

Response to Notice of Proposed Membership Revocation

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Date: Thursday, August 27, 2026 at 11:34 PM EDT

Members of the Board,

I acknowledge receipt of the Notice to Revoke My NYDV Membership.

I wish to respond to the allegations in a meaningful and accurate manner. However, after carefully reviewing the notice, I am unable to do so because it does not provide the specific facts, actions, dates, transactions, evidence, or bylaw provisions upon which the Board relies.

The notice contains two broad allegations:

1. That I have hindered NYDV's efforts to sell its property and caused substantial financial harm to NYDV; and
2. That I have misappropriated assets from NYDV, breached fiduciary duties, acted in conflict with NYDV's interests, lacked proper authority, and refused to return assets.

These are serious allegations. However, the notice provides no factual detail to support them.

With respect to the first allegation, the notice does not identify:

- What specific actions are alleged to have hindered the sale of the property;
- When those actions occurred;
- How those actions allegedly caused financial harm;
- The nature or amount of the alleged financial harm;

With respect to the second allegation, the notice does not identify:

- What specific assets are alleged to have been misappropriated;
- When the alleged conduct occurred;
- How the Board determined that any assets were misappropriated;
- What authority I allegedly lacked;
- What conflict of interest allegedly existed;
- What fiduciary duty was allegedly breached; or
- What assets I have allegedly refused to return.

While individual Board members may believe that the matters referenced in the notice are already understood, the notice itself does not identify the specific facts upon which the allegations are based.

Given the seriousness of the accusations and the consequences being sought, I do not believe it is appropriate for either party to rely on assumptions. Facts should be clearly stated and proof provided, so that any response can be based on the facts, rather than on interpretations of what the Board may have intended to reference.

I am also concerned by the statement that "the Board of Directors ... has voted to begin proceedings to permanently revoke your NYDV membership" and that "our decision is based on the following." This language suggests that conclusions regarding the allegations may already have been reached before I have been provided with sufficient information to understand and respond to the charges against me.

The notice also does not identify when the alleged conduct occurred or which version of the NYDV Bylaws the Board is relying upon. To the extent any allegation concerns events that allegedly occurred years ago, fairness requires that such conduct be evaluated under the governing documents, policies, and rules that were in effect at the relevant time. Subsequent amendments to the Bylaws or the adoption of new policies or procedures do not, by themselves, establish that past conduct violated rules that did not exist when the events occurred.

Finally, I note that since June 2023 my membership has been frozen and I have been excluded from member communications, meetings, and activities. In previous correspondence to the Board dated July 22, 2026, a request was made for the Board to identify the authority for those actions. Those questions remain unanswered. **Without a clear explanation from the Board regarding the suspension of my membership rights, I cannot reasonably be expected to understand the basis or intent of its current communications.**

Accordingly, before any vote concerning my membership is considered, I respectfully request that the Board provide:

- The specific factual basis for each allegation;
- The specific acts or omissions that form the basis of the allegations;
- The dates and circumstances of the alleged conduct;
- The documents and proof relied upon by the Board;
- The version of the Bylaws and any other governing documents upon which the Board relies;
- The specific provisions of the Bylaws that the Board relied upon in 2023 when it suspended my membership rights.

Once this information is provided, I will be able to evaluate the matter and respond based on the relevant facts rather than assumptions.

Sincerely,

Līga Freimane

On Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 08:18:31 PM EDT, John Kancans <john.kancans@gmail.com> wrote:

NOTICE TO LIGA FREIMANE TO REVOKE HER NYDV MEMBERSHIP

Dear Līga Freimane,

The Board of Directors of the Daugavas Vanagi Latvian Welfare Association, Inc. (NYDV) has voted to begin proceedings to permanently revoke your NYDV membership. Our decision is based on the following:

- Against the desire of the majority of NYDV members and its entire Board, you have hindered and continue to hinder efforts by NYDV to sell its real property at 115 W. 183rd Street, Bronx, NY. You have refused to vacate the premises. This has caused NYDV and is causing NYDV substantial financial harm.
- As Board member simultaneously of NYDV and LV100NY you have misappropriated assets from NYDV in breach of your fiduciary duty to NYDV, in conflict of interest to NYDV interests, and without proper authority. You have refused to return the misappropriated assets to NYDV.

In accordance with the association's bylaws, you have 15 days to be heard by sending a response to this e-mail to the NYDV Board. The 15-day period begins with the date this notice is emailed to you. After this period, the Board will vote on your membership status. The Bylaws stipulate that to expel you from NYDV membership, the NYDV Board must pass a resolution by a two-thirds majority vote. The NYDV Bylaws do not provide for an appeal process.

This English-language notice constitutes your official notice. The translation to Latvian provided below is for your convenience only.

NYDV Board of Directors

John Kancans

Valda Rainey

Vineta Zalite

Andris Zvargulis

Ilze Kancans

Anita Cirite

PAZIŅOJUMS LĪGAI FREIMANE PAR VIŅAS IZSLĒGŠANU NO NYDV BIEDRU SARAKSTA

Cienījamā Līga Freimane,

Latviešu labklājības biedrības „Daugavas Vanagi, Inc.” (NYDV) valde ir nobalsojusi par procedūras uzsākšanu, lai pastāvīgi atceltu Jūsu NYDV biedra statusu. Mūsu lēmums ir pamatots ar šādiem apsvērumiem:

- Pretēji NYDV biedru vairākuma un visas valdes gribai Jūs esat kavējusi un turpināt kavēt NYDV centienus pārdot tās īpašumu, kas atrodas 115 W. 183rd Street, Bronx, NY. Jūs esat atteikusies atbrīvot telpas. Tas ir radījis un joprojām rada NYDV būtisku finansiālu kaitējumu.

- Kā vienlaicīgi NYDV un LV100NY valdes locekļi Jūs esat nelikumīgi piesavinājušies NYDV aktīvus, pārkāpjot savus uzticības pienākumus pret NYDV, radot interešu konfliktu ar NYDV interesēm un rīkojoties bez atbilstošas pilnvaras. Jūs esat atteikusies atdot nelikumīgi piesavinātos aktīvus NYDV.

Saskaņā ar biedrības statūtiem jums ir 15 dienas, lai tiktu uzklauts nosūtīt NYDV valdei atbildi šim e-pastam. 15 dienu termiņš sākas no dienas, kad šis paziņojums tiek nosūtīts jums pa e-pastu. Pēc šā termiņa beigām valde balsos par jūsu biedra statusu. Statūti nosaka, ka, lai izslēgtu jūs no NYDV biedru saraksta, NYDV valdei ir jāpieņem lēmums ar divu trešdaļu balsu vairākumu. NYDV statūti neparedz pārsūdzības procedūru.

Paziņojums angļu valodā ir Jūsu oficiālais paziņojums. tulkojums latviešu valodā ir paredzēts vienīgi Jūsu ērtībai.

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