NORTH DAKOTA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
THIRD GENERAL SESSION
SEPTEMBER 25, 1999

Barb Knight called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m. Ann Pederson verified that a quorum was present.

Marilyn Johnson announced that the board members would meet in the Cedar Room at 10:45 a.m.

Section and Roundtable reports followed; they were available in print and the chairs highlighted certain activities in their remarks.

Karen Chobot gave the Academic and Special Libraries Section report. The section has disposed of most of the North Dakota Periodicals Index materials and she offered foam core products from the displays to anyone who wanted them.

Nancy Mulhern gave the Government Documents Roundtable report. The new chair is Kaaren Pupino. The section report stands as written; the session on the STATISTICAL ABSTRACT was well attended.

Karen Anderson gave the Health Sciences Information Section report. The section had two different presentations this year, one on PubMed and one at conference. Char Myhre has retired. Melva Brend is the new chair. The section bylaws have been passed, and work is progressing on the policies.

Rhonda Schwartz gave the New Members Roundtable report and noted the new officers.

Diane Briggs, for the Public Library Section, reported that the State Library will be managing the summer reading program. NDLA will pay the consortium membership fee. The section is working on the bylaws.

Melva Brend, for the Information Technology Roundtable, had nothing to add beyond the printed report, but thanked those who helped on the policies.

Paulette Nelson, for the School Libraries and Youth Services Section, noted that the handbook revision is finished.

Roberta Steckler mentioned parts of the Small Libraries Section report as printed. She spoke of the grant for bookmobile concerns. The Section has finished the bylaws; terms of office will now be for one year, in line with the practice of other sections. The section discussed the Gates Initiative and is concerned about record keeping.

Dorrene Devos gave Technical Services Roundtable report. The section may sponsor a program on preservation next year. She

brought copies of the preservation summary.

Barb Knight thanked Kirstin Narum for all of her help, and that of APT. She drew some door prizes.

The second reading of the resolutions followed. They were read in the same order and by the same presenters as at the Second General Session. Ellen Kotrba moved that all resolutions be placed into a consent agenda; Denis Page seconded. The resolution concerning the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council, presented by the Public Library Section, was removed from the consent agenda. Janis Sayers moved to put the rest of the resolutions into a consent agenda; Melody Kuehn seconded; motion passed.

Lila Pedersen asked about the background of the resolution concerning the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council. Mike Jaugstetter explained that it takes time for the citizen member to understand library jargon and that one citizen user can mentor in another due to staggered terms. He then reviewed the makeup of the board. Doris Ott said that the original bill asked for 18 board members, but that the legislature felt this was too large. Jim Chatten was concerned that this new member would make an even number in voting; Dennis Page stated that one ex-officio member can vote and that the chair could break a tie. He felt that the council needs another citizen, as it means more to the legislators to work with a citizen than with a salaried professional. The legislature would have to change the makeup of the council. The rationale for the resolution is given in the second whereas. The source of the recommendation was the citizen member. Kotrba noted that additional statements of support could be sent with the resolution. Knight stated that if the resolution passes, it would go to the newly elected president for action. Ott inquired on the stance of the organization if the legislature will not increase the number on the council, but allows another citizen. Johnson noted that the composition of the council would have to be amended by statute, with the makeup specified. The organization would not have a chance to meet again before a vote. Chatten said to ask for all 11 members, not 10. The Legislative Committee, APT, and the Board will work on the matter. There will be another conference before the next legislative session. Steckler noted that an incoming person could attend a few sessions of the council before officially joining. Jaugstetter noted that the resolution does not say that the new member is a voting member.

Nelson moved to accept the motion as written; Steckler seconded; motion passed.

Mike Jaugstetter gave the State Librarian's report. He detailed the NDLCC's work on establishing LaND and commented on the brochure and demonstration. North Dakota has been accepted as part of the Gates Initiative and the State Library will now start negotiations about buildings and applications. December, 2001, is the start date. The State Library will try to bring in another MLS program through distance education and is also looking into the cooperative purchase of databases.

Knight passed the gavel to Johnson. Johnson addressed the group and thanked Knight for leaving the association in such good condition. She presented her with a plaque, a pen, and bath soap for relaxation. Johnson thanked Briggs for the local arrangements; Briggs in turn thanked her committee. Johnson thanked other people as well and gave a short statement on the future of the organization. She said that in the Statistical Abstract session, the room was full of visionary people. Scott Stradley remarked to her that it was nice to be with people who would decide just to do something and then do it. NDLA is a very sound organization; it has a great newsletter and website, lots of electronic communications, and a leadership team that needs members to say "yes" when they are asked to help. She asked the members to tell everyone that NDLA is worthy of financial and staff support. She is looking forward to a great year.

Door prizes were awarded. Pedersen asked for any additional money or bills. The Executive Board meeting was moved to 10:00 a.m. in the Cedar Room.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary