

- Editing the journal requires a significant time commitment and is a valuable contribution to the society.
- Compensation is appropriate because publishing the journal is a core responsibility of the society.
- A stipend validates the work, reflects the professionalization of the role, and establishes a contractual responsibility.

The journal typically is published twice annually. Julie Allen, the current editor, has edited The Bridge since 2014.

BOOK REVIEW EDITOR

Nete Schmidt is the new book review editor of The Bridge. Now retired, she taught Danish and Scandinavian literature courses at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She also translates books from Danish to English. Schmidt was elected to the DAHS board last fall.

She replaces Julianne Haahr as book review editor. Haahr will continue to help proofread The Bridge.

COMMEMORATIVE WALL

The board allocated \$1,000 for a DAHS plaque on a new commemorative wall at the Danish American Archive and Library in Blair, Nebraska.

2023 CONFERENCE

Preliminary planning is underway for the next DAHS member conference. It will be held June 22-24, 2023, at the Museum of Danish America in Elk Horn, Iowa.

The conference coincides with the museum's 40th anniversary celebration and the annual Sankt Hans Aften festivities June 24.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

DAHS has 315 active individual or family members, plus 14 institutions.



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SPRING 2022 BULLETIN

TWO NEW FACES



Sune Frederiksen of Berea, Kentucky, and Nete Schmidt of Madison, Wisconsin, (at right above) joined the 12-member, volunteer DAHS board for their first meeting April 27. They are at-large members.

The board met in Schaumburg, Illinois, coinciding with the annual meeting there of the Rebuild National Park Society. The next board meeting is scheduled Oct. 28 in Solvang, California.

Curious about serving on the board? New members are needed annually. Click on "Contact Us" at www.danishheritage.org to send a message.

BEST BOOK PRIZE

The Danish American Heritage Society Book Award for outstanding scholarship in Danish and Danish American topics launches this year.

This \$2,500 award will be presented every other year for a non-fiction academic book written in English on a Danish or Danish American topic. Entries must be published between Jan. 1, 2020, and June 20, 2022. They should be original works that significantly advance scholarship and thinking in the field by opening new lines of inquiry or consolidating existing ones at a high level of accomplishment.

The award recipient will be announced in mid-March 2023 and honored at the DAHS conference held at the Museum of Danish America in June 2023.

Application deadline is Aug. 1, 2022. Books must be submitted by Sept. 1, 2022. The prize committee of DAHS board members includes Julie Allen, John Mark Nielsen and Nete Schmidt.

University publishers — such as those at Illinois, Minnesota, Southern Illinois, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin — will be notified of the prize and encouraged to submit entries. Society members are encouraged to spread the word to authors they know and to recommend recent books that fit the criteria. See the DAHS website for more.

NATIONAL DANISH BOOK CLUB

The DAHS board approved a \$5,000 contribution to the new National Danish Book Club & Literary Event Series.

The free, online program is dedicated to exploring Danish literature in English translations, with special emphasis on contemporary authors. It launched in September 2021 and is a collaboration between the Museum of Danish America, the Northwest Danish Association, literary scholars Nete Schmidt and Désirée Ohrbeck, and promotional partners. The first year was supported by grants from the Scan|Design Foundation.

Book club meetings take place nine months a year as a live online conversation via Zoom. They are recorded and made available for later viewing. Literary events are pre-recorded interviews with either the author of the month's selection or a literary scholar.

Meetings resume in September.
For more information, or to enroll, go to www.northwestdanish.org

THE BRIDGE

The 2021 double issue of The Bridge was mailed to members in May. A change in printers and supply chain disruptions aggravated timely printing and mailing of the journal. The issue contains nine articles about various Danish heritage communities around the world.

Two issues are planned for 2022. One will focus on pioneering Danish and Danish American women; the other on Danish community-building.

GRAND VIEW SALUTE

John Mark Nielsen, DAHS board president, formally thanked retiring Grand View University President Kent Henning for the institution's assistance to the society over the years.

"While Grand View has seen growth far beyond its Danish roots, due in large measure to your vision and efforts, you have always been sensitive to and appreciative of the institution's Danish heritage," Nielsen wrote in April.

Henning, who has led Grand View for 22 years, retires June 30. Rachele Keck, president of Briar Cliff College in Sioux City, Iowa, takes over at Grand View on July 1.

BODTKER GRANTS AWARDED

The board awarded two Bodtker Grants at its April meeting.

Charly Frisk, who is studying for a master's degree in environmental management at Yale University, received \$5,000 to spend nine weeks in Denmark and Norway producing a documentary sharing diverse stories of people's relationships to seeds and migration.

Kassandra Schreiber, a teaching assistant at Brigham Young University, received \$3,000 for a project to rewrite Soren Kierkegaard's "The Seducer's Diary" from the point of view of character Cordelia. Schreiber plans to travel to Copenhagen to familiarize herself with the historic city center of the 1800s, the time frame of the original narrative.

BRIDGE EDITOR STIPEND

The editor and copy editor/proofreader of The Bridge will be paid a stipend following action by the DAHS board. The roles had been volunteer, unpaid positions. Board members noted: