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Again, I represented NDLA at the ND Library Coordinating Council (NDLCC) Meeting in Bismarck on August 8, 2008. I invited President-Elect Phyllis Bratton to attend with me as she will be assuming NDLA's seat on that council at the next meeting. The NDLCC has been making site visits to past grant recipients this year. As I found that these visits were not only informative, but that they allowed council members to see grant dollars "in action" as well as better understand the needs of all library types, I suggested to the NDLCC that this practice continue into the next year. The August meeting was mostly a discussion about the types of grants to offer in the next round, and how statewide purchase of electronic resources might/might not fit the goals of the grant administered by the NDLCC.

I have conferred via email with conference chair Phyllis Bratton as needed throughout the planning period and continue to coordinate the continuing education credit efforts. In addition, I have a name for the President's Award to be given at the Conference Awards Banquet.

I monitored and participated in several electronic discussions concerning the Librarian of the Year award, vendors, prospective conference dates, reports and other matters. Details of electronic votes since the last meeting can be found in the secretary's report.

I wrote and submitted a column for the August 2008 issue of *The Good Stuff* and for the Conference Program—both reflecting on my platform for the need of ongoing professional development and library education. The 2008 conference theme also reflects this idea.

Respectfully submitted,
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