



BODTKER GRANT AWARDED

The DAHS Board has awarded a 2018 Bodtker Grant to Anders Bo Rasmussen, Associate Professor at the Center for American Studies at the University of Southern Denmark. He plans to use the grant toward his book project, *For God and Country: Scandinavians, Citizenship, and American Empire, 1848-1970*.

Rasmussen hopes to fill the gap left after Peter Sorensen Vig's book on the Danish experience during the American Civil War which was published in 1917.

Rasmussen has been working on his book since 2003 and with two additional trips to the US he will finish his work by early 2019 and complete an English language version by 2020. He will first visit the Midwest and later the East Coast to finish his research. With the assistance of the Bodtker Grant, he will be able to continue this research which previously took him from Washington state to Washington, D.C. and from Minnesota to Mississippi along with research at Danish archive sites in Iowa and Nebraska. The 2018 Bodtker Grant will assist him in completing this project.



DAHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The DAHS Board of Directors consists of twelve members from throughout the United States. Each member serves a 3-year term with the option of a second 3-year term. There are two representatives from the Danish American Archive and Library (DAAL), two from Grand View University (GVU), and two from the Museum of Danish America (MoDA) along with six at-large members. The current Board members, their place of residence, and those representing specific organizations follows: President – John Mark Nielsen, (MoDA)) Blair, NE; Vice-President – David Johnson, (DAAL) Council Bluffs, IA; Secretary – Sheri Muller, (GVU) Des Moines, IA; Treasurer – Joel Mortensen, Minneapolis, MN; Julie Allen, Orem, UT; Ed Bladt, Lumberton, NJ; Christie Jensen Gehringer, (DAAL) Omaha, NE; Julianne Haahr, Madison, WI; Dan Mikel, (GVU) West Saint Paul, MN; Lynette Rasmussen, Des Moines, IA; Linda Steffensen, Hoffman Estates, IL; and Rasmus Thøgersen, (MoDA) Elk Horn, IA.

DAHS BULLETIN

Distributed twice a year after DAHS Board meetings, the DAHS Bulletin contains recent news from our organization. The bulletin complements our website at www.danishheritage.org and provides timely information to our members who lack internet access. The bulletin is also viewable from the What We Do page at our website.

BOARD MEETS IN PROVO, UTAH

In May the Board of Directors met in Provo, Utah, with a full agenda. During the meeting, discussion continued on the October Danish Fusion Conference in Schaumburg, Illinois. The Board appreciated the well-run conference, outstanding speakers, group displays, and excellent food. The conference had a substantial turnout from around the country; however, more Danes and Danish Americans in attendance would make for an even better conference. For the next conference, the Board will be looking into areas from Georgia, Texas, Washington state, and California.

Some other items discussed: All members and some 54 libraries receive The Bridge, and it was noted that some 489 copies are currently being sent. The Endowment Committee is using ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) First Mutual Fund Strategy; the DAHS portfolio is managed by First National Wealth Management in Omaha, NE. Representatives from First National met in March with members of the DAHS. Board members representing the Danish American Archive and Library, Grand View University, and the Museum of Danish America also gave reports.

A tour of the Brigham Young University campus and dinner in Sundance concluded the meeting. The next Board of Directors meeting will be in Des Moines, IA, on October 27, 2018.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

The Danish American Heritage Society (DAHS) has entered into a Community Partnership Agreement with the Rebuild National Park Society (RNPS). The objectives of this agreement include facilitating awareness and support, enhancing membership, and promoting and supporting the mission of each organization. Through this agreement, both organizations will recognize each other and help to promote one another in areas such as publications and conferences. As the DAHS continues to identify, understand, and preserve our Danish heritage, we support the RNPS in its mission to promote understanding and goodwill between the peoples of Denmark and the United States.

DAHS WEBSITE UPDATED

The DAHS Website, www.danishheritage.org, has been given a new look. With the diligent work by volunteer Jennifer Thøgersen, updated material including stories, graphics, and pictures have been created for both research and enjoyment. All Danish American Heritage Society members are urged to take a look. It is hoped you will not only be pleasantly surprised but also will learn more about the Danish American experience.