

ALA Councilor Report-6 September 20, 2006

I attended the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans from June 23-28. My report along with notes from Councilor Jim Casey was forwarded to the membership in July. Conference attendance was down a little bit compared to Orlando in 2004 but overall things went fairly smoothly. I know the citizens of New Orleans were very happy to see us and we did receive some favorable and stereotype breaking coverage for our decision to meet there. President Gorman did a good job of keeping the meetings running efficiently, so much so that every single session of the Council finished early. For additional information regarding the conference please reference my earlier report to the NDLA membership.

On behalf of NDLA I requested information for an ALA display to be put up at the conference. The display materials including a table skirt, brochures, table top information, etc were received here at the Fargo Public Library in late August.

In my role as local events chair and ALA Councilor I have been assisting President-Elect Postema with conference planning and making final arrangements for Michael Gorman's visit to Fargo. I did want to add a little editorial comment here that throughout Beth has done a magnificent job of getting things in place and organized for the Centennial Conference.

Finally, I would like to add my thanks to the members of the Executive Board for your encouragement and support over the past few years and for giving me the opportunity to serve the membership as ALA Councilor. It has been quite a ride.