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NDLA Second General Session
September 26, 2008 – 1:15 pm
Pier 7 Room – Best Western Seven Seas Inn – Mandan, ND

President Donna James called the Second General Session to order at 1:15 pm on Friday September 26, 2008. At this session the resolutions will be read.

Donna James, Executive Board Chair, read the resolution from the Executive Board:

WHEREAS, the meetings and events of the 2008 NDLA Annual Conference were organized by Phyllis Bratton, conference chair; the local issues committee; and other Mandan/Bismarck area librarians and friends, and

WHEREAS, the facility and staff of the Best Western Seven Seas Hotel and the staff of the Morton Mandan Public Library contributed to the success of the conference,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the North Dakota Library Association expresses its appreciation and extends its thanks to the conference chair, members of the local issues committee, conference facility staff, speakers, program presenters and exhibitors for the 2008 NDLA Annual Conference “Librarians Under Construction: A Life of Continuous Education”.

Bonnie MacIver, Public Library Chair, read two resolutions from the Public Library Section:

WHEREAS: The State Library is requesting an additional \$300,000 in its 2009-2011 budget for state aid to public libraries, and

WHEREAS: Local public libraries, especially in rural communities, find meeting costs of collection development, of maintenance, of staff, and of computer access difficult, and

WHEREAS: per capita spending in public libraries when compared to surrounding states and the nation shows North Dakota lagging significantly behind,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the NDLA membership actively support the State Library’s efforts during 2009 legislative session to secure the additional \$300,000 for state aid to public libraries to ensure that all North Dakota citizens have access to needed information.

WHEREAS: The State Library is requesting an additional \$200,000 in its 2009-2011 budget for online databases for North Dakota citizens, and

WHEREAS: local public libraries, cannot afford on their own the cost of these databases,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the NDLA membership actively support the State Library’s efforts during 2009 legislative session to secure the additional \$200,000 for online databases to ensure that all North Dakota citizens have access to needed information.

Eileen Chamberlain, Health Sciences Information Chair, read the resolution from the Health Sciences Information Section:

WHEREAS, NDLA’s purpose is to “provide leadership and to promote library services” to the residents of North Dakota, and

WHEREAS, the availability of reliable and authoritative health information is a critical part of library services and enables the safety and well-being of the residents of North Dakota,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that NDLA recognize a new health information resource, Go Local North Dakota www.medlineplus/golocalnd which is designed specifically for North Dakota residents, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that NDLA members acknowledge the efforts of the staff of the Harley E. French Library, University of North Dakota, <http://undmedicallibrary.org/> with the support of the National Library of Medicine <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/> for creating this resource and join the members of the Health Sciences Information Section in endorsing and promoting to all library users “Go Local North Dakota: Discover Health Services Near You!” www.medlineplus/golocalnd

Lori West, New Members Roundtable Chair, read three resolutions from the New Members Roundtable:

WHEREAS, during the 2008 NDLA annual conference, continuing education credits were offered to participants

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: we thank Donna James, Phyllis Bratton, Kirsten Baesler and Kathy Berg for their hard work in arranging and executing this new continuing education track. We encourage the continuance of this practice at future conferences.

WHEREAS, statewide educational resources are vital to the continuation of preparing North Dakotans for information literate world

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the North Dakota legislature continue and increase its level of funding for statewide electronic resources. The North Dakota Library Association stands firmly resolved in its support of the additional \$200,000 funding initiative.

WHEREAS, the Executive Board promoted environmental stewardship by posting minutes, agendas and other notices to the NDLA web site rather than printing copies for distribution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that this practice of “going green” be continued for future conferences and other NDLA communication and business.

Kathy Berg, School Library and Youth Services Chair, read three resolutions from the School Library and Youth Services Section:

WHEREAS, the SKILLS (Strengthening Kids Interest in Learning and Libraries) Act was introduced to Congress in 2007.

WHEREAS, the SKILLS Act guarantees students across America will be served by state-certified school library media specialists,

WHEREAS, the SKILLS Act ensures that students will have the library resources they need to succeed,

WHEREAS, the SKILLS Act requires school districts, to the extent feasible, to ensure that every school within the district employs at least one state-certified school library media specialist in each school library,

WHEREAS, the SKILLS Act establishes as a state goal that there be at least one highly qualified school library media specialist in every public school,

WHEREAS, the SKILLS Act broadens the focus of training, professional development, and recruitment activities to include school library media specialists,

WHEREAS, the SKILLS Act ensures that funds will serve elementary, middle and high school students,

WHEREAS, the SKILLS Act requires books and materials to be appropriate for and engage the interest of students in all grade levels and students with special learning needs, including English language learners,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that NDLA request that Senator Conrad and Senator Dorgan support the SKILLS Act in S.B. 1699 and Representative Pomeroy support the SKILLS Act in H.R. 2864 with their votes.

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Commission for Education Improvement was established to study the adequacy of North Dakota’s public education system,

WHEREAS, the Commission hired the outside consulting firm of Lawrence Picus and Associates to define adequacy

WHEREAS, Lawrence Picus and Associates consult regularly with groups to determine what it takes to provide an adequate education,

WHEREAS, their recommendations regarding Media Specialists concluded that in order for an adequate education to occur there must be a minimum of 1.0 library media specialist in every elementary and middle school, and a minimum of 1.0 library media specialist with 1.0 aide at every high school,

WHEREAS, the Picus recommendation supports the research that has consistently proven a library media program with a full-time library media specialist increases students achievement,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that NDLA requests the Governor's Commission strongly consider the recommendations made by the Lawrence Picus and Associates consulting firm as it establishes its standards for adequacy in the ND public education system.

WHEREAS, a nation wide poll reveals that Americans are deeply concerned that the United States is not equipping young people with skills they need to compete in the global economy,

WHEREAS, there is universal agreement that teaching 21st century skills is important to our country's future economic success,

WHEREAS, we are living in a different era that requires new thinking in our approach to educating youth and the things students need to learn today are different than 20 years ago,

WHEREAS, skills such as problem solving, innovation, and creativity have become critical in the 21st century

WHEREAS, Accelerating Technological advances, a rapidly changing knowledge base, an interconnected workforce,, and an increasingly global society have all combined to make 21st century skills – global literacy, problem solving, innovation and creativity – essential for every student's success,

WHEREAS, we can and should be doing more to prepare our young people to succeed in the 21st century,

WHEREAS, The Partnership for 21st Century Skills serves as a catalyst to position 21st century skills at the center of education by building collaborative partnerships among education, business, community and government leaders,

WHEREAS, The Partnership for 21st Century Skills brings together the business community, education leaders and policymakers to define a powerful vision for 21st century education to

ensure every child's success as citizens and workers in the 21st century,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that NDLA work with other organizations such as the Educational Technology Council and the ND Association of Technology Leaders to inform our state leaders and educators of the importance of using 21st Century Learning Standards and becoming part of The Partnership for 21st Century Skills.

President Donna James reminded everyone that it is important to be present at the third general session to vote on the resolutions. We need to pass these in order to advocate. And because we have so many registered we will need more people to have a quorum. So please stay until the session at 3:30 pm.

Kathy Thomas, Membership Chair provided the registration numbers: 75 registered for the pre-conferences; 167 registered for the full conference; 43 registered for one day; and 42 are staying for the Saturday session for a total conference attendance of 213. This is the largest registration we have had since the Tri-Conference in 2002. Kathy Thomas then spoke on the new level of membership added; it is a student membership of \$20 per year for those in school.

Johanna McClay read the Nominations and Elections Report: 306 ballots were mailed out, 142 were returned for a 46% return rate. There were 3 proposed bylaws changes that passed.

She asked the newly elected NDLA Officers to stand when their name is called: Vice-President/President Elect: Laurie McHenry; Secretary: Zach Packineau; Treasurer: Michael Safratowich; Chairs/Roundtables: Government Documents Chair: Naomi Frantes; Technical Services Chair: Elizabeth Jacobs and Secretary: Judith Koester; Academic & Special Libraries Chair: Victor Lieberman and Secretary Shelby Harken. Health Science Information Chair: Travis Schulz and Secretary: Chandra Hirning; GMR Regional Advisory Council Representative: Barbara Knight; New Members Chair: Sara Devereaux and Secretary: Kathy Jo Cline; School Library & Youth Services Chair: Beth Greff and Secretary: Lesley Gunderson; Public Library Chair: Toni Vonasek and Secretary: Cheryl Lackman.

Shelby Harken provided the ALA report and spoke a little about the work ALA does. Her full report is on the web site. ALA works much the same way we do with resolutions and letters to appropriate agencies trying to effect changes on issues that affect libraries. For example they worked very hard to fight the closure of EPA libraries and all but two have reopened as a result. They supported the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act Amendments to ensure judicial review of law enforcement requests for surveillance of library users through library networks. They supported a request of \$171,500,000 to be included for the Grants to State Library Agencies program within the Library Services and Technology Act. At Annual Conference council passed a number of interesting resolutions: Resolution on improving the Federal Depository Library Program and Public Access to Government Information; Resolution to adopt the definitions of digital preservation and the revised Preservation Policy for use on the web, verbally, in written policy statements and other documents; Resolution that the American Library Association (ALA) advocate and petition for increased federal funding to support the work of bibliographic control at the Library of Congress; Resolution supporting the employment non-discrimination

(EDNA); Resolution in support of the National Agricultural Library (NAL); Resolution on the E-Government Reauthorization Act of 2007 to ensure availability of public on-line federal government information services; Resolution in support of preservation and access to audio heritage of the United States. There has also been much discussion at the meetings and on the listservs about using electronic means and electronic member participation. There has been a fair amount of discussion and it will probably take some bylaw changes to accomplish this. Another area they addressed is accreditation standards for library schools; there were some changes made. The budget analysis and review committee reported on the impact of the economy and how it was affecting ALA. On Monday there was a message that \$600,000 had been cut from the ALA budget in fear of anticipated loss of income. The new ALA president is trying to go green in more ways. They will soon have a login for a web page on legislation that ALA is addressing. The Internet Public Library study gets sent out annually and if you are interested in participating in this survey you can go to www.plinternetsurvey.org. This survey shows how public libraries are being used. The last report showed that online services and use of digital information is having a great deal of growth in public libraries. Audio and podcasts are up 33%, use of videos up 32%, homework resources up 15%, eBooks up 13 1/2% and digitized collections 13%. ALA is trying to be more involved by going green and doing more things that are web based. They have a presence in second life. The new website went up on Monday. They are experimenting this year with using OPAL for sessions, so that you can join an online session. LITA has launched a web log called Italica which goes along with their public print and allows for discussion with authors and others of their publications. Because of ALA Shelby experienced some frustration about getting information to the members in a timely manner and therefore proposed to the Board that they support a blog on their website for reporting purposes on the NDLA web site.

Sandi Bates spoke on getting as many ND librarians to ALA as possible. She provided information on the costs and viability of taking a chartered group to the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago July 9-15, 2009; she will also speak to the membership at the second general session. Airfare from Grand Forks to O'Hare is \$460; we can save by booking as a group through a travel agent, but need groups of 10 to get a discount. Amtrak from Grand Forks to Chicago is approximately a 14 hour ride and is \$180 round trip; there may also be a discount available for a group. Groups of 50 people can reserve an entire car. With a departure date of July 8 and a return date of July 14 and pickups in Bismarck and Fargo, Charter Bus service is as follows: Harlowe's 49 passenger - \$8,510 + cost of room for all dates for bus driver; 57 passenger - \$9,050 + cost of room for all dates for bus driver. Dietrich 56-59 passenger - \$7,295 + cost of room for all dates for bus driver. The bus would be available for a limited amount during the week we would be in Chicago. Both bus service companies said if fuel prices were to change dramatically, the price would also.

Al Peterson, MPLA Representative, was unable to give his report personally, but sent a reminder that his reports are on the web.

The Friendly Booth award (NMRT) went to Scott Spanier of Follett Library Resources.

Following vendor drawings and door prize drawings President James adjourned the meeting at 2:15 pm.