

President's Annual Report (#1)
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As a new member on the NDLA Executive Board, this past year was a learning year for me. As issues and concerns arose, I came to fully appreciate the depth of knowledge about and dedication to NDLA that our long-time Board members possess. I was impressed, time after time, with their decisions and advice which clearly had the interests of the organization and North Dakota librarians at heart. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all of them for their guidance this past year.

During September 2007, in my role as former Conference Chair, I authorized the payment of several invoices related to the 2007 NDLA Conference to NDLA Treasurer Mike Safratowich and presided over the post-conference meeting in Jamestown.

Then, as President I presided over two additional face-to-face quarterly Executive Board meetings and assisted with the arrangements for a Board meeting over the statewide IVN (interactive television) network for the March meeting. Comments from that IVN meeting were favorable as many felt it was a good replacement for driving during the winter months. I also conducted discussion and called for votes on the Treasurer's quarterly reports as well as other electronic business which has been documented in the Secretary's reports and minutes.

I wrote the President's Message for the *Good Stuff* and for the conference program—all of my messages focused on professional development and our job as advocates for libraries and librarians.

I represented NDLA on the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council and, as a part of that group, evaluated applications and made recommendations for LSTA grant monies and visited several grant recipient sites.

In August, I participated in the evaluation of nominees for and the selection of a recipient for the NDEA LMA Award.

I have not worked with planning for the 2010 conference, although plans have been made and contracts signed for the 2009 conference in Dickinson. This is a matter that will need to be followed up on by the incoming President.

Again, I would like to express my thanks to and appreciation of the NDLA Executive Board and the NDLA membership in general for their support during my term as President. I was honored to represent you this past year and hope to continue to serve this organization in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
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