

President's Report (#1)
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There was some electronic discussion and a few votes since the last meeting in held over IVN in March (details in the secretary's report). I also corresponded with the NDLA Exec Board using the listserv.

Conference Chair Phyllis Bratton and I exchanged emails and visited briefly about conference plans including the education track aimed at school and public librarians. Approval has been given by the VCSU Continuing Education Office to offer (1 continuing education graduate) credit for attendance at the conference. I will be the instructor of record and will develop the syllabus and criteria. Interested persons can register online for the credit at <http://www.vcsu.edu/extend/vp.htm?p=823> after registration opens—most likely in mid-July. .

I represented NDLA on the ND Library Coordinating Council meeting held in Bismarck on May 14, 2008. Several technology grant applications were reviewed and awarded. Several others were rejected because applications were not complete and/or the letters of support were received after the closing date. Doris Ott also announced the purchase of an additional statewide database: Chilton's Manual. The next meeting of the NDLC will be in August and I have invited President-Elect Phyllis Bratton to attend with me.

I received correspondence from Past President Beth Postema regarding future conference dates. Beth has heard some concern expressed about dates conflicting with South Dakota. I, too, have visited with prospective vendors who were concerned.

I wrote and submitted a column about the need for continued professional development for the June 2008 issue of *The Good Stuff*.

Respectfully submitted,
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