

NDLA's Government Document Roundtable Report for the December 2006 Board Meeting

Exciting! *North Dakota Medicine*, the Holiday 2006 December issue, features a photo of Dr. John W. Vennes holding the award winning North Dakota ,Heal Thyself: the Story of the First One Hundred Years of School of Medicine and Health Sciences. The book garnered top votes at NDLA Centennial conference fall of 2006 in Fargo. Articles appeared in North Dakota newspapers announcing the award. Notable document award stickers went to Dr. Vennes and his co-author, Patrick A. McGuire. E-mail announced the stickers are available for any libraries wishing to mark their copies of the Vennes book. Details on the notable document awards including the other top two winners for 2006 can be found in the post-convention *Good Stuff*. Many thanks to UND's number one med librarian, Lila Pedersen for promoting North Dakota, Heal Thyself.

On behalf of GODORT a letter went to North Dakota's congressional delegation asking for support in restoring funds to the nation's 26 Environmental Protection Agency libraries. Representative Pomeroy responded that action on the appropriations bill for that agency is still pending. And probably will be pending right over now into the 110th Congress. The 109th House failed to restore the huge budget cut to the EPA libraries.

Godort plans a meeting in Fargo April 3, 2007 to coincide with the State Library's spring meeting. Agenda includes policies manual update. There is confusion over selection of nominated documents, notification of winners and distribution of Notable Document Award stickers. Also up for discussion is a regular column in the *Good Stuff* titled maybe "DOCK et?" In case GODORT runs out of ideas the group will be looking at contacting state agencies on web site basics such as providing phone numbers for each agency and its divisions, dates on all web publications, links to past versions of publications and a webmaster contact.

Kudos to Kathy Thomas for making the GODORT calendar featuring photos of your state and federal document librarians. NDLA members picked up their complimentary copies at the Centennial booth. Speaking of which, the most ever folk voted for notable documents, ate Centennial cookies, and swiped one of our historic documents as well as part of a door prize. The heisted Geological Survey document was on loan to GODORT. State Library quit providing copies of nominated (and historic) documents to the booth because of theft in the past.

Naomi Frantes sent in the notable document award winners to ALA-maybe a national winner coming up. Naomi also researched and prepared the historic list of NDLA's Notable Document Award winners. They're in the Centennial cookbook. Naomi also compiled a list of ND docs winning the ALA award over the years.

GODORT is looking at programming for the 2007 in Jamestown to include staff from the Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center.

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