

# DRAFT

North Dakota Library Association First General Session  
12:30 pm Thursday September 27, 2007  
Jamestown Civic Center Arena - Jamestown ND

President Beth Postema called to order the first General Session of the 2007 NDLA Annual Conference to order at 12:37 pm and introduced the Mayor of Jamestown, Clarice Liechty, who welcomed us to Jamestown.

Copies of the Agenda for the General Session were distributed. The minutes of the 2006 General Sessions are being copied and will be acted on after they are distributed.

Mike Safratowich, NDLA treasurer, commented on the annual report and the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report included in the packets. The current quarterly reports are included in the *Good Stuff*. He thanked the finance committee for their work and talked about the CDs and how they are staggered as to when they come due and are reinvested. The last two years have been pretty stable and there was some growth prior to this. The balance on September 20, 2007 was \$36,969.31 was without the conference debits and credits.

Jeanne Narum announced our pleasure at having 30 exhibitors and their products. She thanked them for coming, and asked them to stand as she called their names. AWE (Alternative Work Environments) - Karl Thornton and Don Kennedy; BWI Books - Jennifer Rose; Clear Image Solutions - Neil Milkowski; Coughlin Publishing - Vicki Foy and Nicole Spear; Dakota Gold Cookbook - Marlene Anderson; EBSCO Information Services, whom we thank for their bronze sponsorship of our refreshments – David Bogard and Bruce Hutchison; Embury - Steve Matusiewicz; Erickson Press - Jay Erickson; Follett Library Resources – Scott Spineare; Gale - Joe Brown; GoDort - Marilyn Johnson; Gumdrop Books – Donna Jarecki; Heinemann-Raintree – Matthew Kopyar; Learning Opportunities - Steve Wilson and Joe Schmidts; MINITEX - Edward Swanson; MPLA - Sally Dockter; North Dakota State Library - Lacey Wahl and Al Peterson; National Network of Libraries of Medicine – Jacqueline Leskovic; ODIN - Tony Stukel, Ginny Millette, Linda Albee and Ellen Kotrba and we thank them for their gold level sponsorship; Perma-Bound – Rebecca Peacock; Proquest - Mike Peters; Quality Books – Matthew Kopyar; Sauder Education – Jim Gaucher; Scholastic Classroom – Mike Kuehn and Michelle Kupek; Library Group 3M - Chris Knolt; World Book - Carla Card. The membership thanked the vendors with a round of applause.

Doris Ott, State Librarian, gave the official report of the State Librarian and reviewed what the state library does. The entire report is available at the registration desk. Doris first spoke about legislation. There were four bills that went through this legislative session that affected North Dakota Libraries. The first one changed the maintenance of effort for public libraries. Another bill related to state aid to public libraries; the reimbursement that will take place over the next two years. A third bill defrayed the expenses of the state library and all of their existing services are funded and they were able to get a new position in the area of training. The last bill changed how they collect statistics, it limits it to public libraries. Doris described the Online Library Resources that

the State Library funds for the citizens and libraries of North Dakota - Opposing Viewpoints, Health and Wellness Resource Center, Ancestry Library Edition, WorldCat, Dakota Radio Information Service (for the blind and physically handicapped) She then acknowledged the state library employees, introducing them to the group as she reviewed each employee's area. Highlighted areas of service of the North Dakota State Library include: Grants; State Aid to Public Libraries; Coordination of Statewide Document Delivery Services; Library Connectivity coordination; Statistics (they collect); Public Awareness (Collaborative Summer Reading Program [consortium of 44 states], Two newsletters – Flickertale and Discovery, electronic mailing list, track legislative issues, booths at professional conferences); Statewide Catalog Development Services (catalogs for 9 state agencies and 48 libraries in the state); Document Delivery Services (ILL referral center for the state); Disability Services (Talking Books and DRIS, a radio reading service); State Document Services (includes the Electronic Documents Project); Technical Services; Public Services; and Training.

Iris Swedlund, Chair of the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council, asked the members of the council who were present to stand. She said that the council represents all the different types of libraries and all of their information is on the North Dakota State Library web page: minutes, member names, grants awarded, and upcoming grants. She invited everyone to check out the website. <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us/Coordcouncil.html> She said the next grant deadline is November 15 and to go to the website for the guidelines and other information.

President Postema announced the deadline for resolution is 10:00 am Friday in a printed format and 9:00 am Friday in an electronic format. Both formats should be submitted to Cathy Langemo.

President Postema announced that the Executive Board, at their meeting yesterday, voted to give the \$500 in the NDLA Budget donation line to the Northwood School and Public Library for library materials. In addition, she invited people to contribute to the donation box at the registration desk.

She also announced there is a large card near the silent auction tables to sign for Roberta Steckler, who has been stricken with a life threatening condition. She has been a member for many years and is currently in St. Benedict's Nursing Home in Dickinson.

The free NDLA membership goes to Brenda Gibson, Alfred Dickey Public Library.

The 2006 General Session minutes were distributed. Diane Briggs moved and Donna Maston seconded the approval of the September 21 and 22 minutes of the first, second and third General Sessions of the 2006 Conference as distributed.

10 names drawn for door and vendor prizes: Kelly Hell, Pauline Nielsen, Travis Schulz, Thula Hansen, Amy Bryn, Edward Swanson, Marlene Anderson, Cathy Langemo, Patty Morris, Lindsey Guderjahn.

The session was adjourned at 1:04 pm.