

TO: North Dakota Library Association Membership
FROM: Marlene Anderson, President
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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as President of the North Dakota Library Association in 2004-05! It was exciting to be involved in the 2005 legislative session, and I particularly enjoyed working with the other members of the Executive Board -- a group of talented, creative, dedicated people. Here are some highlights from the past year:

- Represented NDLA at the 2005 Legislative session by attending and/or testifying at various hearings
- Participated in strategy meetings of the NDLA Legislative Committee and prepared a letter of agreement to hire Ilene Larson as NDLA lobbyist
- Presented the 2004 NDLA Notable Documents Award to Clay S. Jenkinson and Merle Paaverud of the State Historical Society on October 24 following the live broadcast of Jenkinson's nationally syndicated radio program, "The Thomas Jefferson Hour." The show was broadcast from the University of Mary in Bismarck as part of Circle of Cultures, one of the national Lewis & Clark Signature events. Jenkinson edited *A Vast and Open Plain: the Writings of the Lewis and Clark Expedition in North Dakota, 1804-1806*, which was the top vote-getter for the award at the 2004 NDLA Conference. The State Historical Society published the book. In May, I notified Merle Paaverud of the State Historical Society, and Janet Daley, Executive Director of ND Humanities Council, about the selection of *A Vast and Open Plain* as one of ALA's 2004 Notable Documents.
- Served on the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council
- Participated in NDLA Finance Committee meetings and helped conduct the audit of the 2004 financial books and reports
- Responded to a variety of surveys
- Posted NDLA's choices for ALA's "Many Voices, One Nation" initiative to the NDLA list and to ALA for inclusion on their list
- Conducted a goals/strategic planning discussion at the December Board meeting and established three committees: 2006 Centennial Committee (Marlene Anderson, Chair); Membership/Marketing/Promotion Committee (Liz Mason, Chair); and Looking Toward 2007 and Beyond Legislative Committee (Charles Pace, Chair)
- Conducted an Executive Board vote to secure a new domain name (www.ndla.info) and register it for ten years
- Sent a congratulatory note to the graduates of the Emporia MLS students
- Served on a committee to evaluate North Dakota applications for the MPLA Leadership Institute
- With approval of the Executive Board, appointed Charles Pace as ALA Councilor to fill the remainder of Marilyn Johnson's term when she resigned in June