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Mr. Olaf T. Engvig
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Dear Mr. Engvig:

The Scandinavian American Cultural & Historical Foundation is pleased and proud to inform you that you have been selected for the Outstanding Scandinavian American Award, to be presented to you at a mutually agreeable time in September or October, 2015. You have been chosen for this award because of your outstanding dedication to the restoration and preservation of historic Norwegian ships and boats, and to your efforts to document and disseminate Scandinavian maritime history through books and magazine articles you have written.

Your books in the English language, including *Shipping and Culture: the Norwegian Fish Club of San Francisco 1914-1996*, *Viking to Victorian: Exploring the Use of Iron in Ship Building*, and *Legends in Sail*, make much maritime history available to a broad audience in an interesting, often fascinating, way. These and your many other books and articles in the Norwegian language are a major contribution to the preservation of the history of Norwegian maritime heritage and to the dissemination of this history. We look forward to your work in progress, a book on the famed "Scandinavian Navy" of the West Coast of the U.S. that was critical to the building of Los Angeles, for example, as numerous steam lumber schooners operated by Scandinavian captains and crew brought lumber from the Pacific Northwest to the Southwest and beyond.

Your work to restore historic ships such as the research vessel *S/S Hansteen* and the only remaining lumber schooner in the world, the *Værdalen*, is most admirable and important for our Scandinavian heritage.

The Outstanding Scandinavian American Award committee will be in touch with you to make further arrangements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elaine J. Williams".

Elaine Williams, President