

Minutes of NDLA-EXEC List Discussion/Action
June 9 – September 23, 2003

Statistical Abstract: On June 9, President Kaaren Pupino forwarded a message from Sean Snaith, Director of the Bureau of Business and Economic Research at the University of North Dakota. Snaith announced that the new home of the Statistical Abstract is complete and encouraged NDLA members to visit the site at <http://www.business.und.edu/orgs/BBER/Aboutus.htm>. Snaith stated that the database is approximately 80% updated and that the Bureau hopes the new interface is more user-friendly and will expedite future additions and updates. The Bureau hopes to continue to expand the database and plans to issue a hardcopy version in January 2005. Snaith thanked NDLA for its support of this publication in the past and welcomes suggestions for making it more useful.

Corps of Discovery II: On June 11, Pupino forwarded a message from Cheryl Heser, Director of the Rosebud County Library in Forsyth, Montana, updating us on the status of the Corps of Discovery II project. NDLA is among the state associations which signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Park Service to involve libraries in the project.

Grassroots Grant: On June 10, Pupino forwarded the NMRT Grassroots Grant guidelines and application form as presented by Kristen Borysewicz, Chair of the New Members Roundtable (NMRT). Pupino asked Board members to consider the guidelines and the application form separately.

The text of the guidelines follows:

NMRT Grassroots Grant
Application deadline: August 18, 2003

The North Dakota Library Association (NDLA) provides librarians with training opportunities, leadership, and support. Through its annual conference, the NDLA facilitates the gathering and training of librarians throughout the region. The New Members Round Table (NMRT) Grassroots Grant Committee would like to extend the experiences of this annual conference to students currently enrolled in an ALA Accredited MLS program through a Grassroots Grant.

The 2003 grant will help finance attendance of two new members to the annual conference. One of the grants will be weighted towards someone joining NDLA between now and the deadline for this grant. The theme for this year's conference is "Successful Libraries - Successful Communities". It is being held in Bismarck, ND on September 24-26, 2003. The grant defrays conference registration fees (including conference meals). Currently, further funding is being sought to cover travel, lodging and some incidental expenses. The committee will notify you if it is successful in doing this.

Application for the Grassroots Grant is available on the NDLA web page (<http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us/ndla/>) in the "Awards Section." The selection of grant recipients rests solely with the NMRT Grassroots Grant Committee, composed of NMRT members. Selection will take place the last week in August. Applicants will be notified about the committee's decision August 29th. The committee will consider the selection criteria outlined in the application in its deliberations.

Conditions of Grant Acceptance

The recipient of the Grassroots Grant agrees to:

... Confirm in writing with the NMRT Grassroots Grant Committee that he or she will attend the NDLA Annual Conference.

... Provide confirmation in writing from his or her employing institution that he or she has approval to accept this grant and to meet the requirements of conference attendance.

... Attend all three days of the NDLA Annual Conference.

... Attend the Executive Board Meeting (as a guest) on the third day.

... Submit an article for publication in the NDLA newsletter, *The Good Stuff*, about their experiences at the Conference.

Questions regarding application for the NMRT Grassroots Grant may be directed to: Kristen Borysewicz, Chair, New Members Roundtable (NMRT), Grand Forks Public Library, 2110 Library Place, Grand Forks, ND 58201; Telephone: (701) 775-7610; FAX: (701) 772-1379; Email: rallk@yahoo.com

On June 13, Pamela Drayson, President-elect, moved to approve the Grassroots Grant guidelines. Stella Cone, Government Documents Roundtable Chair, seconded. On June 17, Pupino announced that the motion carried.

On June 17, Pupino called for a motion to approve the Grassroots Grant Application form. The text of the form follows:

NMRT Grassroots Grant Application
Application deadline: August 18, 2003

Electronic format (Word or rich text format document) sent via email is preferred. Return to: Kristen Borysewicz, Chair, New Members Roundtable (NMRT), Grand Forks Public Library, 2110 Library Place, Grand Forks, ND 58201; Telephone: (701) 775-7610; FAX: (701) 772-1379; Email: rallk@yahoo.com

Today's Date

Date of First Year of NDLA Membership

Are you joining NDLA now because of this grant? If yes, provide exact date (month/day/year) NDLA application was mailed

Name in full (First, Middle, Last)

Present Home Address (State, City, State, ZIP)

Home Phone

Present Employer (Institution, Title of Position)

Telephone

Address (Street, City, State Zip)

Immediate Supervisor's Name and Title

Email address

Please attach to this application answers to the following items:

... Work experience: please list in chronological order, most current first.

... Educational experience: please list in chronological order, most current first. Include name of school, highest degree attained, if any and years of attendance.

... In no more than 2 pages, please answer ONE of the following questions:

1) As the administrator of a library of your choice (e.g., academic, school, public, special) discuss the steps you would take to increase library use.

2) In your opinion, what are five of the most significant issues currently facing the library community as a whole in its attempt to provide society with effective access to information? Discuss.

3) Discuss how the role of the information intermediary (e.g., the reference librarian or public services librarian) has changed over the last decade or so. Discuss the economic and political factors that are currently influencing the nature of library collection development.

Selection Criteria

... Does the applicant meet the criteria of being a member of NDLA for 5 years or

less, and is he/she currently enrolled in an ALA accredited masters of library science program?

... Date of membership. One of the grants will be weighted towards someone who joins NDLA this summer to be eligible for the fall conference grant.

... Does the applicant show an awareness of the broad issues facing libraries and librarianship as a profession?

... Is the application complete, articulate and cogent?

Agnes Jensen, Public Library Section Chair, moved to approve the application form. Cone seconded. On June 25, Pupino announced that the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: On July 7, Mike Safratowich, Treasurer, submitted the Treasurer's report for the second quarter (as of June 30, 2003) and moved that it be approved. Darryl Podoll, Chair of the Academic & Special Libraries Section, seconded. On July 11, Pupino announced that the motion carried.

Graduate Credits in Library Science: On July 22, Pupino forwarded a copy of a letter she sent to the State Board of Higher Education per a motion passed at the June 2 Board meeting. The text of the letter follows.

July 22, 2003

Dr. Richard Kunkel, President
North Dakota State Board of Higher Education
600 E. Boulevard Ave.
Dept. 215
Bismarck, ND 58505-0230

Dear Dr. Kunkel,

I am writing to you and the entire State Board of Higher Education on behalf of the North Dakota Library Association (NDLA) about the issue of graduate credits in library science for North Dakota school librarians and teachers. At our June 2nd board meeting I was directed by the NDLA board to write a letter of support for graduate level library education in the state. NDLA has taken this position for several reasons.

1. Trained librarians are needed now more than ever with the information explosion that is happening. Our students need guidance and direction as to how to conduct thorough research and determine which sources are valid, truthful and substantive so that they develop their critical thinking skills and use good research techniques. Doing research in the books and on the Internet has been compared to trying to get a sip of water out of a fire hose.

2. The increased need for trained librarians is exacerbated by the fact that as a profession librarianship is facing a crisis because many of us are over 50 and will be retiring in the next 15 years. There are not enough people coming up the ranks after us to take our place. In a rural state with small schools it is very difficult for schools to employ full time librarians. Many schools have teachers doing double duty. They need to receive the continuing education necessary to do this. In a rural state that has difficulty recruiting enough qualified teachers and librarians this should be a concern to everyone involved in education. Educating existing school faculty will help fill the gap.

3. Teachers and school librarians working in North Dakota do not earn enough money to afford expensive graduate programs available outside of the state. Even if they were, the salary increase they might get here in the state for taking such course work would never recoup the cost of this education.

4. There have been many studies done that explore and illustrate how important a good library or resource facility is to primary and secondary education. It directly impacts the quality of the curriculum. We want our students to get the best foundation possible so that when they reach the institutions of higher education in ND they can continue learning and be successful students.

On behalf of NDLA we urge you and the other board members to seriously consider what is at stake here. It has been reported in the news that the board will be studying this in the future and I want to offer any assistance that you might need in that effort. We can do research, we can conduct surveys, and many school librarians would be grateful for a chance to visit with the State Board of Higher Education in this matter. Please keep us apprised of this issue and let me know if there is anything we can do to help. My contact information is listed below if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Kaaren Pupino, President
North Dakota Library Association
[etc.]

Permission Sought: On August 12, Pupino forwarded a request from Kirsten Baesler, Chair of the Flicker Tale Award Committee. Baesler had received a letter from two librarians who are writing a book entitled *Capturing Readers with Children's Choice Awards: a Directory of State Awards*. The authors sought permission to use the information about the award, procedures, and logo from the NDLA web site. Board consensus was to approve the request.

2005 Conference: On August 29, Pupino reported that she and Dorrene Devos met with representatives from the Grand Forks Convention and Visitors Bureau,

the Holiday Inn, and the Ramada Inn regarding the 2005 Conference in Grand Forks. Pupino indicated that, most likely, one hotel will be able to provide meeting rooms, exhibit hall and general session space, while the other hotel will be able to provide extra lodging and space for large group meals. Pupino stated that they also had an enlightening conversation about Internet connections. One or both of the hotel representatives plan to visit the 2003 conference to see how things are set up and would also like to come to the 2004 conference in Minot so they will know what to expect and can help us plan the 2005 conference.

Election Verification: On September 9, Marilyn Johnson, Co-Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee, posted the 2003 elections results and, in accordance with Association bylaws, asked the Board to review and validate the results, with the exception of the Technical Services Roundtable Secretary position. There was a tie in the secretary election and the Board is the final arbiter of disputed elections. Pupino called for a motion to verify the election results, except for the Technical Services Secretary, which will be decided at the September 24 Board meeting. Podoll so moved. Jensen seconded. On September 12, Pupino announced that the election results were verified by the Board.

A summary of the 2003 election results follows. 310 ballots were mailed on August 18, 2003 and 164 (53%) were returned. The bylaws change was approved, amending Article V, Section 3 to read: "A board meeting may be held at the call of the president or a majority of the board members. Official business may be conducted between meetings via the Executive Board Listserv per the procedures outlined in the Executive Board Policies Handbook." Before this change, the section read: "A board meeting may be held at the call of the president or a majority of the board members."

An asterisk denotes the elected candidate for the following officer positions:

VICE-PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT

*Marlene Anderson
Diane Briggs

TREASURER

*Michael Safratowich
Alan Stevens

SECRETARY

*Deborah Igoe
Diane Nordeng

ACADEMIC & SPECIAL LIBRARIES SECTION

Chair-elect

*Mary Hegle Drewes

Secretary

*Mary Reinertson-Sand

HEALTH SCIENCE INFORMATION SECTION

Chair-elect

*Tyree Jenks

Secretary

*Theresa Sattler

Greater Midwest Region Regional Advisory Council Representative

*Mary Markland

PUBLIC LIBRARY SECTION

Chair-elect

*Charles Pace

Kelly Steckler (write-in candidate)

Secretary

*Bonnie Maclver

Debbie Slais

SCHOOL LIBRARY AND YOUTH SERVICES SECTION

Chair-elect

*Kirsten Baesler

Secretary

*Cynthia (Cindy) Bleier

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS ROUNDTABLE

Chair-elect

*Kathryn Thomas

Secretary

*Stella B. Cone

NEW MEMBERS ROUNDTABLE

Chair-elect

*Al Peterson

Cheryl Zimprich

Secretary

*Lori West

TECHNICAL SERVICES ROUNDTABLE

Chair-elect

*Liz Mason

Toni Vonasek

Secretary (tie)

Beth Sorenson

Virginia Bjorness

Quarterly Reports: On September 9, Pupino reminded Board members to prepare their quarterly reports for the Board meeting at 2p.m. on Wednesday,

September 24, and to also e-mail them to the Secretary for inclusion in the next issue of *The Good Stuff*. In addition, Pupino reminded members who are changing positions or going off the Board to have things ready to transfer to their successors.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Anderson, Secretary