

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 danishheritage.org and provides timely information to our members who lack internet access. In this mailing you should find a copy of the new DAHS tri-fold brochure, prepared in May under the guidance of board member Julie Allen. You will also find membership renewal information as yearly DAHS membership expires on June 30.

DAHS On-Line

The DAHS has on-line access for internet users. The website, as previously mentioned, is accessed at danishheritage.org. The DAHS can also be found on Facebook at facebook.com/danishheritage.

Board Change – Jim Iversen’s Departure

After many years of service, James D. “Jim” Iversen is leaving the DAHS Board of Directors. Jim joined the DAHS Board in 1998 and served as its president from 1998-2008.

Educated at Dana College and Iowa State University, Jim had a long career at Iowa State as a professor of aerospace engineering. He retired in 1996.

Jim has a strong interest in all things Danish and lived in Denmark on three occasions. His publications related to the DAHS mission are numerous and include the English translation of *Dannebrog on the American Prairie* (2000) and more recently *The Nielsen Letters – Doorway to the Past* (2013).

Jim has been a strong, positive influence within the DAHS the past eighteen years. He will be greatly missed.

The Bridge Update

The editors of *The Bridge*, Jullie Allen and Julianne Haahr, have labored mightily and the publication is once again on schedule. DAHS members should have received two issues this year, Vol. 38, No. 2 and Vol. 39, No. 1.

Board News – Julie Allen Moving to BYU

Julie Allen, DAHS board member and editor of the DAHS journal *The Bridge*, has accepted a position at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. Julie and her family will move to Utah this summer.

Julie has been at the University of Wisconsin in Madison since leaving Harvard University in 2006. She has served as Paul and Renate Madsen Professor of Scandinavian and Germanic Studies in Madison.

2017 DAHS Conference

Plans for the 2017 DAHS Conference in Schaumburg, Illinois, October 5-7, 2017, are well underway. The conference theme is *Danish American Fusion: A Blending of Cultures*. Conference developments will be updated via the **What We Do > Conferences > 2017 Conference** page at danishheritage.org. In particular, the Call for Papers will be available on our website in October 2016. Look for more information in the November issue of the *DAHS Bulletin*. We hope that many will attend this fifth DAHS conference. It plans to be spectacular.



A House Divided A Pending Article in *The Bridge*

Among the fifty states, Utah has the highest percentage of residents with Danish ancestry. The early Mormon immigration from Denmark to Utah in the 1850s and 1860s profoundly influenced subsequent Danish settlement in some areas of the Midwest. In the pending article, "A House Divided," Julie Allen and Bob Christiansen survey one extended family of Danish immigrants who settled in the Utah area and in Nebraska and Iowa. All members of the DAHS will receive this article in a future issue of *The Bridge*.

DAHS E-Membership

If you have a PayPal account, you can handle your DAHS membership electronically through a three-step process:

Step 1:

- a. Access danishheritage.org and go to the **Who We Are > Membership** page.
- b. Complete the left-hand form at the bottom of the page.
- c. Press the Submit button.

Step 2: The DAHS Treasurer will process your submitted form and send an invoice to your e-mail. (Please be patient. Our Treasurer wears several hats and may not be able to get back to you immediately.)

Step 3: Open your invoice and use your PayPal account information to make your payment.

DAHS Bulletin Notes

The *DAHS Bulletin* is also viewable from the **What We Do** page at our website, danishheritage.org.

If you lack internet access, you can contact the DAHS via US mail at 10354 E. Saltillo Dr., Scottsdale, AZ 85255. Alternatively, you can contact DAHS through the Museum of Danish America (as shown in the enclosed tri-fold).

DAHS Board Meeting – Spring 2016

The DAHS Board of Directors held its Spring 2016 meeting on May 18 at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, with all members present. Topics discussed included membership records and renewals, various on-line issues, the DAHS website, management of endowment funds, update information on *The Bridge*, the *DAHS Bulletin*, the 2017 conference, the new tri-fold brochure, and Bodtker Grants.

Board member Lynette Rasmussen also reported on a project to transfer the formal address of the DAHS to the Midwest from Oregon. Lynette has been empowered to move forward to reincorporate the DAHS as a 501(c)(3) organization entity in Iowa.

The next meeting of the DAHS Board of Directors will be held Friday, October 28, and Saturday, October 29, in Blair, Nebraska, at the Danish American Archive and Library.



DAHS Board of Directors

The DAHS Board of Directors consists of 12 members. Current DAHS Board members and officers are:

John Mark Nielsen (President)
Timothy "Tim" Jensen (Vice-President)
Sheri Muller (Secretary)
Joel Mortensen (Treasurer)
Julie Allen
Robert A. "Bob" Christiansen
Christie Jensen Gehringer
Julianne Haahr
Daniel P. "Dan" Mikel
Lynette Rasmussen
Linda Steffensen.

(The replacement for retiring member James D. "Jim" Iversen has yet to be named).