

First General Session Minutes

President La Dean Moen called the First General Session of the 96th Annual NDLA Conference to order on Thursday, October 3, 2002 at 4:30 p.m. in the Brahms Room of the Ramada Plaza Suites in Fargo. She entertained us with observations about then (1972) and now (2002), then introduced Kaaren Pupino, President-elect and Conference Chair, who welcomed us to the Conference.

Moen called for approval of the minutes of the 2001 NDLA Conference general sessions, which were published in the December 2001 issue of *The Good Stuff*. Leeila Bina so moved. Robert Jacobson seconded. Motion carried.

Moen announced that copies of the resolutions and annual reports were available at the back of the room, then introduced Executive Board members. Liz Mason, Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies Committee Chair, reminded new chairs to familiarize themselves with NDLA's Constitution and Bylaws. Jeanne Narum, MPLA Representative, drew names for 3 free MPLA memberships. Suzanne Morrison, Intellectual Freedom Committee Chair, and Marlene Anderson, *Good Stuff* Editorial Committee Chair, invited members to be involved in their committees. Jeanne Narum, Professional Development Committee Chair, stated that five people applied for grants this year (compared to one last year), but that we can fund double or triple that number. She encouraged more people to take advantage of NDLA's professional development grants. Charlene Weis, Nominations and Elections Committee, announced the 2002 NDLA election results. Moen introduced Kathy Waldera, who has been appointed to replace Susan Dingle as NDLA Archivist.

Moen announced that the Executive Board has taken the first vote to discontinue the Information Technology and Small Libraries Roundtables. The second vote will be conducted at the October 5 Board meeting.

Doris Ott, State Librarian, introduced State Library staff members.

Thomas Bremer, Chair of the Library Coordinating Council, gave an update of LV2004/LV2010 and introduced LCC members. The Council requests feedback on the updated Library Vision plan by October 31, 2002.

Jeanne Narum, Professional Development Committee Chair, gave an overview of the Canoe Kudos Award, which was instituted in 2001, and encouraged members to nominate deserving individuals.

Moen presented the first reading of eight resolutions. Since some sections won't meet until tomorrow morning, there may be additional resolutions presented at the Second (and final) General Session.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30p.m. The Second General Session will convene at 8a.m. on Friday, October 4.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene K. Anderson, Secretary