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New editors are taking over *The Bridge* with this issue. Peter L. Petersen has retired after editing the journal from 2003 until the spring issue of this year, and a new team of editors is taking over. Birgit Flemming Larsen assumed the role of Co-Editor with the spring issue, and John Robert Christianson joins her with this issue.

Neither of them are unfamiliar to readers of *The Bridge*. Birgit Flemming Larsen, together with our former newsletter editor, Linda M. Chimenti, took on the immense task of editing the proceedings of the conference on "Danish Culture, Past and Present: The Last Two Hundred Years," held in Des Moines in 2005 and sponsored by the Danish American Heritage Society. This volume of nearly 400 pages went out to DAHS members as volume 29, number 2 of *The Bridge* in 2006. Some readers will also remember Birgit Flemming Larsen from her years at *Udvandrerarkivet*, Danish Emigration Archives in Aalborg. She still lives in Aalborg, although she is a frequent traveler to the USA and serves as a member of the Board of Directors of DAHS. Her extensive contacts in Denmark have been invaluable to the Society and should help to maintain the high level of contributions to *The Bridge* by Danish authors.

John Robert Christianson is also a member of the Board of Directors of DAHS. He served as editor of *The Bridge* from 1999 until the end of 2002. He has frequently contributed articles and book reviews to *The Bridge* and hopes to continue doing so as Co-Editor.

Our thanks go to Peter L. Petersen for his masterful editing of *The Bridge* during the last six years. He built on a solid foundation laid by the late Arnold N. Bodtker and Egon Bodtker as previous editors. He will continue to serve as Assistant Editor and will help, among many other contributions, to assure a steady flow of informative book reviews and review essays.