

Minutes of Electronic (NDLA-EXEC List) Discussion/Action  
March 15-May 30, 2003

**Secretary Candidate:** On April 1, President Kaaren Pupino forwarded a message from Marilyn Johnson, Co-Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee. Johnson submitted the name of Diane Nordeng, VA Medical Center Library, Fargo, as the second candidate for the position of NDLA Secretary, and noted that positive action by the Board would complete the slate of candidates for the 2003 election. Eileen Chamberlain, Health Science Information Section Chair, moved to approve Nordeng as a candidate. Past President La Dean Moen seconded. Motion carried.

**ASL Chair and Chair-elect:** On April 3, Pupino posted a message about confusion surrounding the chair and chair-elect positions for the Academic & Special Libraries Section (ASL). Pupino stated that Membership Chair Kathy Thomas knew the history of the problem (from ASL's minutes as printed in the December 2001 issue of *The Good Stuff*, p. 24: "After Kristine Shrauger, Chair, and Mary Bianco, Chair-elect, moved out of state, Charlene Weis accepted the position. She will also serve as the incoming Chair-elect.") According to Thomas, Darryl Podoll should now be chair-elect and Charlene Weis still chair since Weis was to take over the remainder of the chair position and then also serve her year as chair, which would make Podoll the chair-elect of the Academic section during 2002. Pupino wondered if Podoll is chair this year, who is chair-elect? Will we be without a chair in 2003-04? Or is Podoll going to stay in for two years?

On April 3, Podoll posted a message saying he doesn't know all the technicalities involved, but is willing to serve for two years, if necessary, unless there are volunteers for the position. Podoll said Weis told him she had been chair because she had taken over from someone who had left the state and had had her year (or longer) and that this year was Podoll's year. On April 7, a message was posted on behalf of Weis, who wrote the following: "This is how I see the issue. According to the ASL section bylaws Article VI. Section 1. Term: Officers will be elected for a one-year term and assume their duties at the close of the annual conference following their election. The Chair elect succeeds the Chair upon the expiration of the Chair's term. I was the Chair elect for 2002. Darryl Podoll was Chair elect in 2003. We have candidates for the next election. Therefore I think Darryl is the present Chair." No further discussion or action was taken.

**Treasurer's Report:** On April 10, Treasurer Michael Safratowich posted the Treasurer's Report for the First Quarter (ending March 31, 2003) and moved that it be approved. Kristen Borysewicz, New Members Roundtable (NMRT) Chair, seconded. On April 15, Pupino announced that the report was approved.

**ALA Silent Auction:** On April 23, ALA Councilor Phyllis Bratton asked if NDLA wanted to provide anything for the ALA silent auction at the annual conference in Toronto in June. She noted that some chapters send baskets of local products, but that she has some concerns about taking things through customs. Last year Bratton made two doll quilts for the auction and is willing to do something similar this year. She is open to suggestions. No action was taken.

**Grass Roots:** On April 25, Pupino posted a letter from the Grass Roots Grant Committee. The letter outlined the history of the Grass Roots Grant, which was originally started and funded by Baker & Taylor. When B&T ceased funding the grant in 1995, NDLA's NMRT offered one \$100 grant the following year. The grant has not been

awarded for the last 7 years due to difficulty obtaining outside funding. The committee would like to revive the grant by giving students currently in the library science field an opportunity to attend the annual NDLA Conference. The committee requested that NDLA grant two full annual conference registration fee waivers and outlined the application and selection procedures. Committee members include Virginia Bjorness, Liz Mason, Johanna McClay, Charles Pace, and Kristen Borysewicz. Pupino asked for a motion to approve funding for conference registration for the Grass Roots Grant.

Discussion followed. Key issues included whether or not meals are included in the registration fee and whether to support one or two fee waivers. Suzanne Morrison, Intellectual Freedom Chair, and Safratowich both made motions to approve funding, which led to some confusion because there were two motions before the group. Liz Mason, Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies Committee Chair, pointed out that since Morrison is a non-voting Board member, she cannot make motions. The final motion before the group was the one made by Safratowich, "I move that NDLA support professional development initiatives by the New Members Round Table Grass Roots Grant Subcommittee by waiving fees associated with two full annual conference registrations for the 2003 annual conference." Chamberlain seconded. On May 15, Pupino announced that the motion carried by a 10 to 4 vote.

**Cuba Resolution:** On May 21, Bratton posted a message about a resolution which will be presented to the ALA Council at the annual conference about independent libraries in Cuba and the arrest of independent librarians. Bratton noted that Council has previously defeated such motions on the grounds that the people behind them are not librarians, do not have collections or programs, and are trying to circulate propaganda provided by the US government in an attempt to destabilize the country. Bratton said there is a group outside of ALA trying to convince the Association to endorse the resolution and promising bad press if they do not. Bratton is not inclined to vote in favor of the resolution, but sought comments and direction from the Board. Pamela Drayson, President-elect, and Marlene Anderson, Secretary, indicated they agreed with Bratton. No formal action was taken.

**Future Conferences:** On May 28, Pupino posted a list of conference site criteria and asked Board members for their input. Pupino plans to send the criteria to the Convention and Visitors Bureau in Grand Forks in order to get a list of potential sites for the 2005 conference. A contract needs to be signed soon. Pupino's list of required criteria included: adequate and appropriate space for an exhibit hall at the conference hotel (accommodating up to 35 booths and including adequate sound system); electrical outlets and Internet connectivity for as many exhibitors as may require it (including adequate sound system); space and staff to seat and serve up to 350 persons at a sit-down meal (not using exhibits space); and meeting rooms to accommodate 20-100 people for a minimum of 3-4 simultaneous sessions (including adequate sound systems). The list of preferred criteria included: space for a conference office; space for an Internet room; lodging to accommodate all conference attendees or location near other hotels; and adequate parking. Additions from the Board included a restaurant on site and the ability to provide adequate time for exhibitors to set up their booths.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Anderson, Secretary

