

**First General Session Minutes
Thursday, September 22, 2005**

Marlene Anderson, President, called the First General Session of the 99th Annual NDLA conference to order on Thursday, September 22, 2005 at 8:30am.in the Coronado Room of the Ramada Inn, Grand Forks, ND.

Michael Brown, Mayor of Grand Forks welcomed attendees to Grand Forks.

Next Anderson presented Doris Ott, State Librarian, who provided the State Librarian's Report. Ott, briefly discussed the work of the State Library this past year. A complete report was available in all registration packets. Ott explained the additional databases the State Library was able to purchase this past year due to increased legislative funding. She asked librarians to collect real life stories of the databases usage to provide support for funding for the next legislative session. She spoke of the World Cat database and its usage. Ott also reminded librarians of upcoming Library Vision Think Tank Meetings to be held throughout the state.

Anderson then introduced Jim Connor, Regional Vice President of ALTA, who spoke at the conference on trusteeship. He encourages trustees to attend library conferences throughout the region. He also advised libraries and librarians to wait for an ALA assessment of library damage by Hurricane Katrina before sending any donations.

Anderson next introduced Phyllis Bratton who is working on a Centennial Quilt Project for next year's centennial of NDLA. She had 20 packages of the materials needed to complete a quilt block. If you or someone at your library is interested in completing a quilt block, you should see Phyllis during the convention. The quilt project is planned to be auctioned or raffled off next year.

Jeanne Narum, President-Elect, first pointed out a mistake in the program. She then spoke regarding the evening's events which included a cash bar from 5:30-6:30 pm at the Holiday Inn to enable participants to speak with vendors. The banquet would be at 6:30 in the Ramada Inn with a cash bar set up at 6:00 pm.

Drawings for door prizes took place.

Announcements: Resolutions are due by 10:30 am on Friday, September 23, 2005. They will be read at he second general session on Friday at 1:30-2:00pm, with a second reading at 4:00 pm at the third general session. Please remember we must have a quorum to vote on the resolutions.

Please sign up for a free MPLA membership at the MPLA booth.

The Silent Auction will begin today at 12:30 pm and run until 6:30 pm.

Some grant writing binders from the pre-conference are available for sale.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Ertelt, Secretary

