

## **#13—SLAYS**

**12/08/06**

### **Budget Request**

The SLAYS budget request was submitted in October.

### **Award Proposal**

At the Sept. 22 SLAYS conference meeting, the SLAYS membership passed a proposal for the creation of an Excellence in Service to Youth Award to be sponsored by SLAYS. The proposal will be put before the NDLA Executive Board for approval at the December board meeting.

### **AASL**

The SLAYS membership expressed their desire to maintain AASL affiliate status at the September conference meeting. SLAYS Secretary, Kirsten Baesler and myself are currently investigating the pros and cons of affiliate status a recommendation will, most likely, be brought before the NDLA Executive Board at a later meeting.

### **Flicker Tale**

The Humanities Council has discontinued funding the grant for the Flicker Tale Children's Book Award. Other funding options are being explored. Flicker Tale Chair, Kelly Loftis, is writing up a more detailed report—I will present this at the December board meeting.

### **Handbook**

Former SLAYS Chairpersons, Deb Job and Glenda Westman, created a SLAYS Policy Handbook. That handbook was presented to me by Glenda. The handbook was distributed to the SLAYS Policies and Bylaws Committee, consisting of myself, Kirsten Baesler, and Kathy Berg, for review and approval. The committee approved the handbook and it will now go before the board for approval.

### **SLAYS Chair**

I have accepted a position with the Fergus Falls Public Library in Fergus Falls, MN and, therefore, will no longer be able to serve as SLAYS Chair. I am in the process of locating a new Chair for the division.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Smith  
SLAYS Chair