

NDLA President's Report September-December 2006

In late September and early October, I wrapped up the details from my responsibility of being Conference Chair for the Centennial conference. I sent some conference evaluation forms to the individual presenters of the sessions; the conference evaluations along with many other materials I forwarded on to Donna James, this year's conference chair.

I participated in the online discussions and voting of the Finance committee. My thanks go out to Bonnie and Mike for their continuing dedication to NDLA in this area.

Kelly Steckler, Doris Ott, Mike Safratowich, and I communicated about the details of once again retaining Ilene Larson as NDLA's lobbyist for the coming legislative session. Kelly did most of the work in this area.

Due to the immense pressures of my interim day job (anyone else plan a library move in January in ND?), I was unable to attend the meeting of the Library Coordinating Council, and asked Jeanne Narum to attend in my place.

At a previous NDLA Board meeting I reported from the ReadND project and their ongoing efforts to promote the literature of our state. This year, I cannot commit the time to additional meetings of related organizations. Celeste Ertelt had offered to be NDLA's liaison with ReadND, and I put her in contact with Bev Pearson of Prairie Public and Brenna Daugherty of the ND Humanities Council.

On November 29, the City of Fargo hosted a breakfast open house for area legislators. I spoke with several legislators about the three requests regarding State Aid to Public Libraries.