

Post Conference Meeting  
September 24, 2004

**Present:** Marlene Anderson, Jeanne Narum, Pamela Drayson, Celeste Ertelt, Michael Safratowich, Marilyn Johnson, Sally Dockter, Mary Hegle Drewes, TyRee Jenks, Debbie Job, Kathryn Thomas, Al Peterson, Virginia Bjorness, Bonnie Krenz, Paulette Nelson, Debbie Slais, Cathy Langemo, Kirsten Baesler, Phyllis Bratton, Robert Jacobson, Laurie McHenry, Kaaren Pupino, Toni Vonasek.

**Not Present:** Charles Pace, Liz Mason, Karen Chobot, Doris Ott, Kathy Groendal, Lillian Crook, Beth Postema, Rita Ennen, Mary Markland, Suzanne Morrison

**Guests:** Shari Sandwick,

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Marlene Anderson at 4:40 pm in the Candlelight II Room at the International Inn of Minot.

**Introductions:** Each person introduced himself by name, board position and where you are from.

President Anderson reviewed board member responsibilities and voting rights. Also discussed the board members listserv. The board carries out much business electronically. A message will be sent out covering electronic protocols.

Past President Pamela Drayson also reminded board members when responding to e-mails click on, respond to all.

Responsibilities of Board Members

Report to Board Members

Post to list.

If you cannot attend board meetings send a proxy.

Be aware of NDLA Constitution, bylaws and roundtable laws.

Predecessor should pass on information and files.

Anderson will study rules of order in Sturgis.

**Lost and Found:** Outgoing Past President Kaaren Pupino brought up a problem from the NDLA Conference with power cords. Pupino will e-mail others to try to find owners of extra cords.

As a board we need to validate SLAYS election of Glenda Westman as chair-elect. MPLA Representative Sally Dockter made a motion to accept the election and President –elect Jeanne Narum seconded. Election results stand.

Drayson reminded everyone to send a card to a presenter and tell them they did a good job.

A Conference post mortem was held on the good, bad and the ugly of past conference.

Comments are as follows:

Government Document Roundtable Chair Kathy Thomas: good, she had heard many positive comments. One problem was a problem with a modem.

Finance Committee Chair Bonnie Krenz: Had heard positive comments of conference.

Outgoing Nominations & Elections Committee Chair Toni Vonasek: Great conference, great presenters

Nominations & Elections Committee Chair Paulette Nelson: If you are offering tours, transportation needs to be planned also.

School Libraries & Youth Services Chair Debbie Job: Much positive One negative :It was difficult to carry breakfast a distance to early morning meetings.

Outgoing School Libraries & Youth Services Chair Kirsten Baesler : People generally very pleased with conference. We need to tweak times of meetings and committee sessions. Meetings need to be at least one hour long to complete business.

Executive Secretary Cathy Langemo: Very pleased with hotel and staff Very pleased with whole facility, rooms were clean and neat.

Intellectual Freedom Committee Chair Debbie Slais: Sessions good, special presenters were outstanding. It was difficult for all to check out at the same time during 20 minute break. Also it was difficult to give a presentation opposite one of the special presenters.

Outgoing New Members Roundtable Chair Laurie McHenry: She had heard many positive comments- only negative comment was that many of the committee meetings were opposite each other so you could only attend one of them.

Guest Shari Sandwick: Would like to attend more of the business meetings.

New Members Roundtable Chair Al Peterson: thought this was one of the best NDLA's he has attended. Only problem was hotel checkout was slow.

Constitution, Bylaws & Policies Committee Chair Virginia Bjorness: Had heard great comments about the presenters brought in for the conference. Hotel staff was great. Temperature in the rooms sometimes too warm sometimes too cold.

Outgoing ALA Councilor Phyllis Bratton: Food was exceptionally good. The only problem was setting someone like the paid presenters against other people giving presentations wiped out attendance at some sessions.

ALA Councilor Marilyn Johnson: Agrees with Phyllis. Another problem was rotten fruit and fruit flies in the boxed lunches. Could lunch boxes be marked as to which kind of fruit inside?

Outgoing Secretary Deb Igoe: The conference was very well run. I especially enjoyed Jim Connor's session on Library/Trustee relations and Diana Trixier Herald on genrefluency. They were both excellent.

Past President Pamela Drayson: We needed more technology people assigned per session to get a mouse or extra cord. Could we get college students as workers? Also mentioned having each conference participant bring a can of food to donate to sponsor city's food bank.

Outgoing Government Documents Roundtable Chair Robert Jacobson: The spots before my eyes actually were fruit flies. Technology problems. Really liked the presenters and legislative pre-conference panel went very well.

Outgoing Past President Kaaren Pupino: Perhaps we should handle technology as Jean Hatfield had done at tri-conference. All presenters were told to bring a backup technology in case of problems. Allison, hotel contact was awesome. Problem: a lump in the carpet near my door. Next year the conference will be held in two hotels. Some sleeping rooms in Ramada Inn and also eating. Other sleeping and meeting rooms in Holiday Inn. You will need to allow for some travel time between hotels. Exhibitors were happy with conference.

MPLA Representative Sally Dockter: Everything was fine.

Secretary Celeste Ertelt: Enjoyed it.

Health Science Information Section Chair TyRee Jenks: Problem some timing issues with presentations.

President -elect Jeanne Narum: Some timing problems as in President of MPLA missed time to make a presentation because of another speaker running late on presentation. Some technology problems with different types of computers as apples and LCSx not compatible for hardware. All presenters should have a backup method for presentation (i.e. overhead projector.)

Baesler: I should have asked better questions of my presenters for their technology needs. It was like fruit basket upset with some of the presenters even though we tried to keep equipment in one place.

Mike Safratowich: I had problems with sending e-mail. Connections very slow last night. The connections were down completely on the first night until 9:00pm then it came up sluggishly. In contrast internet access in the exhibit area was fine. We should focus on a quality internet café for the future.

Mary Hegle Drewes: Had a nice variety of speakers. Main speakers were great, food great. I also agree that the meetings shouldn't run up until the next session.

Dockter: New members roundtable social could have used some place to sit.

President Marlene Anderson thanked all members for input and thanked all section and roundtable chairs for the fine job they had done.

Drayson brought up her trick of saving flyers from speakers and conferences to be used when planning future conferences.

Anderson: Next meeting is scheduled for December. Final date, alternate date and time will be decided electronically. The board meeting will be held in Bismarck.

Narum brought up the question of a lobbyist for NDLA. She had been asked to find out about MPLA's lobbyist. MPLA does hire a lobbyist. Funds from membership dues will not be used for a lobbyist. A RFP will be sent out for a lobbyist if time allows.

Anderson discussed the logistics of voting on changing *The Good Stuff* from a print publication to a web-based publication. The proposal and ballot needs to be prepared and sent to the membership for a final decision. Anderson will prepare a draft of the proposal and ballot for board approval.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Narum. Peterson seconded it. A picture of board members for 2004-2005 year was taken by Langemo following the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Ertelt