

## First General Session Minutes

President Kaaren Pupino called the First General Session of the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual NDLA Conference to order on Thursday, September 25, 2003 at 8a.m. in the Da Vinci Ballroom of the Radisson Inn in Bismarck. Lieutenant Governor Jack Dalrymple and Connie Sprynczynatyk of the North Dakota League of Cities welcomed us to Bismarck. Pupino entertained the group by sharing some obscure and odd laws.

Cheryl Bailey, member of the Nominations and Elections Committee, announced the 2003 election results.

The President's report was distributed and Pupino reviewed some of the highlights of the year.

Pupino made several announcements.

- Resolutions are due at 10a.m. on Friday and will be read and voted on at the Third General Session.
- Exhibitors will be introduced at a later session. Pupino urged conference attendees to visit their booths.
- Watch signs for room changes. Pamela Drayson, President-elect, announced today's changes.
- HSIS (Health Science Information Section) is selling ALA products at the conference. HSIS and NDLA will each receive a portion of the proceeds.
- Be sure to stop by the GODORT (Government Documents Roundtable) booth and vote for your favorite state document.
- An NDLA banner has been made and is displayed at the registration table. The words "Established in 1906" will be added to the banner.
- Items leftover from the 2002 Tri-Conference are for sale at the registration table.
- Silent and live auctions are planned. The silent auction will be held during tonight's social and the live auction will follow the Awards Banquet.
- There are timers in the rooms to help ensure that programs end on time.
- There is no Internet café because the hotel lacks enough wiring. Conference attendees have dial-up access from their rooms, but are also welcome to stop by the North Dakota State Library, Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library, or Bismarck State College Library to check their e-mail.
- Parking validation stamps are available at the registration table.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Anderson, Secretary