

North Dakota Library Association  
President Elect Report - #2 – Laurie McHenry  
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Planning for the conference is ongoing. The title is: Evolution of the Library.  
The logo has been done. The link is up on the NDLA website; I will supply regular updates.

I have been working with the Canadinn, The Alerus Center and the Greater Grand Forks Convention & Visitor Bureau towards arrangements for 2010.

I am in contact with a couple people for keynote – not finalized yet. Will send email out to the board as soon as it is finalized.

I contacted Damien Seese (Computer Troubleshooting 101 @ 2008 Conference) regarding the possibility of a Pre-Conference as had been suggested at our Post-Conference meeting. He would like more information on exactly what we would like from him. Please send me your opinions.

Possible programs:

Discussion on science and sociology of Darwin's book, Origin of the Species as this is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the book.

Panel discussion on what happens when a book is challenged.

Mickey Butz, DSU, on writing and self-publishing.

First letter to all requesting programming is ready to be sent to the list.

Discussed exhibit form with Donna James.

I met in Dickinson with the Local Arrangements Committee and Cindy Schmidt, Sales Manager at the Days Inn: Grand Dakota Lodge and Conference Center. Highlights of the meeting(s):

- Stayed at and toured the hotel
- Measured the exhibit area (mezzanine with overflow in lobby) & obtained diagram of conference center rooms (received permission to put up on web page)
- Wireless works – the hotel is contacting Consolidated, their provider, to ensure that we do not experience the same issues as last year.
- 125 rooms are blocked until Sept. 5 for Wednesday & Thursday night at the state rate and 25 rooms are blocked for Tuesday and Friday
- Meals- looking at buffet style for all to widely accommodate food intolerances
- Cash bar arranged for Thursday evening – piano available if desired
- Opening reception will be hosted at/by Dickinson Public or Friends (may include wine)
- Booth curtains & poles have been reserved - \$40 per booth includes set up & take down by Trinity –Hotel will provide tables (96' or 8') and tablecloths
- Technology group in place – still arranging for presentation units
- Tour Wednesday afternoon – considering the Abbey in Richardton – Comments?
- Dickinson Convention Bureau will have a booth in hotel lobby
- Murder in the Library – hosted by DSU Friday evening – would there be enough interest?