

**NDLA Executive Board
Electronic Discussion
May-September, 2012**

June 7, 2012

President Madler proposed holding a “denim day” on Friday of the NDLA conference, with a suggested \$1.00 donation that will be collected and given to a local (Fargo) charity/cause. She asked for a decision and vote to be made by June 22.

Several members of the executive board expressed support for this idea. Many members also liked the idea of President Madler choosing the charity for donations.

June 8, 2012

Rita Ennen moved that NDLA sponsor a Denim Day fundraiser at the 2012 North Dakota Library Association conference to raise funds for a Fargo charity of the President’s choice.

Eric Stroshane seconded the motion.

June 12, 2012

Motion carried. NDLA will sponsor a Denim Day fundraiser at the 2012 North Dakota Library Association conference to raise funds for a Fargo charity of the President’s choice.

Chandra Hirning and Kalan Davis, co-chairs of the Nominations, Elections, and Voting Committee, presented the list of candidates for the coming year noting that all candidates hold current individual memberships. She asked that President Madler entertain a motion to approve the slate of candidates as presented by the Nominations, Elections, and Voting Committee.

President Madler entertained a motion to approve this slate of candidates as presented by the Nominations, Elections, and Voting Committee.

Shelby Harken moved that we approve the slate of candidates presented by the Nominations, Elections, and Voting Committee.

Eric Stroshane seconded the motion.

June 15, 2012

Chandra Hirning mentioned that Danae Snavely was added as a nominee for secretary of the Technical Services Round Table to the slate of candidates currently under consideration.

Shelby Harken moved to amend the motion to approve the revised slate of candidates as presented by the Nominations, Elections, and Voting Committee.

Eric Stroshane seconded the amended motion.

June 22, 2012

Motion carried. The revised slate of candidates as presented by the Nominations, Elections, and Voting Committee is approved. Voting will happen after the July 4th holiday along with the bylaws changes.

July 6, 2012

Michael Safratowich sent out the financial report for 2nd quarter 2012. He moved that the report be approved.

Shelby Harken seconded.

July 9, 2012

President Madler Fellow sent the Executive Secretary Handbook out to board members for further comment and asked for comments with additional changes.

July 11, 2012

Motion carried. The financial report for 2nd quarter 2012 is approved.

July 12, 2012

President Madler announced the recommendation of the awards committee, to present the Major Benefactor of the Year Award to Dr. Wayne Sanstead and The Clio Club of Enderlin.

July 13, 2012

Rita Ennen sent information from the National Forum on Information Literacy and asked if we would have any interest in spearheading an initiative to have October declared Information Literacy Awareness month.

Shelby Harken moved to accept the nominees for the major benefactor award.

July 14, 2012

Rita Ennen seconded the motion.

July 20, 2012

Motion carried. The nominees Dr. Wayne Sanstead and The Clio Club of Enderlin are accepted for the Major Benefactor of the Year award.

August 24, 2012

Rita Ennen mentioned that she received a call from Lynn Slawsky at PLA explaining that due to PLA's agreement with the Gates Foundation that the Turning the Page 2.0 programming including the kick-off events must be offered free of charge. Rita asked if we should then be charging a fee for the other pre-conference being offered. Discussion followed. It was decided that it would be ok to charge for one program but not the other.

August 29, 2012

Wendy Wendt asked if there were any items the NDLA Executive Board would like added to the annual Public Libraries Section meeting. She also added that members should be thinking about potential resolutions that you would like the Section to make at the NDLA Annual Business Meeting.

Hulen Bivins mentioned that the State library would like to distribute knowledge of the new Standards for Public Libraries in North Dakota document that are presently in the final review state before the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council (NDLCC). The standards would provide a base criteria for NDLCC grants. He also added that the State Library (NDSL) hopes to be able to announce the acquisition of the Credo Reference materials database. NDSL is presently in the final stages of negotiation. The database would become part of the ODIN database collection. Further, NDSL is planning to purchase and have the "Literati" overlay for the use of K-12 and public libraries statewide.

September 10, 2012

Kathy Thomas sent out information regarding registration numbers for the annual conference.

September 11, 2012

Chandra Hirning and Kalan Davis, NDLA Nominations, Elections, and Voting Committee Co-Chairs, submitted the results of the 2012 North Dakota Library Association election and 2012 NDLA bylaw amendments. They noted results for the Academics and Special Libraries section and the Public Libraries sections will be discussed and validated at the pre-conference board meeting.

Lila Pedersen questioned if there were any issues with the vote for president; three candidates, all nearly equal in terms of votes.

Discussion followed concerning whether a revote of the top two candidates was necessary.

September 13, 2012

Shelby Harken moved that NDLA conduct a tie-breaking vote between the top 2 president-elect candidates: Stephen Banister (52 votes) and Victor Lieberman (53 votes) to be administered via Survey Monkey ASAP and to close after 14 days.

Eric Stroshane seconded.

Discussion followed regarding whether all three candidates should be in the revote since the difference between all three candidates was only 3 votes. Lisa Martin mentioned that runoff and re-votes are not mentioned in the Bylaws.

September 14, 2012

Al Peterson mentioned the possibility of contacting the candidates to explain the situation to them and see if any were willing to drop out of the race.

Rita Ennen thanked Kalan, Chandra and Lisa for their work in helping us understand the details of the election results, their interpretation and preparation of possible solutions.

President Madler contacted NDLA's previous historian who noted that in the past, NDLA has used "plurality vote" interchangeably with "majority vote" with previous board practice being to declare those with the most votes the winner of an election. She then called for a vote on Shelby's motion from September 13th; "I move that NDLA conduct a tie-breaking vote between the top 2 president-elect candidates: Stephen Banister (52 votes) and Victor Lieberman (53 votes) to be administered via Survey Monkey ASAP and to close after 14 days." Eric Stroshane seconded. Motion denied.

Shelby Harken moved that we follow historic precedence and validate the election for all candidates naming those who received the most votes to be the winners. Al Peterson seconded.

Chandra Hirning pointed out that the ballots included a vote on a proposed bylaws change, and the result of that vote needs to be validated, too. That isn't reflected in the motion currently on the floor.

Shelby Harken offered an amendment to her previous statement and moved that we follow historic precedence and validate the election for all candidates naming those who received the most votes to be the winners", with the exception of the Academics and Special Libraries section and the Public Libraries sections which will be discussed and validated at the pre-conference board meeting . In addition, validate the votes for the by-laws change. Stephanie Kom seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Bree Schmidt
NDLA Secretary