

First General Session Minutes of the NDLA 2006 Annual Conference  
September 21, 2006 Woodland East, Doublewood Inn, Fargo, ND

President Narum called the meeting to order at 8:37 am and welcomed everyone to the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of NDLA. The Fargo Mayor Dennis Walaker was introduced.

Mayor Walaker welcomed us to the conference and briefly spoke about the new libraries they were building, global warming, and what's new to see in Fargo.

Approval of General Sessions Minutes 2005 and Treasurer's Report:

President Narum reminded members to pick up our "I Love Libraries" stickers at the registration desk.

Mike Safratowich spoke to the treasurer's report. The Treasurer's Report has an overview of the financial situation as of the end of last calendar year (December 2005). On the top we have the "Pass through funds" account which includes book sales (i.e. Flickertale) and the humanities grant. Then we have NDLA Funds. At the bottom are the Investment Accounts which are the association's investments in savings in the form of CDs. The Rudser CD just matured yesterday; the finance committee will look at reinvesting it. We have tried to step or ladder our accounts so they come due every 6 months to maximize the return. There is also a narrative report with status over the last 5-6 years. The only conclusions Mike can make is that we are doing rather well.

Tom Jones moved and Marlene Anderson seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the three general sessions of the 2005 NDLA Annual Conference. Motion carried.

President Narum relayed her fascination in genealogy and how she had worked and researched for two days the NDLA archives at the State Historical Society. There were 17 boxes and she went through each one. Throughout the conference she will be providing tidbits of information from this research. Today: Where was the state's first library service in North Dakota? The 1868 military post of Ft. Buford held the state's first library. James Kimbel noted in his journal that it contained 394 volumes in addition to a set of encyclopedias.

Marlene Anderson spoke about Dakota Gold, NDLA's centennial history and cook book. They are for sale at the conference. Our centennial quilt pattern "Dakota Gold" inspired the cover. There are 395 recipes accompanied by lists of awards and bits of trivia about NDLA; proceeds go towards continuing education funds.

Doris Ott gave the state librarian's report. She highlighted several topics from her report. The state library continues to do what it does best: organizing, coordinating and delivering services to the citizens of North Dakota. She spoke about the coming legislative sessions and the base budget and the supplemental budget. This year in the supplemental budget they are asking for an additional \$200,000 for state aid to public libraries. They are also asking for another staff person to help with the training needs that exist across the state. She encouraged us to talk to our legislators at home; this can be as important, if not more so, than testifying. Doris highlighted the remainder of her report including: booths and outreach, CatExpress contract, the Center for the

Book, the Gates Foundation, ODIN, the Patriot Act, workshops and services, statewide cataloging, summer reading program and the think tanks that were held around the state. She closed by asking the employees from the state library to stand so that we could see both their faces and their numbers.

Announcements:

There are evaluation forms for each session and for the overall conference. Please fill them out. Resolutions are due on Friday at 10:30 at the registration desk.

Sign up for a free MPLA membership.

Auction items may be delivered to the registration desk.

Friday at 5:00 pm is the executive board meeting for ingoing and outgoing board members.

Please vote for your favorite North Dakota notable document.

There is a program cancellation, "Tracing Your Dakota Roots". But handouts will be available. So we are moving the session on "MP3 players and Audio Books for the Public Library" from smaller Executive II Room to the Walnut Room

Short film was played @your library

Drawings for Door Prizes took place.

May 31, 1939 - Minot Public Library held its first summer reading program.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:17 am.