

## **IAC Scholarship Program Update:**

At our most recent combined Annual General Meeting and Board Meeting in November, 2013, the following was reported and approved by those in attendance:

The previously authorized stipend [but not hitherto awarded] in the amount of USD \$ 375.00 for Icelandic-language instruction was awarded to Sóley Johnson, the daughter of Marc and Sonja Johnson. During the past summer, Sóley, completed the same three-week resident Icelandic-language day-program of the Reykjavík-based **Tungumálaskólinn** [[www.Skoli.eu](http://www.Skoli.eu)] in which her brother, Krístján, was also enrolled. A previously authorized stipend [for which no prior applications had been submitted] in the amount of USD \$ 750.00 for partial support of participation in Snorri Foundation [[www.Snorri.is](http://www.Snorri.is)] exchange programs or any bona fide Icelandic-related study in Iceland, Canada, or the United States was renewed and authorized to accept new applications for relevant activity during calendar years, 2014 or 2015. In addition, up to two [2] new awards, each in the amount of USD \$ 375.00 for bona fide Icelandic-language instruction was newly-authorized to accept applications for relevant study or Icelandic-language camp programs through calendar years, 2014 or 2015. Full details regarding these IAC Scholarship opportunities will be posted on our IAC website: [www.IcelandChicago.org](http://www.IcelandChicago.org).

The Association was reminded that John remains the Icelandic-Community's representative on the Advisory Board of the North Park University [Chicago] Center for Scandinavian Studies [**CSS**] and that the CSS is eager to continue its cooperation with our IAC, including possibly hosting the showing of the INL of NA current video, **Living With Lava**, the Snorri Foundation video, **The Wayfarers**, and perhaps co-hosting a program of Icelandic music. North Park University is the only academic institution of any consequence in the Chicago area with a long-standing, continuing student- and faculty- exchange program with two Icelandic universities. North Park University will be inviting the participation of all Chicago-area Scandinavian communities to participate in the 13-September-2014 grand-opening of the Timothy Johnson Center for the Sciences and Community Life on their campus. This facility will also house North Park's very active International Student Program, which regularly welcomes students from Iceland and sends North Park students for shorter and longer programs in Iceland.

The Scholarship Program Committee will be working on the INL of NA's Biographies Project and will be making recommendations and soliciting nominations for inclusion of prominent past and present Icelandic immigrants in the Chicago and Mid-West area. The Committee will also notify the IAC Board and Membership of any new INL of NA International Visits Program opportunities.

Scandinavian Day at Vasa Park, South Elgin, this past September was a success and left-over donated Icelandic Glacial Water is nearly all sold, leaving a comfortable reserve balance in our IAC Scholarship Fund to support any new opportunities next Autumn.

The IAC Scholarship Committee has been expanded to include: **Joni Shaw, Sonja Johnson, Tryggvi Emilsson, and Haukur Guðmundsson.**

The Scholarship Committee will be making recommendations to our IAC webmaster and the Board to enhance publication of relevant IAC Scholarship information, including: a brief history, its current objectives, all awardees to date, reports from awardees who have completed supported activities, current IAC Scholarship opportunities, and relevant application forms.

The IAC Scholarship Committee will be making recommendations to the Board and to our Membership regarding a more regular, predictable schedule for announcing, reviewing, and awarding scholarship opportunities

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