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North Dakota Library Association Second General Session
10:30 am Friday September 28, 2007
Jamestown Civic Center Arena - Jamestown ND

President Postema called the Second General Session of the 2007 NDLA Conference to order at 10:37 am on Friday, September 28, 2007.

First reading of resolutions:

Beth Postema read the resolution from the Executive Board

WHEREAS, the meetings and events of the 2007 NDLA Annual Conference were organized by Donna James, conference chair, local arrangements committee and other Jamestown area librarians and friends, and
WHEREAS, the facilities and staff of the Jamestown Civic Center and Jamestown area hotels 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 arrangements committee, conference facilities staff, speakers, program presenters, and exhibitors for the 2007 Annual NDLA Conference, "Laughing with Librarians".

Eric Stroshane read the resolution from the New Members Roundtable Section:

WHEREAS, much planning has taken place in order to host this year's NDLA conference;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that we thank the NDLA President, President-elect, Executive Board, local arrangements committee and all others involved with the planning of this conference for a great library conference.

Bonnie MacIver read the resolution from the Public Library Section:

WHEREAS, the North Dakota State Library Association passed three resolutions regarding state aid to public libraries in 2006 and
WHEREAS, the North Dakota State Legislature passed legislation resolving all three (3) issues regarding state aid to public libraries, namely those being HB 1103, SB 2013, and HB 1309
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: NDLA thank legislators Rep. Todd Porter, Rep. RaeAnn Kelsch, Rep. Shirley Meyer, Sen. Dwight Cook, and Sen. Arden Anderson for introduction legislation to resolve issues and
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: NDLA thank the Legislative Chair Kelly Steckler, Jerry Kaup, Tom Jones, Kirsten Baesler, Cheryl Tollefson, legislative committee members, and all those NDLA members who testified before committee to pass legislation regarding state aid to public libraries.

Kirsten Baesler read the resolution for SLAYS, School Libraries and Youth Section:

WHEREAS, library media specialists in North Dakota are constantly seeking ways to improve services offered to its youth and students in our schools and communities.
WHEREAS, school library media specialists in ND are required to renew their library media credential and teaching license every five years,
WHEREAS, the ND Department of Public Instruction requires that two semester hours of graduate credit in library media and information science be completed for credential renewal,
WHEREAS, SLAYS understands the importance of active participation by its members in NDLA, AASL and ALA
WHEREAS, The North Dakota Library Association's state conference and AASL/ALA conferences are high quality professional development opportunities for library media specialists to learn about cutting edge library services and resources.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that SLAYS requests that the Executive Board of NDLA work with the ND Department of Public Instruction and the ND University System to reach an agreement that would allow graduate credit be given for participation at library conferences.

Copies of the resolutions are available on the stage after the meeting.

Christine Kujawa, Nominations and Elections Committee, recognized the committee members Zack Packineau and Sarah Devareaux both of Bismarck Public Library. She then read the 2007 Election Report. 275 ballots were mailed out and 127 ballots were returned for a 46% rate of return. President - Donna James; Chair-Elect - Phyllis Bratton; Treasurer - Mike Safratowich; Secretary - Laurie McHenry; MPLA Representative - Al Peterson; ALA Representative - Shelby Harken; Academic & Special Libraries Section Chair-Elect - Victor Lieberman; Academic & Special Libraries Section Secretary - Cheryl Zimprich; Government Documents Roundtable Chair-Elect - Rachel White; Health Science Information Section Chair-Elect - Karen Anderson; Health Sciences Information Section Secretary - Marilyn Hedberg; New Members Roundtable Chair-Elect - Travis Schulz; New Members Roundtable Secretary - Stephanie Baltzer; Public Library Section Chair-Elect - Bonnie Krenz; Public Library Section Secretary - Zach Packineau; SLAYS Chair-Elect - Kathy Berg; SLAYS Secretary - Kate Hanlon; Technical Services Roundtable Chair-Elect - Michele Azar; Technical Services Roundtable Secretary - Elizabeth Jacobs. Christine Kujawa thanked people for running and encouraged people who haven't to consider running. President Postema also thanked people for running.

The auction proceeds report will be presented at the third general session. President Postema reminded people the proceeds of the 2007 auction were designated at the December 2006 Board Meeting.

Shelby Harken told the members her full ALA Councilor report is available at the registration desk. She explained her role in representing the needs and roles of our state, many of which are resolutions and actions. Shelby provided us with some highlights of the report and ways to become involved in ALA, i.e. the ALA Endowment for Scholarships, Emerging Leaders Program. She suggested we check out ilovelibraries.org,

an advocacy group to support libraries. One of the highlights at ALA in June was "Library Day on the Hill" which included a visit to the offices of our congressmen; she was impressed with the ND offices activity and efficiency. Afterwards, she received a letter from Byron Dorgan, where he expressed what he believed he supported and would continue to support for libraries, services and freedom to information. Chapters have been asked to affirm their support for the ALA resolution against the use of National Security letters, which NDLA did at the board meeting on September 26, 2007. (The ALA resolution can be read at:

<http://www.ala.org/Template.cfm?Section=ifresolutions&Template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=161325>

John Chrastka, Chapter Relations Office of ALA, was introduced. He talked about how we move a lot as a community and the networking opportunities available through ALA. He encouraged us to call the Capitol Hill Switchboard (202-224-3121) and talk to our senators about the SKILLS Act (The Strengthening Kids' Interest in Learning and Libraries - S1699 or HR2864) which is in the process of moving to committee This bill would require school districts, to the extent feasible, to ensure that every school within the district employs at least one highly qualified school library media specialist in each school library.

Sally Dockter thanked everyone for the opportunity to represent NDLA as the MPLA Representative. She drew names for free MPLA memberships: Iris Swedlund, Kristi Maas, Rachel Miller, Clarice Hackman, Bob Jacobson, Beth Greff, Mary Lorenz, Cary Skarff, Kristen Northrup, Sara Devareaux, Zack Packineau, Agnes Jensen. She also had pins for those who have been MPLA members for some length of time: Marilyn Holbach, Phyllis Bratton, Toni Vonasek, Beverly Quamme, Eileen Kopren, Darryl Podoll, Melody Kuehn, Marvia Boettcher, Michael Miller, Kathryn Thomas, Paulette Nelson, Marlene Anderson, Kelly Hell, Carolyn Twingley, Donna Maston, Jerry Kaup, K.L. Janosek. Minot Public Library has been a member since 1984. NDLA and Bismarck Public have been members since 1962. The North Dakota State Library has been a member since 1957.

President Postema announced that Diane Lindseth and Toni Vonasek sponsored Janice Sayers to be awarded a canoe kudos pin for her improvement and revitalization of the monthly library newsletter at the Grand Forks Public Library. She has also sponsored a database or Dewey Number of the Month with information available in the newsletter.

President Postema announced the total registration for the 2007 Conference is 162.

10 names were drawn for door and vendor prizes: Diane Nordeng, Kimberly Noot, Dave Paulsen, Sandra Hannahs, Dan Kopyar, Joan Erickson, Laurie McHenry, Shari Mosser, Stephina Gisi, and Virginia Tupa.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am