can, since WAY will help the future of WNGGA.

Question 16
In Any Way Possible

Anyway that is needed.

In every way possible.

Regardless of the method, it is important to keep young people aware of and involved in their heritage.

Any way to encourage youth.

As many ways as possible including publicity through local societies.

In whatever way necessary. Funding, making the date of the National more convenient for youth to attend.

Every way possible.

Any way necessary. As it was in the beginning.

No Change From What is Currently being Done

Continue.

Continue current support.

Continue current support.

As is.

Same as it is doing.

As we are doing.

As now.

I don't know any way, than the way it is done now.

Continue as is.

Question 16

No Change From What is Currently being Done

As its done now.

Continue support.

As we do now - plans being supportive to their advancement.

WAY members are likely to be the future leaders of the National. Continue with the present support. Ask them what they feel would be helpful and what their needs are. Keep up the scholarship. WAY also "feeds" into the National. But they should not be dependent on the WNGGA.

Same ways.

Continue present level of support.

As it has in the past, but with more emphasis, funding, etc.

In the same way they have supported them thus far.

Miscellaneous

Encourage more youth participation.

If they continue to have a responsible organization?
Should be a Board decision.

I am not actively involved, but if you don't support them the WNGGA will die out rather soon.

I'm proud of my Welsh heritage and I think the youth should have a chance to learn about their Welsh heritage. I didn't when I was young.

In study of Welsh language so they speak it more fluently -read, write and understand it as well.

Provide activity and leadership for young children of families that could attend with children.

Question 16
Miscellaneous

We need youth to carry on tradition and become more involved in teaching Welsh and to get them to come out and be proud of their Welsh heritage.

Giving time and effort to the young folk in furthering and teaching Welsh culture including the language.

We must get young people interested.

Recording of children and music abilities.

Help young people to attend.

We need the young to carry out our tradition and not to lose our very important interests for the Welsh heritage.

Why not?

These are the grandchildren of the founders, have them attend the National as they can, the interest must start early.

Encourage them to learn about their previous heritage.

Witness.

By having members try to get as many young members of family get interested. They are the future of the WNGGA.

Encourage a more active WAY organization. My daughter joined WAY in St. Paul and has never received any info, newsletter, invitations to events - nothing.

I believe the NWAFF should support the WAY because of its general program. However, until that occurs, I am in favor of continued support by the WNGGA.

The organization depends on the involvement of the young people if it is to survive.

Annual appreciation, include an annual program.

Question 16
Miscellaneous

Has anyone suggested an exchange of students between America and Wales?

To encourage young people.

Specific meetings for the youths at the "Nationals."

Encourage more to belong. By belonging to the organization.

By belonging to their organization. Encourage their programs and encourage more youth to attend.

Encourage the young members to state their preferences. To help this process encourage local & national associations to seek WAY representatives as members of their executives.

Support more young people to attend the National.

More input from WAY itself.

I do not know a lot about Welsh Associated Youth, but I feel youth groups should be supported.

Strong support.

Not too knowledgeable on this but seems logical.

Same as Owen.

Moral encouragement.

If they spend the money wisely there again let them learn the Welsh language for they are going to be here when I am gone.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

I believe WAY needs guidance to fit into our association (a little financial help to advertise) sponsoring people by scholarships is a form of bribery and a NO-NO.

Question 16
Miscellaneous

Our future is with our young people.

By scholarships or subsidiaries. Have WAY members take a more active, higher profile part at the Gymanfas - more than just at their afternoon lunch. Awards should be presented at the evening Gymanfa and Grand Concert so that more people are aware. Prize winning essayist or drama student should be registered.

More encouragement. More guidance. Financial.

Support their activities.

Sponsorship by local Welsh Societies.

Encouragement.

Non-financial.

No Opinion

Not knowledgeable to say.

Not sure.

Don't know.

I don't know much abt. WAY since it is far less active out here in the West. In general I'd like to see more opportunities to hear Welsh artists and attend Welsh events out here in the West.

Not qualified to give an opinion.

Don't know.

I don't know.

No opinion.

Question 16
No Opinion

This is my first year to belong to WNGGA so I don't feel qualified to answer this.

No opinion.

Don't know.

Not voting.

No suggestion.

I don't know enough about WAY.

I haven't enough knowledge to make a judgement on this.

No Support

I am rather pessimistic about the past and the future of WAY. Somehow, people don't seem to get very interested in their Welshness until they get to be 40 years old or so. We should encourage WAY with money, publicity, and reasonable support of any sort, but I honestly don't think that it is quite proper to say the "the youth are our future." Too many distractions for the youth. When they get to be 40, hopefully they may have the leisure and desire to become interested in Welsh matters.

Question 18:

What suggestions do you have on how the WNGGA might increase its membership.

The following are suggestions and comments from the survey form. They are arranged according to the perceived primary theme of the response. There are many responses which can be included in more than one classification.

Advertising and Promotion

Just let people know about it!! It "sells" itself!!

Have more information and publicity in the Welsh papers. Try to get local Welsh groups to encourage members to join WNGGA.

Send WNGGA registration material with membership blanks to all who attended the previous year's Gymanfa.

Welcome those of us who can't sing or speak Welsh.

Advertise more in Y Drych and Ninnau.

Greater advertising via cultural organizations, chambers of commerce, etc.

Advertise at local Gymanfa's, more information in Y Drych & Ninnau.

- 1 - Greater awareness of its existence in promotional ways in relation to local societies, St David's groups, etc.
- 2 - An annual effort with brochures to increase membership.

More publicity.

More advertising.

Let more "distant" (geographically) people know what you're about.

Question 18
Advertising and Promotion - continued

A strong enrollment campaign for all visitors at the
"National" in Sept.

Advertise the low cost of lifetime membership more
frequently.

Make a moral appeal (Godly).

More promotion.

PR in various newspapers for those unaware and whom
don't have personal connections w/ things Welsh.

Have better P.R.

Advertise locally.

Having a member or members present at local Welsh
events to state the call for WNGGA. As a new
member, I had long attended without knowing the
importance of membership until one of your
trustees approached me. At the current fee, it is
a real bargain.

Try to promote more interest in the local Welsh groups.

Church services in more communities and also more
social (get-togethers) events, particularly to
attract young people and young families. To keep
Welsh traditions alive and growing.

Ask editors of local newsletters to include WNGGA
"flyers" twice a year in their local mailings.

Have someone man a booth in Marketplace at all times -
more publicity.

More publicity about Gymanfa.

Perhaps more newspaper publicity sent to each state.

Get people interested even though they are not Welsh.
One way is to send literature to them.

Question 18
Advertising and Promotion - continued

Publicize through seminaries and National Church Hierarchy (I worked at a Presbyterian seminary for three years and no one there had heard of WNGGA).

Be more vocal.

More advertising and over a wider area around the city in which the National Gymanfa is held.

More advertising - explain what it is, does, goals and achievements.

Become more visable - Sponsor Welsh programs on national/educational TV, send a postcard to everyone with a Welsh name (even if they turn out to be Afro-American football stars) and survey.

Publicize at colleges, seminaries, music schools.

Include membership envelope with every GG application. Solicit at the GG, have a booth.

Selected advertising in Y Drych and Ninnau. Write to Welsh societies - give some incentive.

More contact with the members thru the year - mailings/newsletters.

Advertise.

WNGGA is perceived as an "Easter" organization. Perhaps divide it into East/West or Coast/MidWest/West.

Include an envelope with each application to Nat. G.G.

Publicize the music concerts more.

Flyer about the WNGG to Societies, Magazines, etc.

Get people to a National G.G.; They would want to join then.

Question 18
Advertising and Promotion - continued

Higher visibility at existing local organizations,
Gymanfaoedd, St. David's Day, etc.

For starter. Contact members of Glyn Dur & Calon Lan
for members.

Contact, enticement. I know many Welsh folk who do not
belong to any Welsh organization! I am a recent
member myself.

Advertise more on radio & T.V. (public stations).

By advertising in National newspapers etc.

By good advertising and PR work in nationwide media as
well as Welsh newspapers.

More communication with the membership - through
newsletters etc. on a quarterly basis - everyone
does not get the two Welsh newspapers.

By advertising in local papers.

Advertise in Y Drych and Ninnau - make it appealing.

Really "lean on" radio, TV, politicians, newspapers,
etc.

Better advertising.

Ads in Welsh Newsmedia.

Give a pin or some other thing when they join.

Strong appeal at NGG. Repetitive ads in Welsh papers:
domestic and overseas.

By spreading the word to anyone with Welsh blood.

Advertise with local Welsh societies, let them know
first hand what you do. Are you a once a year
event group?

Question 18
Advertising and Promotion - continued

Better and more publicity, T.V. coverage if possible.

Better publicity in local papers.

Creating an interest in areas besides eastern U.S.
There are many Welsh-populated areas in mid-west.

Better publicity in all areas.

More publicity in commercial newspapers - large &
small.

A magazine every two months.

"More advertising."

More publicity - there are numerous people who don't
know what a Gymanfa Ganu is all about.

More publicity.

Have a booth in a prominent position, well staffed to
solicit attendees to enroll.

Appeal to 16 younger people to support it.

Promotion - Support from Local Welsh Organizations

Contact Welsh societies in various cities.

Get address lists from local Welsh organizations.

Contact local areas - telephone banks, Welsh members to
have them contact people in their area.

Attempt to obtain more complete lists of prospective
members.

Question 18

Promotion - Support from Local Welsh Organizations - continued

Outreach through existing Welsh organizations.
Advertising in regions where National is being held.

Contact the local Welsh-American organizations. Prepare video cassettes of the Gymanfa Ganus for rental to local organizations.

Work through local St. David's and Cambrian societies. Set up a membership committee.

Have a representative at local Gymanfa Ganus with membership applications.

Work with various St. David's societies.

Send out feelers to the local Gymanfa's.

Grass-roots advertising thro' local Welsh societies and by invitations.

Work through our local organization.

Tough problem. Rely on local Welsh groups to affiliate with National and encourage members to do likewise.

More publicity through local societies. As it is, it (WNGGA) seems never to be even mentioned locally.

Work through local Gymanfa Ganu to promote membership and participation.

The State Associations and local groups are how new people are "fed" into the National. Wisconsin has 8 Cymanfaoedd Canu every season where youth and adults become acquainted with our fine heritage.

All local associations should encourage their members to join and then encourage attendance at the National.

Membership drives through local Welsh clubs.

Question 18

Promotion - Support from Local Welsh Organizations - continued

Recruit through St. David's Day attendees, Welsh Heritage Days (Rio Grande, Ohio), and Bob Evans restaurants & farm.

Encourage cooperation in a regional basis on a more formal basis.

Ask the local societies to give it more publicity among their members.

Promotion - Give Support to Local Welsh Organizations

By offering organization support and training to the local Welsh societies.

Perhaps send representatives to "sign people up" at local Gymanfa's.

Help with local chapters; Combine (cooperative) various Welsh organizations and activities; Participation in local parades, festivals, exhibits, broader bases activity scheme for WNGGA. Availability of modest cost Welsh music on tapes, records, disks(?), and song books. More appeal to young people of Welsh heritage.

Increase membership efforts in Welsh organizations, including Welsh church groups as well as in Welsh American newspapers and the National WNGGA meeting.

Don't know - encourage participation in planning for local Gymanfas - planning usually done by older people.

More publicity and representation in state/local St. David's society activities, and state/local Gymanfa.

Increased membership effort in Welsh organizations, including Welsh church groups as well as in Welsh-American newspapers and the annual WNGGA meeting.

Work closely with the state welsh societies.

Question 18

Promotion - Give Support to Local Welsh Organizations

More information out to local Welsh organizations and at Welsh school.

Establish Local Chapters

By starting "local chapters" in states where there are no societies, probably would interest people in "National."

Establishing local chapters should help this - whereas local chapters could organize events (money making) to help support association.

Establishing local chapters would allow more people to know about the WNGGA. I came across it quite by accident.

Local chapters - Representatives/delegates to statewide meetings.

Establish local chapters.

State or regional activities where interest is strong.

I think local chapters would help.

By establishing local chapters.

By establishing local chapters - this would spread the word of a national organization being in existence - throughout US and Canada.

Have regional/state chapters to promote the interests of WNGGA, using not only the experienced people but also enthusiastic unknowns.

If local chapters are organized people would be more likely to join WNGGA.

With the establishment of "local chapters" you may be able to reach out and contact persons of Welsh decent. Word of mouth to encourage people.

Question 18

Promotion - Give Support to Local Welsh Organizations -
continued

Through local chapters.

Local chapters with scheduled sing alongs, displays of Welsh food and culture to develop sense of belonging. Center on singing & Welch [sic] music.

Establish local chapters.

Organize more St. David's societies to be formed. I wish we had one here in the upper Ohio Valley.

Organize on local level under the ruling of each local St. David's soc.

One way would be by having local chapters - I am sure the local chapters would find a way.

Groups - locally. Teaching hymns to them to be sung later at seminars.

By having local groups or Cymanfaoedd Ganu which stimulate interest in the singing and hearing about the National Gymanfa Ganu and become interested to attend.

By getting young people who now belong to start a group within their own society.

Local chapters - feeding into central body.

Local support groups. Write to all churches, chapels, missions, etc. for volunteers to form support group.

Promotion by Members

Word of mouth - special invitations to friends.

For members to each try and interest others.

Question 18
Promotion by Members -continued

Present members should "spread the word."

Advertisement. Have a campaign to have a friend bring a friend.

Older members encourage younger family members to get interested.

Have a contest, WNGGA members only that have the most amount of new members will receive a certain amount of money or one night free room and meals at the next WNGGA.

WNGGA members should start bringing their children and grandchildren to National. So doing they would be promoting and developing our Welsh heritage and encouraging membership for both the WNGGA and WAY.

Present members contacting others.

If all members could bring a friend or friends. Encourage the young of our own families to participate.

A contest with the prize for the person or organization with the most new memberships to WNGGA.

Word of mouth seems best.

I constantly wrestle with this problem at our local church and I have got to find an answer. I can only suggest wide publicity and encouraging word-of-mouth by existing members. We brought two first timers to Baltimore.

Each member should try to get a new member, particularly family members or Welsh friends.

Those who attend & enjoy encourage others in their circle or community of Welsh descent to attend.

Personal contact.

Question 18
Promotion by Members - continued

A strong telephone committee.

Music

By finding other types of songs besides hymns.

Put words within music even on familiar hymns so new people can sing them easier.

Have Welsh choral groups sing wherever possible (such as National Cathedral in Wash. D.C.) so outsiders (non-Welsh) can appreciate their music.

Language

Welsh classes.

Combine male and female Welsh classes in their local areas.

Probably more English for the 3rd generation.

Make learning Welsh language easier by having recording-reading kits available at a price comparable to learn German, Turkish, Italian or English.

Find an easy way for people who do not speak or understand Welsh to pronounce the Welsh words in the hymns.

More Welsh that is all.

They want to speak Welsh well, do most of your business in Welsh or bilingual and sing the hymns in Welsh. That was the reason years ago, now it has changed all to English.

Financially.

Question 18
Financial

Annual dues.

Give rate break to members for WNGGA events.

Collect dues with charges for "National."

Lower or reduce fee to \$10.00 as it was originally.

Offer levels of membership with different dues and different benefits or perqs. For instance, for \$30 one could become a sustaining member & get a hymnal and decal.

Multiple Suggestions and/or Opinions

Expand mission of WNGGA. Promote membership in "Y Drych" and "Ninnau." Increase rate of education and tourism in wales.

Better publicity (more publicity). Have better guidelines for Nationals - Help local societies organize - build on successful ideas.

Every local and regional Gymanfa could be a source for recruiting members. Also membership forms could be included in every hymnal!

Lending library of films on Welsh culture and music - Contests in musical categories at the WNGGA (like an Eisteddfod).

Publicity - concerts.

- 1 - Campaign among Welsh societies.
- 2 - Contacts with Hymn Society of America, American guild of organists, choral conductors, music educators, etc.

Plan more activities for the young people. Encourage youth to attend. Aid them financially to attend the National.

Question 18

Multiple Suggestions and/or Opinions - continued

Solicit members in Welsh papers; have members speak at Welsh functions to encourage people to join.
Support both language courses. Keep a calendar of Cymanfaoedd throughout North America and make this available to anyone who asks for it.

More information - more sponsorship locally to encourage young people.

Local Gymanfa, Newsletter.

National publicity. Make phonetic copies of present Gymanfa book. It will pay.

Awareness programs. Membership drives in all areas.
More and better advertising.

- 1 - Newsletters.
- 2 - Advertise in Welsh papers.
- 3 - Booths at all Welsh meetings.

Membership drives by all Welsh-American societies.
Awareness programs. Large scale advertising.

More publicity in Warren-Youngstown area. Maybe better, younger leadership. Also, I have never quite felt accepted by the group.

More direct communication with the membership.
Allowing more participation by members in affairs of organization.

Establish a new membership structure to include a family membership, provide more exposure in Welsh newspapers, encourage gift memberships, continue high quality of WNGG's, offer activities that will attract new members.

Do something (offer some incentive) to increase Canadian Membership and activity.

Offer family membership fee. Hold all activities in same building, church service, etc.

Question 18

Multiple Suggestions and/or Opinions - continued

- (1) Limit the amount of Welsh singing to 1/2 or less.
- (2) Provide care for young children at National Gymanfa Ganu.
- (3) Try to limit cost at hotels.

Membership chairman to promote membership and assist officers to bring more people into our association. Get all societies to belong.

Making more people aware of aims. See if all St. David's societies could award a "prize" to local youth and then forward name to WNGGA.

Advertise in newspapers around March 1st-5. Raise Welsh people. Make new members more welcome at Gymanfas - ask them to stand so we can see who is new and make them feel special.

Change dates. Change governing body, both numerically and geographically.

No Suggestions or Opinions

I really can't suggest any method.

No opinion.

Can't say as I don't know how, because all the old Welsh times are leaving us much too fast. The young, set with marriage into other nationalities lacks interest - lacks ability to speak the language. Who is left?

Don't know.

No opinion.

No opinion.

No opinion.

I have none.

Question 18
No Suggestions or Opinions

No suggestion.

Having recently joined, I really can't offer any suggestions.

None.

No new ideas come immediately to mind.

Not sure.

None.

Keep Doing the Same Thing(s)

Keep emphasizing language, culture. Forego use of gimmicks.

Miscellaneous

A four day National is too long, too expensive, too tiring.

Get a better handle on the Welsh American youth and canvas their needs - they are your future.

Attract younger people.

Travel problems for the elderly is the problem.
There's no logical way to help that.

Get more Canadians.

None.

Put some "new" blood into the trustees board - there are many members disillusioned with the "same" people being re-elected.

Question 18
Miscellaneous - continued

Involve parents.

No good ideas.

The date change may help.

Family memberships. Many attending local Welsh affairs are not members of WNGGA - perhaps they don't realize the existence.

Have some meetings on the West coast - not only Vancouver, Can. and/or Portland, Or. How about California?

Planning locations - not too far away.

Too High Hat, try some of the old ways.

I live in an area of no Welsh activity.

Inform those who come each year to the Gymanfa Ganu, who are not members, that they must become members if they expect to receive registration forms for this event.

Shuttle bus from cheaper hotels. See if local church members would offer lodging.

Influence WAY to reach out to the young people.

Make the worship service and Gymanfa (both are means of worship to our Lord) the focus of the entire weekend. If praise of the Lord is stressed then we could reach out to all "active" local churches in and around the host city to join us for these two events. Heb. 13:15-16.

Appoint (or elect) a so called "CEO" who will be responsible for uniting all local Welsh societies into one group.

Possible have a disco for young people.

Question 18
Miscellaneous - continued

Why increase it? Welsh-Americans who support WNGGA goals join.

I wish I knew.

Promote new local competitions or concerts like Eisteddfods.

Aside from #19, what does WNGGA do??

Be as welcoming and inclusive as possible. (there are some who want "no change").

By making it such a wonderful event.

Start with young generation.

Ask greeting card industries to make St. David's Day cards as they do for Patrick, and each member send to friends.

More interactivity with organizations in Wales.

Look to the younger generation (18-21 years).

Mailing list from National Gymanfa Promotion. Gift subscription membership for offspring of members (for Christmas with free "Christmas in Wales" book).

We must get the under 40 young people interested.

Orvid Owens has been working very hard and Nebraska is doing well.

- 1 - Seek comments and suggestions from members.
- 2 - Publish the comments and suggestions for further consideration.
- 3 - Follow through (implant) them.

More active publicity to those who belong to local organizations. Membership lists could be obtained from local presidents.

Question 18
Miscellaneous - continued

Membership committee

Educational programming to increase base of support,
ie: school curricula compilation and publication
of resource information.

I wish I knew how. National public service advertise-
ments with an 800 number for more information.

None. There are two strong newspapers which give "us"
a good deal of publicity. Could the quality of
the singing itself get more national attention?
Radio station in Minnesota often plays a tape of
local gymanfa on Thanksgiving day, for instance.

Genealogical studies - How to make and update personal
family records.

Personal contact.

Try to have parents involved in WNGGA and planning for
their children to attend the WAY organization.

Keep as many young people interested as possible.

Be less restrictive to non-citizen of U.S. & Canada
members - get a more "global" view!

By being more effective in requiring National Gymanfa
Committee to act with uniformity. I believe we
should have an experienced organizer assist the
prospective committees to maximize their
potential.

I will be honest with you, it's difficult to say. All
organizations are having trouble keeping their
memberships. There is so much competition from
other things.

Use talent such as conductors, singers, choirs from USA
and Canada, we have to find them and use them.

With a Welsh paper; have some sort of group that has a
St. David's day.

Question 19:

At the present time, the primary focus of the WNGGA is to plan and host the annual National Gymanfa Ganu on Labor Day weekend. What suggestions do you have for additional activities or projects for the WNGGA?

- (1)
- (2)
- (3)

The following are the suggestions from the survey form. Unlike the previous questions, they are not arranged according to topics.

Perhaps time for smaller groups to gather to exchange social amenities and ideas for increasing local chapters membership. This could be by assignment, or by geographic location. Since we are all so well-blessed with strong wills, this could be by individual choice! Best of all good things.

As we age this is quite an undertaking & I am grateful to all who labor on these committees.

- (1) Provide home study material dealing with Welsh history.
- (2) National monument to Welsh people and culture.
- (3) National recognition of St. David's Day.

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- (1) Trips to Wales.
- (2) Sponsor choruses.
- (3) Welsh language classes (or support & advertise those in existence.)

I miss the book where people could sign their name and room number and where they were born. This way you could look these people up.

The weekends as of the present seem very ample. No dull moments.

Promote establishment of local chapters in all states.

Welsh classes.

Question 19

I think the WNGGA is doing a great job. Keep it up.

Inability to attend in late years has made my ideas almost nonexistent.

Welsh language library with computer tapes and disks available to be checked out. Welsh history library with books available for check out.

- (1) Sponsor a tour of wales.
- (2) Membership jewelry - pins, tietacs etc. at reasonable costs.

- (1) Educational focus on all of Welsh choral and folk music - greater promotion of welsh music generally.
- (2) Investigate possibility of promoting either regional or national Eigteddffod.
- X (3) Retain the Gymanfa as the historic base but expand beyond it to many aspects of Welsh culture.
- (4) Be certain not to duplicate the efforts of NWAFF; instead coordinate and complement each organizations efforts and ommissions.

No opinion. I am primarily interested in singing.

I think it should continue as is. However, I do think concerts and Gymanfa should be held at hotel as transportation to another location has been very unsatisfactory.

Allow the hymnbook to be widely sold - this book is a good ambassador for the WNGGA, and there is much interest from the public in this book.

I feel that there is enough activities at the present time. The publicity has been better in the last few years.

- (1) Sponsor regular Welsh language studies (serious studies with a good native Welsh teacher).
- (2) More regular publicity on radio and cable local TV stations.
- (3) St. David's Day music and stories on radio (mid-west especially!).
- (4) Sponsor ministry - exchange with Welsh and American churches.

Question 19

Continue with your program. You can't cover all bases!

- (1) Public service project.
- (2) Geneological research.
- (3) Talent competitions.

Please call local radio and TV stations to tell of St. David's Day each year. I do every year.

No opinion. I enjoy the marketplace - especially records and tapes - I love Welsh choirs.

I am delighted with every Gymanfa I've attended so like them as they are.

- (1) Eisteddfodau - perhaps at a regional level.
- (2) Regional Gymanfaeodd?
- (3) More opportunities to learn Welsh language.

- (1) Regional Gymanfa Ganu.
- (2) Combined church sponsored Gymanfa rather than individual ones.
- (3) At cultural festivals during tourist seasons, e.g. N.Y.C.

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I feel much improvement has been made the last couple of years for the early arrivals on Thursday, and the format for the Noson Lawen is so much better I really don't have any suggestions.

Make a video tape showing all activities to be learned to all local Welsh clubs to encourage members to support WNGGA and attend Nationals.

- (1) Do not plan any tours or activities on Saturday morning when business meeting is held.
- (2) Should have more public relations between WNGGA and societies.
- (3) Publish lists of speakers and conductors for local chapters.

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Question 19

Careful you don't let additional activities "dilute" efforts for the National. Be sure the National is held in a good sounding hall. I was disappointed in St. Paul.

- (1) Be a resource in the promotion of Cymanfoedd.
- (2) Produce a letter (quarterly, perhaps) listing Cymanfoedd dates and times.

A well conducted annual Gymanfa Ganu in urban areas that give wide exposure to the purpose is enough.

No additional activities. Continue to make every effort to keep the Gymanfa alive and an important part of our lives.

Why not organize a period of time slotted for the visiting choir members to meet people from far caying states - who have resided in the town or? where the choir toured in Wales.

I approve of your scholarship program for people of Welsh descent who aim to promote Welsh culture, Anglo-Welsh literature, music etc.

Perhaps some kind of periodical to help members learn more about the Welsh culture, history, language and to keep members more in touch with each other. Members would probably be interested in contributing to a quarterly or perhaps even a bi-monthly newsletter of some sort, I know I would.

Plans in the past seem to have done well.

- (1) Program(s) for use by the public radio and television.
- (2) Work with St. David's and other groups to present cultural and musical programs at other times during the year.
- (3) Newsletter or material which can be presented at St. David's meetings.

- (1) Promote a national observance of St. David's Day.
- (2) Contact calendar publishers to label March 1 St. David's Day
- (3) Try to get national networks (CBS, NBC, ABC, and or PBS) to cover the national in some way.

Question 19

Regional forums once a year.

More activities at nite time in hotel, like the singing in Columbus 86, excellent!!

- (1) Print book with rules and examples of Welsh pronunciation - a tape of recitations of Welsh hymn texts is most helpful.
- (2) Encourage or help Welsh-American choirs to be heard.
- (3) Publish book of Welsh secular (folk etc.) songs.

None.

At this moment, no suggestions.

- (1) Promote Welsh musical events throughout the States.
- (2) Promote more exchanges between Wales and the US - educational, professional, other?

More homes for retired Welsh people! Would be very much in demand!

To help local projects when possible - such as historical events & so on.

It is a sad reality that our organization is fading. We have to be careful not to support an association because of a decline nor support one in spite of a decline. Could we not strengthen one association by perhaps giving (joining) this strength - what we have left - to the Canadian GG as it is where the new Welsh blood seems to be. It is very important to keep the GG very Welsh

- (1) Help to sponsor the Welsh language course by the Cymdeithas Madog
- (2) Act as contacts for tours by Welsh choirs or solo performers.

Good choice as is, no changes.

As conductor: Robert A. Jones, 63 Root St., New Hartford, NY 13413

Question 19

I strongly object to a "cash bar" or the serving of alcoholic beverages (including wine) at any event connected with the National Gymanfa Ganu weekend.

Opportunity for formal "get to know others" attending the WNGGA.

Quit changing the "established." Cofio! "Cymru am byth."

Better links with organizations "Yer yr hen wlad."

- (1) Making recordings more readily available.
- (2) Sending programs to sponsors who cannot attend!

Maybe the trustees should meet on Thursdays and have the G/meeting on Friday - leaving Saturday for tours etc.

- (1) Encourage members to keep informed of politics in Wales.
- (2) Publicize Wales.
- (3) Battle to keep the language going.

- (1) Encourage local Gymanfa.
- (2) Encourage Welsh folk dancing.
- (3) Encourage Welsh performers in the U.S.

Publish a pamphlet giving addresses of local organizations, perhaps talent could be exchanged for St. David's etc. (Perhaps W.A.Y. could make this a project.)

None.

Sponsor trips to Wales?

Give scholarship money to organizations sponsoring Welsh language courses.

- (1) Welsh speaking seminars same time as college/school breaks - regional.
- (2) Sponsor tours of Cor Meibion - by region.

Question 19

Already very well done.

Have some special weekends in central parts of US and Canada at different times of the year.

Just to bring in young Welsh and keep them! Perhaps a special effort should be made to attract the 20 to 35 groups. We can't expect the WAY kids to "graduate" straight into the "AARP" gang.

- (1) Sponsor Welsh choirs to tour entire US not just East coast.
- (2) Print a hymnal with the words within the staves.

- (1) Financial support to courses in North America where people learn to sing hymns in Welsh.
- (2) Reprint WNGGA hymnal so that others of the favorite hymns (eg. Pantyfedwen) have Welsh words between staves. Include other new hymns (Eisteddfod winning tunes?) computer can be used to save work.

- (1) A presence at folk and ethnic fairs - exhibits, tapes etc.
- (2) A yearly newsletter gleaning important happenings.

- (1) Discuss locally changes possible.
- (2) Try to reach more people.

- (1) Help us learn to speak/read Welsh, especially material for young children.
- (2) Set up exchange programs involving children, adults staying in each other homes (like student exchange programs).

That might be enough!

- (1) Help Welsh churches organize hymn learning classes.
- (2) Make tapes available with the Welsh words of the hymn clearly enunciated and a brief translation where the Welsh and English words differ.

None.

None.

Question 19

A good suggestion is to have the telephone number of the main (headquarters) hotel on all correspondence in case family at home needed to contact their folks.

Perhaps wider publicity for Welsh art events, etc. particularly publicity targeting younger groups.

"How to" packet for organization and promotion of local and regional Gymanfa.

Emphasis should not be on new activities or projects, but primarily on making certain that an organization is sufficiently organized and knowledgeable to plan and organize a successful Gymanfa Ganu.

- (1) Identify directors for local Cymanfaoedd - distribute list of same.
- (2) Announce clear goal for more Welsh in Cymanfaoedd - local and national.
- (3) Prepare tape of hymns pronunciation in Welsh.
- (4) Prepare folk song collection.

Stick to National Gymanfa Ganu.

Help local Welsh organizations with information, i.e. if officers or trustees will be in a particular area/ so they could be part of a local gathering.

- (1) Schedule WNGGA events so more things can be attended. This year's schedule is a headache to plan.
- (2) Make learning Welsh easier by having recording - reading kits available. This makes Welsh activities more interesting for people like me.

O.K., enough.

Enough, just improve info offered. Make all time there a learning and fun experience. More large group singing earlier.

Try to introduce more people from different areas.

- (1) More singing both formal and informal.
- (2) Shops - booths.
- (3) More informal.

Question 19

- (1) Schedule events so that a person can attend more things. This years schedule was too hard to plan.
- (2) The Col, Ohio convention had the choir from Wales and additional singers. This was outstanding. We need more of this.

- (1) Sponsor artists to midwest from Wales.
- (2) More contact with members such as this survey.
- (3) Why don't you send National Gymanfa registration form to everyone who attended the prior years Gymanfa?

I am very interested in pre-Christian Wales and secular Welsh culture.

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Keep as original as possible. A "great hymn session" with hymns sung with fervor (hwyl) which the old timers really put forth and gave meaning. A social session meant to be as well. Maybe seminars in studying the Welsh language would be beneficial for these latter generations so as to keep our rich musical heritage in tack.

We find there is a great deal offered and are not able to attend everything - so adding more would not be necessary.

- (1) Program for Welsh members - talent.
- (2) Also include people who are not Welsh.

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None. What you are doing, the Natuional, is project enough. Cooperate and build through the local Welsh Societies.

Do you have societies and all others local societies.

- (1) Local state chapters.
- (2) Local state Gymanfas.
- (3) Get more involvement from "local societies."

There is probably enough to accomplish as is - better to do one thing well than two poorly.

Question 19

It is too expensive for common people to attend any more. Bring it down to Earth, then more people would attend.

I cannot think of anything, but I wish one would be held in St. Charles, MO, or St. Louis. St. Charles hosted a large group from Wales and they were very welcome. I enjoyed working with them.

Sponsor local Gymanfa Ganu and or Eisteddfod - with a scholarship competition.

I would be more interested in family history studies.

Tours of Wales organized by WNGGA (available at various times of the year).

The National should encourage the local chapters to be more aggressive in searching for Welsh in their neighborhoods.

- (1) Explore the possibilities of smaller cities for the host hotel. Prices would be more reasonable
- (2) Explore the use of a college campus to host activities, with entertainment brought into the group.

As is.

- (1) WNGGA sponsored Welsh talent concerts perhaps.
- (2) WNGGA organized exchange programs or excursions to Wales.

- (1) Shopping junkets for the women - sports for the men.
- (2) Smaller, interesting cities for the Gymanfa. Costs too high!
- (3) Trips to Wales.

When is the National GGA going to be held in Wales again?

Question 19

- (1) Promoting learning of Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau within local Welsh organizations.
- (2) Advance notice of hymns along with phonetic pronunciation of Welsh words and brief history of hymn.
- (3) More singing of hymns in Welsh - the best way to learn language is to sing it!

- (1) I only attend when it is in my home city.
- (2) I only go to sing.

Make Wales more widely known in US and Canadian life by sponsoring T.V./movies, artists, etc.

I would like to see more WNGGA involvement in planning and hosting, and less reliance on the local committee.

Try to interest some corporation to sponsor a TV broadcast of a top-notch Welsh singing group.

No opinion.

Solicit at the local level. In Philadelphia we have a Cambrian Society. Some do not belong to the National. Probably same is true in other cities and towns.

Broaden (advertise) activities and projects we presently have.

Support of regional Gymanfa Ganu programs i.e. our own in San Francisco, CA usually sponsored by the Welsh American Society of Northern California.

Plan a National in Wales.

- (1) Publish list of speakers for local societies.
- (2) Publish list of available Gymanfa Ganu conductors.
- (3) More scholarship grants. Stress youth activities.

Question 19

- (1) Publish a book of Welsh folk songs - get money on this!
- (2) Hold and encourage ysgolion gan throughout the country.
- (3) Begin work on a much more readable version of the 1979 hymnal and correct errors. Even I have trouble with the small print.

None.

Tours (Wales).

No additional activities required only a better continuity from each National Gymanfa Ganu to the next.

I'm satisfied with it as it is.

Sorry, I have no suggestions.

I think the WNGGA's are well organized.

- (1) Competitions - new hymns, poems and folk songs.
- (2) Fellowship - teacher from Wales.
- (3) Complete folk songbook.

- (1) Sponsor Welsh Americans who want to study music in US or Wales.
- (2) Support day care centers in Wales with Welsh speaking teachers.
- (3) Teach Welsh crafts and costume making in the US.
- (4) Sponsor Welsh singing groups in Wales.

Contact local chapters in all cities and towns.

- (1) To teach fundamental Welsh pronunciation at Cymanfaoedd.
- (2) Hold mini-Eisteddfadau in various regions with emphasis on youth.
- (3) Representation at the national Eisteddfadau in Wales.

- (1) Welsh folk dance classes.
- (2) Welsh language classes.

Question 19

More musical events throughout the year; maybe regional.

- (1) Establish Eisteddfad in USA and Canada.
- (2) Link our Gymanfa to Wales itself.
- (3) Folk music Hymnal planned and never brought out?

Lead in establishing at least one chapter in each state.

None.

- (1) Establish a national Welsh ethnic center or museum?
- (2) Scholarships of greater \$\$ amounts. Do one thing well - the National GG annually - rather than several things poorly. Don't compete with the NWAFA now, after they've gotten underway as a national body to represent Welsh interests.

Sponsor research projects into Welsh heritage in America.

- (1) Local Gymanfa.
- (2) Newsletter.
- (3) Tapes "pronouncing carefully" the popular Welsh hymns so people can "practice." Always have "pronunciation" under hymns.

- (1) More publicity.
- (2) Survey Welsh people in each town or city.
- (3) See that libraries have Welsh books, history and novels.

I think it is very well planned. It is a 'BIG' job for the 'host' group.

Can't think of any.

None.

Establish local chapters.

- (1) To establish Eisteddfads throughout the U.S.A.
- (2) To encourage having Gymanfa Ganus more frequently, not just National.
- (3) To encourage our youth to become active, community, state and national.

Question 19

Have a banquet similar to St. David's Society and have it on the North side - Metroplex for example.

None.

- (1) More audience participation in GG.
- (2) New (old) hymns not usually sung.
- (3) More bus trips to the WNGGAs from different states.

Urge the Welsh newspapers to add a column of phonetic pronunciation so that I can learn some Welsh words. I can't even pronounce the names of the papers!

Computerized National mailing list needs to be made "selectively available" to local groups sponsoring Gymanfa, upon request, to maximize opportunity for participation in regional events.

- (1) Welsh classes at various levels.
- (2) Some workshops for folksongs - in Welsh.

- (1) The attendance of National officers in area cymanfaoedd.
- (2) Semi-Nationals and Regional Festivals. Recognition of past presidents and appreciation of present officials and others.

- (1) Semi- National festivals.
- (2) Regional festivals.
- (3) Recognition of past presidents and tangible appreciation of present officials.

- (1) Support the local Welsh organizations.
- (2) Bring artists, choirs, etc. over from Wales to tour all over the US and Canada.

Sell tapes of each Sunday session - make available to those not able to attend.

None.

Continue with what you have.

Question 19

Your visibility is through your singing and speakers - try to continue if at all possible.

- (1) Welsh language seminars (workshops)
- (2) TV publicity about Wales.
- (3) Newspaper articles.

First class recording and videotapes of the Gymanfa Ganu activities.

"Mini" Gymanfa Ganu meetings where possible, on Easter Sunday as it is done in Wales even to this day.

Tours to Wales.

The National needs better organization. From the looks of the 1989, it is very badly managed, the committee running it are not on their toes.

I like the format but Labor day is the problem.

- (1) Monitor local groups.
- (2) Try to get classes for the Welsh language established.
- (3) ?

Please - someone put out a pronunciation guide using phonetics. How in the world are we supposed to learn Welsh without a phonetic guide?! (There is no one near me who speaks Welsh).

- (1) Hold an Eisteddfod in both USA and Canada.
- (2) Strengthen Canadian ties so they feel less like step children.
- (3) Endow a chair in Welsh language and customs at several American universities and in Canada.

A roots room - for genealogy enthusiasts to make contacts.

I especially enjoy the Welsh market place and tearoom!

Question 19

- (1) Encourage use of children's songs and their participation in everything. Kids like almost anything - choirs, etc.
- (2) Prevail on main calendar printers to show March first as St. David's Day!!!

I feel it has enough to do in providing a "good and lively" Gymanfa.

Wales is alive and well. Promote and foster more contact in both directions to keep Welsh culture in N.A. alive and dynamic. We need more contact with Wales and Welsh groups.

Encourage full participation.

Develop male choirs to sing at the NGG (strictly from the membership.).

- (1) Promote research on Welsh people and their contributions to America.
- (2) Promote Welsh language classes.
- (3) Publish hymnbook with words under the music!

- (1) Guide local groups to form chapters (local).
- (2) Plan Welsh language classes to be taught at universities in US. This could be done on a semester basis with a traveling teacher.

Please keep plenty of time for singing and learning Welsh.

Emphasis should not be on new activities or projects, but primarily on making certain that an organization is sufficiently organized and knowledgeable to plan and effect a successful National Gymanfa Ganu.

In our opinion (three in family), you are presently doing a fine job with the Gymanfa. Involving as it does two large (geographically) countries, this seems enough of a task. There are other Welsh organizations which cover other activities and we would not like to see your efforts spread too thin at the expense of the Gymanfa.

Consider establishing regional Cymanfaoedd.

Question 19

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- (1) Participate with other hymn singing groups.
- (2) Lend support to local Cymanfaoedd.

Dear Mr. Stevens:

Fine arts auctions are popular in the Middle Atlantic states, with the intent of making money for the sponsoring organization. They are not limited to paintings.

With this in mind and the fact many Welsh items are sold at the National Gymanfa, I suggest that a Welsh fine arts auction be incorporated into the event. It too would be a fund raising endeavor (for the W.N.G.G.) and at the same time assist Welsh artists and American/Canadian vendors in selling their items. It is important that a certain number of items be offered in the low dollar range. In my opinion, it will compliment the existing program by adding this tasteful event which all can attend for an hour or two.

Keep on going with Gods help.

No comment.

None.

- (1) Arrange for lower air fares - group fares and senior citizen's discount.
- (2) Lower hotel rates - group fares and senior citizen's discount.

- (1) Maintain a list of "certified" Gymanfa Ganu directors.
- (2) Establish more direct connection with local Gymanfaed Ganu.
- (3) Publish directory of local Gymanfaed Ganu.

More seminars.

Question 19

- (1) What's wrong with inviting the Prince of Wales and his wife to attend and give a report on Wales, and particularly what is being done toward perpetuating Welsh tradition and customs etc. etc.
- (2) Invite a special guest, any outstanding Welsh person in Wales or U.S.
- (3) Debates by competent persons on Welsh topic of general interest to the Welsh.

- (1) St. David's Day
- (2) Local international festivals.

Concerts at National by members - endowment for artists of Welsh decent to present concerts of both Welsh and traditional concert literature. A true celebration of Welsh arts and artists culled from WNGGA membership.

No suggestions.

- (1) Accumulate and issue list of local societies (Best source is Ninnau & Y Drych).
- (2) Aid local organizations to start & flourish.
- (3) Put informaiton on availability of song books in Ninnau & Y Drych, inform local societies how and where to get book. Many individuals don't know about them. (I've given several gifts to church contacts, friends who are musicians, etc.).

- (1) Sponsor tours.
- (2) Sponsor student exchanges
- (3) Sponsor pen pals for youth and perhaps adults.
- (4) Encourage local Gymanfa Ganu.
- (5) Publish some type of newsletter that highlights Welsh events.

The usual activities keep the average person busy.

Do one thing well. Don't try to do more than that.

I feel present items are excellent.

None at the moment.

Song fest to learn new hymns.

Question 19

- (1) Regional Gymanfa Ganus to allow more participation by WAY and others.
- (2) Seminars for Welsh conductors of Gymanfa.
- (3) Encourage local choirs.
- (4) Bring back Eisteddfods to national and regional meetings.

Just do the best job possible, as good as Columbus, better than Balt.

Eisteddfods.

Support for Welsh Chapel (in U.S.A..) preservations and restoration.

Having recently joined, I really can't offer any suggestions.

Reception at beginning of Gymanfa (1st night).

Males choirs to Kansas area.

- (1) Foster the training of young conductors.
- (2) I see the National as a weekend of activities to connect us with our Welsh heritage and to publicize Wales in the local venue city.

- (1) Have a Seminar on starting a local Gymanfa Ganu.
- (2) Have a Seminar on pronunciation of the Welsh words in hymns.
- (3) Help with cost of transportation or hotel room for interested youth to attend a National Gymanfa Ganu if they have a need.

As is, well organized.

None.

Question 19

- (1) Have a Seminar on how to help local groups start a gymanfa ganu.
- (2) Perhaps seminars to help folks learn to sing Welsh words in hymns.
- (3) Continue promoting the religious and cultural aspects because that is where our strength is - in praising the Lord. The poets who wrote the wonderful meaningful words to match the great harmonies and melodies of composers have all contributed to the depth of experience in singing together. Since there are few Welsh churches where people of Welsh lineage are nurtured, we need to help by supporting St. David's Societies or Welsh Clubs or help activate some groups. Ask them what kind of support they need. Help them to secure a Director and Organist to get started with a "Gymanfa Ganu" and feel the "hwyl." For instance, after having a Saint David's Society for 75 years in Linclon, Nebraska, they decided to organize a Gymanfa Ganu; so I helped them for 3 years to get started. Also in Three Lakes, Oneida County, Wis., there is a Pastor who wanted to take the message of the Gymanfa Ganu to the North Woods - this year will be their 7th! After all of these thoughts I might as well sign my name as you must have guessed it by now. Also I will be willing to help other local groups get started. Long live the Gymanfa Ganu.

My children have no interest in Welsh other than being proud of it. Have married others and my husband was not Welsh. I am the proud one.

No suggestions. As sponsoring Welsh organizations do a terrific job.

I joined because of my interest in Welsh harp music. I enjoy this culture & efforts to maintain it.

- (1) Support youth activities - WAY, scholarships, student exchange to Wales.
- (2) Sponsor musical exchanges with Wales - choirs, music groups, performers.
- (3) Publicize Welsh heritage in the media.

Continue to concentrate on the National.

I would have to think about this.

More media coverage!

Question 19

Since good hymn singing is a "trademark" of the Welsh people, I suggest we do the following:

1. Revise the WNGG Hymnal and
 - (a) Put the English words under the notes and have the Welsh and English words in verse form on the opposite page with information about the composer of the tune and the author of the words plus other information about the hymn that might be of interest.
 - (b) When a tune has more than one set of words, include the tune with each set of words. For example, THE HYMNBOOK, which is the hymnal used in many Presbyterian churches, uses the tune "Llanfloffan" for the hymns, "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers," "O Brothers, Lift Your Voices," and "O God of Earth and Alter." I would like to see all the hymns which use a certain Welsh tune included.
 - (c) Include a topical index in the back of the hymnal; for example, Adoration and Praise, Assurance, Confession, Prayer, etc.
 - (d) Include more descants.
 - (e) Use a slightly larger format. The sight of many of us is declining.
 - (f) Provide instrumental arrangements for some of the hymns in the hymnal - - arrangements for a brass quartet or quintet or better yet, arrangements which could be used by a combination of instruments. The playing of instrumental arrangements of Welsh tunes might be an activity which would be of interest to you young people as many many of them already play an instrument in the school they attend.
2. Either compile a list of Welsh tunes already arranged for instrumental groups (include handbell choirs) and where one might obtain the music or actually publish a collection of Welsh tunes which have already been published - - this would involve getting copyright permission.

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Question 19

3. Encourage and assist state societies which do not have a Gymanfa Ganu to get one started. In Nebraska, Olwen Morgan Welk and Lloyd Savage have been very helpful to us. The National might provide financial assistance to help state societies in their efforts to get Gymanfas started.

I FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT HAVING THE ENGLISH WORDS UNDER THE NOTES. This arrangement of notes and words would help our part singing much.

Revising our hymnal will be a big job, but it will be worth the time, money, and effort to carry on our tradition of good hymn singing. Thank you for the opportunity to make these comments.

I'm afraid that's enough at present; couldn't suggest anything w/out better financial picture. Note: this survey is a great idea.

Picnics. Tours.

- (1) Distribute other Welsh music such as Olwen Welk's Christmas hymn book.
- (2) Make VCR tapes of Welsh singing with subtitles.
- (3) Invest in a cam-corder for generating tapes.

Nothing additional - I do think the informal singing after the banquet & concert are a must.

Remain the same as it is.

Project - public relations.

- (1) In addition to the annual (four day Gymanfa over Labor Day Weekend, hold a Gymanfa six months before over Sat. and Sunday (combined bqt. & concert on Sat. and the usual on Sunday, this could be at a distant point from the regular Gymanfa.)
- (2) Form a group of the negatively critical people and have them organize a National.

I feel that focus is adequate for now.

I think that everything you are doing is fine.

Question 19

I am glad to see the program for Pittsburgh that all sessions are to be held at the Hotel.

To hold sessions for concert and Gymanfa Ganu at a place other than the hotel is not practical as the bus transportation nor box lunches served is satisfactory.

Help local Welsh organizations improve their gymanfa.

Don't know enough to comment.

I loved it the way it was when I attended in Montreal & especially Wilkes-Barre. Niagara Falls wasn't quite as exciting.

- (1) Host & plan tours of performers from Wales.
- (2) Folkdance workshops.
- (3) Folk music groups perform & give workshops.
- (4) Harp workshop or lecture/concert by Robin Bowen on his triple harp. He made a big impression on the people in Seattle! He is so knowledgeable about all Welsh music & its background. The National Gymanfa Ganu Associations could branch out into the other forms of Welsh music & dance - folk! When people immigrated to America the only music they knew was Welsh hymns because Methodism had stamped out the folk music, fiddle, & harp & dance. There is now a resurgence of folk culture in Wales due to research. We should take advantage of this & help our Welsh people in America to know their full Welsh culture.

Foster state group/committee for St. David's Day.

Encourage after hours community singing as much as possible in a well located area easy for casual attendees to find, a problem in some past years, the community singing was hard to find.

P.T.O.

- (1) Review of scholarships and endowment funds.
- (2) Every member should receive membership letters.
- (3) Articles by officers and members in y Drych and more.

Question 19

The annual National Gymanfa Ganu is a full time job. Encourage an organizer on a part time basis to promote WNGGA. Canadians and Americans will only join when they can be full members, officers and trustees, and regional basis.

One National I attended had a bulletin board where people signed their name and place of birth. I though it was a graet idea. Several notes were left asking so and so to get in touch with ---

None - There is little time left as it is. More Welsh hymns in the GG than in 1988.

I think the Welsh dancing groups should be greatly encouraged and featured. I have always contended we are not a "visual" people - we can certainly be heard. The more people SEE us through the dancing groups like the Scottish, Irish, etc. the more they will be aware of us. A dance after the grand concert would be a chance to introduce some early dances for everyone to do. For several years I introduced a progressive Welsh "waltz" at our St. David's dinner and dance and everyone loved it.

- (1) Sponsor Welsh choirs or artists to tour Canada and U.S.
- (2) Establish Eisteddfod in North America.
- (3) Sponsor or help establish Welsh studies at colleges or universities (eg. Celtic chair at University of Ottawa)

- (1) Start Welsh folk dance classes.
- (2) Start Welsh language classes.
- (3) Have Welsh sing-a-longs.

None.

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- (1) Local Eisteddfod for Welsh communities in US and Canada.
- (2) Local Gymanfa Ganu.
- (3) Local talks about Wales in Welsh and also trips and picnics.

Question 19

- (1) No imports eg. artist: sponsor home grown variety.
- (2) Have Gymanfa Saturday evening and Sunday morning.
- (3) Banquet at 6:00 PM - Friday evening and grand concert at 8:00 PM or 8:30 PM

Change to Saturday evening and Sunday morning gymanfa sessions.

Sponsor Welsh events of all kinds.

Could we have Gymanfa Ganus at Easter?

None.

Appendix

Copy of letter from President Stevens

Copy of Questionnaire

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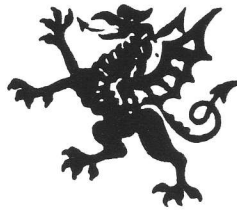
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April 15, 1989

Dear Members:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I extend to you our appreciation for your support of the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association. You are each important to the organization and to the ongoing commitment of strengthening the work of WNGGA. Because each of you is important, we seek your help.

The Board of Trustees is conducting a survey to obtain information about the members of the organization, to obtain reactions on what the WNGGA has been doing in recent years, and to secure suggestions as to what the WNGGA should do in the years ahead.

Results of the survey will be presented at the Annual business meeting of the Association on September 2, 1989 in Pittsburgh.

Please answer items on the enclosed survey form and return it to us as soon as you can. You need not add your name, but be assured that, in any event, all responses will be kept confidential.

Your prompt responses will provide much assistance as we evaluate what has been done in the past and what plans need to be made for the future.

Sincerely,

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Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association 1989 Membership Survey

Directions: The Board of Trustees of the WNGGA asks you to respond to the following items and to return this form as soon as you can. When you have completed answering the items, simply fold the sheet in such a way that the return address is on the outside. Staple or tape the form shut and mail it back. No stamp is needed. You need not include your name. Your assistance with this WNGGA project will be very much appreciated.

1. Age: 10-19 20-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-69 70-79 80-89 90-plus
2. Marital Status: Single Married
3. Were you born in Wales?
4. Are you of Welsh descent?
5. If your answer to No. 4 above was Yes, what proportion of you is Welsh?
6. Do you speak Welsh?
7. Can you sing the Welsh words in the hymns?
8. Have you ever traveled to Wales?
9. Do you subscribe to a Welsh-American newspaper?
10. Do you belong to a local Welsh organization?
11. What are your five most-favorite Welsh Hymns?

12. Have you ever attended the National Gymanfa Ganu?
13. If your answer to No. 12 above was Yes, how many "Nationals" have you attended? (Circle the answer)

(NOTE: If your answer to No. 12 was No, skip No. 14 and go to No. 15.)
 14. If your answer to No. 12 was Yes, please answer this question by indicating the extent to which you agree with the following statements about specific activities at the National by circling the appropriate number at the right.
 (KEY: 1 = Strongly Agree (SA); 2 = Agree (A); 3 = No Opinion (NO); 4 = Disagree (D); 5 = Strongly Disagree (SD))

	SA	A	NO	D	SD
a. The Seminars are an important part of the National Gymanfa Ganu					
b. The Tours are an important part of the National Gymanfa Ganu	1	2	3	4	5
c. The Grand Concert is an important part of the National Gymanfa Ganu	1	2	3	4	5
d. The Noson Lawen is an important part of the National Gymanfa Ganu	1	2	3	4	5
e. The Awr Y Plant is an important part of the National Gymanfa Ganu	1	2	3	4	5

15. Within recent years more and more schools and colleges have started their fall term before Labor Day. Suggestions have been made to change the dates of the National Gymanfa Ganu from Labor Day weekend to another time during the year. Do you feel the dates should be changed?
- If your answer is Yes, what other dates would you suggest?

16. Since 1970, the WNGGA has supported the WAY (Welsh Associated Youth) organization. Should WNGGA continue to support WAY?
- If your answer is Yes, in what way?

17. Should the WNGGA establish "local chapters"?
18. What suggestions do you have on how the WNGGA might increase its membership?

19. At the present time, the primary focus of the WNGGA is to plan and host the annual National Gymanfa Ganu on Labor Day weekend. What suggestions do you have for additional activities or projects for the WNGGA?
 (1)
 (2)
 (3)