

Third General Session Minutes Friday, September 24, 2004

President, Pamela Drayson called the Third General Session of the 98th Annual NDLA Conference to order on Friday, September 24, 2004, at 3:15 pm, at the International Inn, Minot, North Dakota.

Drayson drew more names for prizes provided by the exhibitors.

Jeanne Narum, MPLA Representative, drew names for 10 free memberships to the Mountain Plains Library Association.

Kirsten Baesler, School Library and Youth Services Section Chair, made a motion to accept all resolutions as read with one correction. The correction is the numbers mentioned in the SLAYS resolution will change. The new numbers will be included in the resolution when it is posted to the NDLA website. Phyllis Bratton, ALA Councilor, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Phyllis Bratton, American Library Association (ALA) Councilor shared her perspective of her last three years in this position. Bratton described the eleven core values ALA has developed for libraries. She encouraged everyone to check these out on the ALA website. The ALA website has also been expanded to provide areas related to intellectual freedom and copyright.

Bratton also discussed that the Executive Board had provided for the creation of a committee to create a quilt for the upcoming 2006 NDLA Centennial Conference. Bratton said a call would be going out soon for volunteers to serve on the committee.

Marlene Anderson, Editor of *The Good Stuff* and President-Elect, gave a presentation on a recent study which provides the pros and cons of putting the NDLA magazine, *The Good Stuff*, online. Anderson said 6 past issues of *The Good Stuff* are currently available on the NDLA website.

A lengthy discussion followed.

Bonnie Krenz, Public Library Section, made a motion that a letter be sent to the membership outlining the pros and cons of publishing *The Good Stuff* electronically. This letter would be accompanied by a paper ballot and self-addressed stamped envelope. Diane Briggs, Public Library Section, seconded the motion. More discussion followed. Bonnie Krenz, Public Library Section, then withdrew her original motion and made a second motion. The second motion was to allow the Executive Board to work out the details of how this issue should be presented to the NDLA membership. Diane Briggs, Public Library Section, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Canoe Kudos Awards: Toni Vonasek nominated Elaine Strand, Reference Librarian, Grand Forks Pubic Library, for her 20 years of service. Laurie McHenry nominated

Shelby Harken, Grand Forks Public Library, for her dedication and service towards improving cataloging and catalogers. Elaine Strand is Shelby Harken's mother.

In closing, Pamela Drayson, President asked each member to send a postcard or letter to a vendor, speaker, author, or new person we met to thank them for participating and making it such an excellent conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah J. Igoe