

NDLA Past President
Annual Report
September 2008

The majority of assistance that I have been able to provide the NDLA and its Executive Board falls into three main categories: awards, handbook revision, and conference exhibits.

At the start of my year as past-president, I was able to present NDLA's major benefactor award to Dr. James Carlson at the grand opening of the branch library that bears his name in Fargo. State Librarian Doris Ott was also able to be there on November 16 to jointly present the award. This past summer, I convened a committee of NDLA past presidents (Marlene Anderson, Jeanne Narum, and Ellen Kotrba) to review the nominations for the Librarian of the Year and Major Benefactor Award. The Major Benefactor Award will be presented to the Friends of the Leach Public Library (Wahpeton). We will announce the Librarian of the Year award at the Conference Banquet.

With the assistance of Constitution, Policies, and Bylaws Committee Chair Kirsten Baesler, I thoroughly reviewed the Past President's section of the NDLA handbook and rewrote sections to reflect current practice. These changes were approved by the Executive Board this summer.

Since March I have been working on lining up exhibitors for our annual conference. Exhibitors are a major source of funding for NDLA. This year was somewhat challenging in terms of getting vendors to commit to coming to Mandan. NDLA once again is scheduled for the same days as SDLA's conference and given fuel costs, some vendors declined to travel. We have a couple of first-time vendors, and I hope that we can support them as they support our work.