

NDLA Past-President's Report  
June 10, 2005

***Conference Exhibits:***

A mailing was sent out to vendors asking them to be exhibitors and/or provide special support for the annual conference. Three vendors have responded with checks thus far. SWETS declined to participate this year as they have shifted their emphasis to only exhibiting at larger (national) meetings, however it is likely they will provide a items for the registration packets (ie. pens, markers) and gift basket for a drawing. Those companies that have not responded by early August will be contacted again.

At this point the schedule is for the exhibits to be set up early on the Thursday morning and open all day Thurs and Friday until early afternoon.

***Awards***

The information about the NDLA awards (Librarian of the Year, Benefactor, etc.) was sent out as an e-mail to the listserv earlier this spring as well as submitted for publication in the Good Stuff. A reminder will be sent out again this summer to encourage participation.

***Reading and Literacy Project***

***ND Authors Project***

Meetings are under way with Prairie Public Broadcasting and North Dakota Public Radio to submit grant proposals for two projects the **1) *Reading and Literacy Project***, **2) *ND Authors Project***.

Other potential partnering organizations include ND Reading Assoc., ND Humanities Council, ND Arts Council, etc.

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