

NDLA Legislative Annual Report #18
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- Met with State Librarian to discuss state aid request based on informal survey of other public librarians from various areas of ND; consensus was to request \$1.5m request in state aid to public libraries within the state budget
- The next Legislative chair must attend NDLA Executive board meetings; coordinate legislative priorities from all NDLA sections, roundtables and committees, develop and support library-related legislation as needed; represent NDLA before legislative interim and standing committees considering issues pertinent to libraries, coordinate an email tree in order to coordinate NDLA members when needed to testify, and work in conjunction with State Library on legislative matters

Issues for 2008-2009 session:

1. Achieve the 25% increase in State Aid to Public Libraries request from \$1.2m to \$1.5m
2. Proposed change in NDCC **40-38-03. Board of directors - Appointment - Term of office - No compensation - Filling vacancies - Organization.** The governing body of a municipality which has established a public library and reading room, or the board of county commissioners for a county library, shall appoint a board of five directors who must be residents of the municipality or county, as the case may be, to govern such library and reading room, **with the following exception: In municipalities with a population of less than one thousand persons, no less than three members of the library's five-member board of directors shall be residents of the municipality, and no more than two members of said board may be residents of the rural areas or other municipalities served by said library. Such library board members may not concurrently, or for one year prior to or after their term, serve on the board of any other municipal or county library.** One member of the governing body of the municipality or designated representative shall be a member of the board of directors of a municipal library, and must be a resident of the municipality which establishes and maintains such municipal library; and one member of the board of county commissioners or designated representative shall be a member of the county board of directors. The terms of office of the members of the first board of directors must be established so one member shall hold office for one year, two members shall hold office for two years, and two members shall hold office for three years. The members, at their first meeting, shall determine the length of their respective terms by lot. Thereafter, the number of directors required to fill expired terms shall be appointed each year, and each such director shall hold office for a term of three years from the first day of July in the year of appointment and until a successor has been appointed. No member of such board shall serve for more than two consecutive terms, after which an interval of one year must elapse before the same member may be reappointed. All vacancies on the board of directors shall be reported by such board to the governing body of the municipality or the board of county commissioners, as the case may be,

and shall be filled thereby. However, a member of any municipal board of directors of a public library and reading room who was appointed to such position by a school board prior to July 1, 1975, may serve upon such board for the residue of the member's unexpired term unless such position shall otherwise become vacant. Appointments made to fill unexpired terms shall be for the residue of the term only. No compensation shall be paid or allowed to a director. Immediately after the appointment of its members, the board of directors shall meet and organize by electing a president. The governing board of a municipality or county establishing public library service may, in lieu of appointing a library board, contract directly with a library board established by another governing body of a municipality or county for the purpose of extending public library service.

This change affects Max Community Library, Harvey Public Library, others?
Inquire at NDLA Public Library meeting again this year