

Newsletter of the Society of Historians of Scandinavia  
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Dear Members:

For some time, members of SHS have discussed founding an annual newsletter. I suggest that the best time for such a letter is in November or December, at about the half-way point between SASS conferences. At this time of year attention begins to turn to next year's SASS meeting.

If successful, this newsletter will serve three purposes: First, it will help our far-flung members stay connected with one another. Second, it will help facilitate the conduct of SHS business. Third, an established newsletter is a requirement for any application for affiliation with the American Historical Association. A membership that contributes to this newsletter is key to achieving these goals.

This newsletter has a simple structure. The first part will consist of SHS business. The second will consist of news about the various accomplishments of SHS members.

Thanks to all who have helped me make this first newsletter. Any suggestions are welcome.

Sincerely,  
Jason Lavery  
SHS President

**Society Business:**

Call for candidates! The Society needs candidates for election to two offices that will become vacant after the Madison meeting. One is vice-president/president elect. The person elected to this office will serve two years as VP, two as president, and then two more as past president. The other position is a seat on the executive committee. This is a four-year term, and the seat is currently held by Nancy Wicker.

Those interested in nominating themselves or other members to these positions must submit nominations to Jason Lavery [jason.lavery@okstate.edu](mailto:jason.lavery@okstate.edu) by 5 January 2009. Elections will then be held. Our constitution gives voters sixty days for submit ballots.

Membership Dues! If you know or think that you are behind on your dues, please contact our Secretary-Treasurer Terje Leiren [leiren@u.washington.edu](mailto:leiren@u.washington.edu) Membership is \$15 annually.

**News from the Membership:**

A revised Danish translation by Jan Teuber of John Robert Christianson, *On Tycho's Island* (Cambridge University Press, 2000) was published under the title, *Tycho Brahe - Renæssancen på Hven* (Copenhagen: Nyt Teknisk Forlag, 2008).

Carol Gold's recently published book, *Danish Cookbooks*, won an award for "trade typography" from the American Association of University Presses. It also won the bronze/third place award for "Best Culinary History in the World," from Gourmand, an international group promoting publishing on cookery.

Congrats to both Carol and John!!