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The details of what I have done can be seen in the quarterly reports. Basically, however, this has been a very interesting year for me, working with the board and the larger library world.

Serving on the ND Library Coordinating Council as the NDLA representative this year has been fascinating. Having been on the first Council, it was a real pleasure to rejoin this group, get an inside look at its accomplishments, and to see how the work has changed. Preparing for the next round of the Library Vision is picky work, and the input from people around the state is quite valuable.

Association matters kept me busy: policy handbook revisions, contracts for the Executive Secretary, DakotaBookNet.com, and the various hotels for future conferences forced me to focus on the fine print and consider implications.

My biggest regret is that I have not given the necessary thought and time to the conference manual revisions. Laurie McHenry has kindly responded that she will allow me to continue with this process next year, and I hope to have it in a workable format very shortly. There is a good group of people waiting to help with it.

One of the matters that has come up this year is the expansion of member benefits. AAA and Drexel University both wish to become affiliated with NDLA in some way that will be useful to the membership. If the board votes to accept these offers, a whole new range of possibilities opens up to the membership. It will be interesting to see where this takes us.

I would like to thank the NDLA membership for this opportunity to serve and to grow.