

President Beth Postema called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm on September 22, 2006 in the Elm Room at the Doublewood Inn, Fargo North Dakota.

Present: Beth Postema, Sally Dockter, Joan Bares, Ann Pederson, Karen Chobot, Mark Holman, Mike Safratowich, Donna James, Celeste Ertelt, Cathy Langemo, Bonnie Krenz, Jeanne Narum, Bev Clouse, Marlene Anderson, Doris Ott, Erin Smith, Kelly Steckler, Eric Stroshane, Christine Kujawa, Laurie McHenry, Shelby Harken, Rachel White, Jake Fejedelem, Kathy Thomas

Absent: Marilyn Johnson, Kirsten Baesler, Paulette Nelson, Theresa Norton

Additions to the Agenda: The pre-conference minutes of the September 20 executive session were distributed and added to the agenda. State aid to public libraries was added to new business.

Jake Fejedelem moved and Sally Dockter seconded to approve the minutes with the following corrections: page 3 William Crook should read Lillian Crook; change Kelly to Kirsten Baesler; strike "that's going to go by October"; strike "not present on the reports is the"; change "Mike turned it" to "it turns into"; correct the spelling of Merrill Piepkorn. Motion carried.

Old business:

Slays Policies/Bylaws: President Postema explained that these were to be discussed at the SLAYS meeting and brought back. But Kirsten Baesler, who will be taking over as Constitution, Policy and Bylaws chair is not present today. This position has been vacant for awhile. Erin Smith stated that she did not have the policy and bylaws changes available for distribution at the SLAYS meeting so they will be presented, discussed, and voted on electronically. Regarding the award proposal, we did present it, it was voted on, and it did pass. However, Erin did not get copies made for this meeting. As for the AASL affiliate status: the section will be investigating this further.

HSIS Policies Bylaws: Ann Pederson reported that HSIS will be forwarding on new policy and bylaws changes that were passed at this conference.

There was some discussion on the "I Love Libraries" versus "I Love Libraries and I Vote" stickers. All of Erin Smith's correspondence with NDLA and her contact with the Wisconsin association, consistently stated "I Love Libraries".

Jeanne Narum moved that the proceeds from the auction of the quilt be put in the Mike Jaugestetter Leadership fund. Mike Safratowich seconded it Motion carried.

There was discussion as to what to do with the \$500.00 donation from Neil Price. This was tabled for the December meeting.

Marilyn Johnson was elected for three year term as ALA Councilor and when she could not complete the term Charles Pace was approved by the board to fill the position to end Fall 2007. Jeanne Narum moved and Eric Stroshane seconded to approve the recommendation of Shelby Harken to fill out the remainder of Charles Pace's term. Motion carried.

Conference Assessment:

What worked: compliments on food; smoothly; great; programs and food were good; why wasn't there more to the general sessions, like a speaker; there was enough time to get to things, use a bathroom, etc; liked having the business meeting at 9:00 am not at 7:45 am; programs were good; good variety of programs; well organized; very accommodating staff; Nicole Schaffer, general manager, was wonderful to work with; programming very good; exhibitor hall large enough to walk around without feeling cramped; having tables in the rooms was nice.

What didn't work: there was a lack of water especially for the speakers; need juice; no coffee creamers on the tables; state rate would have been honored had we asked, which would've been lower than the conference rate; how can we or do we want to increase attendance at the general session; auction numbers should be larger; nice to have everything in one location - logistics will be a problem next year; note on name tags which sections people are affiliated with; not all business meetings need to be one hour; perhaps we should indicate which sessions we would attend so that rooms could be a more appropriate size; golf carts next year might be helpful; business meetings should not be in the main auditorium; bring computer speakers because some people wanted audio; have a check list of what is needed for presentations.

NDLA needs to find legislators to write bills for state aid for public libraries. Doris Ott thought Jerry Kaup was to take the lead on the issue of retroactive funding, but we will also need sponsors. It is good to have people from both parties and both sides of the state, east and west. NDLA supports two resolutions regarding legislation: 1.) to rewrite the maintenance of effort section and 2.) to provide retroactive funding for the libraries who were not eligible.

The next meeting will be Friday December 8 at 10:00 am with a fallback of December 15 at Jamestown College.

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm.