



So long in Solvang. Mikel (left), Johnson, Mortensen and Rasmussen attended their last board meeting.

FAREWELL TO FOUR

Board members David Johnson of Council Bluffs, Iowa, Joel Mortensen of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Dan Mikel of West Saint Paul, Minnesota, and Lynette Rasmussen of Johnston, Iowa, attended their final meeting in October.

Mortensen (an at-large member since 2010), Mikel (representing Grand View University since 2015) and Rasmussen (at-large since 2013) were term-limited. Johnson (Danish American Archive and Library since 2017), stepped down a year early because of business conflicts.

"I'm saddened about those leaving, but excited for those coming on," said John Mark Nielsen, board president, of Blair, Nebraska.

The board appointed Lisa Kildegaard (at-large) of Decorah, Iowa, Matthew Plowman (Grand View University) of Des Moines, and Carol Svendsen (DAAL) of Denver to fill the vacancies. One at-large appointment was pending. David Hendee (Museum of Danish America) of Northfield, Minnesota, was reappointed to a second term.

The volunteer board consists of 12 members. The Danish American Archive and Library, Grand View University and the Museum of Danish America each may appoint two members to the board. The board appoints six at-large members. Members may serve two consecutive three-year terms.

The board met Oct. 28 at The Landsby in Solvang, California.

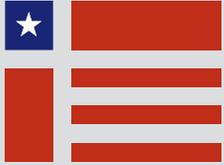


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DAHS CONFERENCE JUNE 22-24, 2023

SEE YOU IN ELK HORN!

Plans are firming up 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 event coincides with the museum's 40th anniversary celebration and its annual Sankt Hans Aften festivities. In 1983 a DAHS committee imagined a national museum dedicated to the history and legacy of Danish immigration to the United States. The result was The Danish Immigrant Museum, now the nationally accredited Museum of Danish America.

The theme is "Ecologies and Ethnicity." Among the three-day highlights:

- Opening dinner and keynote presentation by Morten Kabell, Copenhagen's former mayor of technical and environmental affairs. He was instrumental in pumping up the city's strong brand as a cycling city. He will be speaking on issues of environmental sustainability.
- Talks featuring experts on western Iowa and European land use, prairie restoration, Jens

GIFT A MEMBERSHIP

Looking for a year-end or new-year gift for someone? Consider gifting a membership to the Danish American Heritage Society in celebration of the organization's upcoming international conference. The event will be held in conjunction with the Museum of Danish America's 40th anniversary celebration in Elk Horn, Iowa.

Individual or family memberships are \$30 per year. The student rate is \$15. Go to www.danishheritage.org or send payment to Danish American Heritage Society, c/o Grand View University, 1200 Grandview Ave., Des Moines, IA 50316-1599.

Jensen's legacy in landscape architecture, Elk Horn-area history, and other topics.

- Tour, dinner and entertainment at the Manning Hausbarn Heritage Park, a complex featuring an authentic 1660s house/barn from Slesvig-Holsten.
- Prairie walks, gallery talks, behind-the-scenes museum and Genealogy Center tours, musicians, authors, film screenings and group singing, plus kringle breaks, an æbleskiver breakfast and plenty of coffee.
- Sankt Hans Aften events include the traditional midsummer bonfire on the rim of the Jens Jensen Prairie Landscape Park, live music, open galleries, lawn games, s'mores and snobrød at the council ring, lawn games and more.

Registration opens in early 2023. More information, including the early registration deadline and lodging options, will be announced via mail, email and the DAHS website.

The latest conference was a one-day online event during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021. The most recent in-person conference was in Schaumburg, Illinois, in 2017.

ROUNDUP

- Board officers elected for 2023: John Mark Nielsen, president, David Hendee, vice president, Tova Brandt, treasurer, and Sheri Muller, secretary. Nielsen and Brandt will serve on the endowment committee.
- The next board meeting will be via Zoom in March or April 2023. The fall 2023 board meeting site is pending. At the invitation of DAHS board member Sune Frederiksen of Berea, Kentucky, the board's spring 2024 meeting will be held April 5 that year in conjunction with the Rebuild National Park Society annual gathering in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Covington, Kentucky.

BEST BOOK PRIZE

Judging for the inaugural Danish American Heritage Society Book Award for outstanding scholarship in Danish and Danish American topics is underway. The six submissions:

- "Civil War Settlers: Scandinavians, Citizenship, and American Empire, 1848-1870" by Anders Bo Rasmussen (Cambridge University Press)
- "Danish Dinner Party" by Richard E. Klein (Dumb Dickie Press)
- "Denmark to Dakota" by Richard E. Klein (Dansk Mill Press)
- "Laughter and Civility: The Theater of Emma Gad" by Lynn R. Wilkinson (University of Wisconsin Press)
- "Man Into Woman" edited by Pamela L. Caughie and Sabine Meyer (Bloomsbury Academic)
- "Restless Pilgrim: Andrew Jenson's Quest for Latter-Day Saint History" by Reid L. Neilson and Scott D. Marianno (University of Illinois Press).

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.

The \$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.

They should be original works that significantly advance scholarship and thinking in the field either by opening new lines of inquiry or by consolidating existing ones at a high level of accomplishment.

There is no other award in the United States for books about Danish and Danish American culture.

The prize committee includes DAHS board members Julie Allen, John Mark Nielsen and Nete Schmidt.

