

## NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

335 ballots for changing The Good Stuff to a web based publication were sent out in November. 132 total ballots were returned or 39.4 %. The results were: 113 voted to have the publication be web based and 19 wanted to continue with the paper copies. 99 voted to have no pass word protection and 27 wished the publication to be pass word protected.

The following were comments that were written on the returned ballots:

Make print copies available to those who request them in advance. Printing out copies from a PDF file still wouldn't give colors and for those who don't have e-mail access at home or who don't like reading magazines on-line.

Have current issue available to public and password older issues. That way non-NDLA people will be able to see a "trial" issue.

It should be both.

Decline to vote on second question. It is mute.

Quite frankly, this is the stupidest idea I have heard. Web-based only, count me out. Membership will drop. I hope we realize we are multi-media. You will take board members (trustees) completely out of the loop. Why should trustees belong? That's simplistic but true at the same time.

I would prefer web and paper.

Could the most recent issue be password protected?

Can't decide really about password protection - some people may not wish to be featured in the Good Stuff if everyone and their dog can access it via the Internet.

Membership should also have a vote in how money that is saved by going to a web-based publication is going to be spent.

It would be nice is a person had a choice, have it mailed or available on the website and let each one choose what works best for them.

If the Good Stuff is web-based an e-mail message should be sent to each member with a direct link to the recent publication included in the message.

Someone may want to continue to achieve it in paper as we have done with our publications that have moved from print to electronic.

Consider emailing all members via the listserv when the next issue is posted.

Regarding the perceived loss, especially w/o password protection - do not consider decreasing dues, but rather consider not increasing dues for some time.

Will dues be reduced if it goes web-based?

Having open access could be a promotional tool for the library profession in ND.

I assume the membership list would still be secure, i.e., members only access to list.

Charlene Weis, Iris Swedlund and Paulette Nelson communicated by e-mail to begin the search for candidates. In February, section and roundtable chairs were sent letters asking them to find candidates for their section. Chairs should have their candidates to the committee no later than March 15. We would like to thank everyone who agreed to run for office.

By May 1<sup>st</sup> the necessary candidate biographical information and photos should be in the hands of the Nominations and Elections committee to allow time to prepare for the pre-conference issue of The Good Stuff. In July the committee will prepare the mail ballots. NDLA bylaws call for ballots to be mailed 30 days prior to the annual conference. Ballots will be mailed out in mid-August. In September, after the election, the Nominations and Elections Committee will count the ballots and secure NDLA Board verification of results. All candidates will be notified of the election results. After submitting the annual report to the NDLA Board and membership at the annual conference, the committee will introduce the new officers at the first general conference session.

The Nominations and Elections Committee submits the following names for approval to appear on the fall 2005 ballot:

**Vice-President/President-elect:**

Beth Postema, Fargo Public Library

Konnie Wightman, Bismarck Public Schools

**Secretary:**

Celeste Ertelt, Lake Region State College, Paul Hoghaug Library, Devils Lake

Laurie McHenry, Chester Fritz Library, UND, Grand Forks

**Treasurer:**

Michael Safratowich, Harley French Library of the Health Sciences, UND, Grand Forks

Kathy Vander Vorst, Bismarck Public Library, Bismarck

**Academic and Special Library Section:**

**Chair-Elect:**

Donna James, Allen Memorial Library, Valley City State University, Valley City

**Secretary:**

Irene Askelson, NDSU Architecture/Landscape Architecture Library, Fargo

**Government Documents Roundtable:**

**Chair-Elect:**

**Secretary:**

**Health Science Information Section:**

**Chair-Elect:**

Joan Bares, Q&R MedCenter One Health Sciences Library, Bismarck

**Secretary:**

Karen Chabot, NDSCS Mildred Johnson Library, Wahpeton

Deborah Sayler, NDSU Libraries, Fargo

**RAC Representative:**

Diane Nordeng, VA Medical Center Library, Fargo

Mary Markland, UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences Position Southeast Clinical Campus Librarian, Fargo

**New Members Roundtable:**

**Chair-Elect:**

**Secretary:**

**Public Library Section:**

**Chair-Elect:**

Jake Fejedelem, Fargo Public Library, Fargo

**Secretary:**

Christine Kujawa, Bismarck Public Library, Bismarck

Lori K. West, Fargo Public Library, Fargo

**School Library and Youth Services:**

**Chair-Elect:**

**Secretary:**

Kirsten Baesler, Bismarck Public Schools, Bismarck

**Technical Services Roundtable:**

**Chair-Elect:**

Rachel White, North Dakota State Library, Bismarck

**Secretary:**

Toni Vonasek, Grand Forks Public Library, Grand Forks