

TO: NDLA Executive Board  
FROM: Marlene Anderson, Chair  
*The Good Stuff* Editorial Committee  
SUBJECT: Quarterly Report  
DATE: March 9, 2005

A proposal to change *The Good Stuff* from a print publication to a web-based publication was presented to the general membership for a vote in late November. The Nominations and Elections Committee, with the help of Executive Secretary Cathy Langemo, conducted the vote. In January, the Committee posted the results to the Executive Board for validation. The election results were then posted to the NDLA list:

113 – In favor of *The Good Stuff* going Web-Based  
19 – In favor of *The Good Stuff* remaining a paper publication  
99 – In favor of no password protection  
27 – In favor of password protected

A total of 132 ballots were returned.

*The Good Stuff* will make its debut as a web-based publication with the March 2005 issue. We are presently working with Clearwater Communications to design our new look (which includes full color!), incorporate hyperlinks, etc. A draft version of the March issue is ready and a final copy should be posted on the NDLA web site early next week.

We are also working with Clearwater Communications on a new agreement. The proposed change in fees reflects adjustments for additional production staff time (e.g., hyperlinks and redesign of our publication). We are seeing a need to rethink some of the things that have traditionally been printed in *The Good Stuff* as well. Since many pieces of information (e.g., minutes, grant guidelines, forms, etc.) are already on the NDLA web site, we should avoid redundancies by providing appropriate links to our own web site vs. incurring costs for additional pages and layout/design work.

We are pleased to welcome Erin Smith of the Fargo Public Library to the committee. Erin's first article will appear in the March issue.

The deadline for the June issue of *The Good Stuff* is Friday, March 18. The deadline for the August (pre-conference) issue is Friday, June 17.