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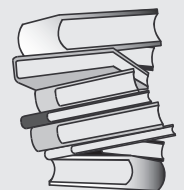
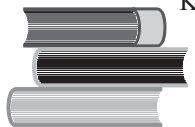
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President's Message

By Pamela Drayson, NDLA President

Greetings to NDLA active and potential members! It was great to visit with so many of you at the annual conference in



Bismarck and to meet in person some of you who I only "see" over the phone or e-mail the rest of the year. Speaking of the conference, here's a big round of applause for all the conference committee chairs and local arrangements folks for their hard work. Sally Reed, Executive Director of Friends of Libraries USA, provided us with an encouraging and re-energizing keynote talk at the banquet. Over the following day or two I overheard people referring to her message or relating it to another session they'd just attended. Deb Caldwell-Stone's two sessions on Library Confidentiality & the Patriot Act were well-attended and also led to considerable discussion afterwards. For myself, I was most impressed with the many sessions presented by our own members and came away with some very useful information from each one.

NDLA is indebted to those members who so competently held office over the past year and a loud "hooray" also for those who agreed to run for office and will be serving this year. An Executive Board meeting was held immediately following the Conference and we hit the ground running with committees already working on a variety of items. Some

of the work underway for this year is discussion with the North Dakota Education Association and the North Dakota Reading Association about partnering opportunities in providing workshops, conference sessions or other programs. In cooperation with the State Library, we are looking for ways to offer a graduate credit course or two as part of future conferences. There is also interest in formalizing a mentoring program for new members. Our promotional activity this year will likely be supplying library advocacy public service announcements to television and radio stations for airing throughout the state. Moving beyond single one-day events may enhance the possibility of legislative success in the future so finding ways to speak up for libraries year-round will be an effort for us all.

(If you'd like to volunteer, we're still in need of individuals to serve on the Legislative & Public Relations Committees!)

After observing Kaaren Pupino and her capable administrative skills as NDLA President for the past year, I was nervous about taking on the responsibilities this year.

However, in just three short years since coming to North Dakota, I've become aware that this is truly an organization of actively involved members. It's reassuring to know that whatever the tasks ahead, some of you have been there before and can provide guidance. That is something to be proud of. NDLA members don't just send in their dues and attend the conference once a year. This is a dynamic member-driven organization that succeeds because its members work together to sponsor quality professional development activities. That commitment to participation and collaboration promotes quality library services in the state and together we're creating the libraries of the future right here in North Dakota.

Spring Workshops

If you are losing sleep over writing a strategic or library filtering plan, sign up for the North Dakota State Library's Spring Workshop in March 2004 to learn more about implementing such plans at your library. The workshop will include a section on software migration, filtering of your library's computers, writing a strategic plan, Gale Group Resources, and more. The workshop will be held March 4 & 5 in Bismarck and March 8 & 9 in Fargo. Watch for updates and registration information on the State Library LIST, and on the North Dakota State Library home page at <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us>

2003 NDLA Awards



Librarian of the Year: Iris Swedlund

*Submitted by La Dean Moen, Chair,
Librarian of the Year Committee*



L to R: La Dean Moen, Iris Swedlund, Doris Ott,
and Stella Cone

Iris Dockter Swedlund (the lady in red) was nominated and chosen as NDLA's 2003 Librarian of the Year for numerous reasons, as illustrated by these words of praise from peers, professors, administrators and friends.

The "Bookwoman" license plate on her red car is representative of the 34-year Velva School and Public Library veteran. With her energetic personality, Iris has promoted her love of reading to what is now the second and third generation of library patrons. Iris's years of experience have given her a deep understanding and appreciation of the conditions that affect the delivery of library service and have made her very influential within her community. Despite the economic woes of a small community, she secured funds to build a beautiful, functional library building. She has proven that the size or wealth of a community does not need to dictate the level of library service.

This library is truly the heart and soul of Iris Swedlund as she directed the building of the new library during the last decade. The structure from the outside is a traditional rectangle while the inside is designed in a true "Iris Style." Iris, no matter how busy and stressed, always takes time for that certain student librarian who needs "that mothering ear." Her heart is solid gold and she is a true humanitarian!

Iris has turned the Velva School and Public Library into a state-of-the-art facility. She takes great pride in "her" library, and because it is also a community library, she spends many extra hours working with the people in her community. She is well-liked in her community and respected by all. Iris is a front runner in making sure that the Velva School is current and up to date in the technology area. She has gone through the library automation process for the third time, this time as a member of the ODIN system.

Professional colleagues know that she gives her time and talent for her school and community and definitely to her colleagues as well. When the call came for "HELP!" even when her body demanded attention, Iris said, "I have to help my library friends."

Iris knows how to use the media to promote her library and the services provided. She also takes the opportunity to promote all kinds of library news in her local newspaper the *Velva Area Voice*.

Another example of her devotion to libraries includes her trips to Bismarck during this year's legislative session. Iris traveled to Bismarck more than once to lobby during the session. During one of her visits, she recruited two impressive high school students from Velva to testify for library appropriations that would help fund the Gale Group and ProQuest online resources. These types of efforts are very important to every library across the state.



NDLA President's Award

*Submitted by Kaaren Pupino,
Past President*

This year I chose to give the President's Award to Marilyn Johnson, Research Librarian for the North Dakota Legislative Council Library in Bismarck. Marilyn conducts research for the Legislative Council attorneys and legislators and also assists other libraries, attorneys, and students with historical legislative research.

Marilyn graduated from Williston High School and cum laude from Minot State College with a major in History and minor in Political Science, followed by a year of

graduate work in history. During her career she has worked in records management, as the Government Services Librarian at the ND State Library, and also as the librarian at the ND State Penitentiary. In July 1977, she began working at the Legislative Council Library as the Council's first librarian. This was just six months after I began working at the Thormodsgard Law Library.

I first got to know Marilyn as the cheerful voice on the other end of the phone. At that time, for the most part, we spoke on a weekly basis mostly about interlibrary loan requests, punctuated, of course, by exchanges about the local weather. Whatever Bismarck has we usually get about eight hours later. Eventually, I actually got to meet Marilyn and it was through NDLA.

Marilyn visited the UND Law School last spring to teach the Advanced Legal Research class how to do legislative history for the North Dakota Century Code. It was then that I realized what an impact she has made on the availability and organization of legislative information in our state. Before 1977 (before Marilyn), one looked in the chapter of the Laws of North Dakota to find the bill number and the sponsoring committee. This is the way the information was organized on the microfiche, and to find meeting minutes or committee testimony, this was how it had to be done. Believe me, it was cumbersome. However, after 1977, all that is needed are the bill number and the year. This change illustrates one of the many things Marilyn has done to organize and facilitate speedy and more efficient access to legislative information. The fourth law of the noted father of library science, Ranganathan, is "save the time of the user." Marilyn's work is a good example of this law.

The President's Award was presented to Marilyn at the Awards Banquet. The certificate of recognition reads: The North Dakota Library Association takes pleasure in recognizing Marilyn Johnson for her dedication and outstanding work in making current and historical legislative information accessible to people of North Dakota. Dated: September 25, 2003.



Major Benefactor Award

*Submitted by La Dean Moen, Chair,
Major Benefactor Award Committee*

The Major Benefactor Award is awarded by the NDLA Executive Board to a person or persons who have made

significant contributions to a library or libraries in North Dakota. This year's recipients were honored at the Conference Awards Banquet and were presented with commemorative plaques.

Dr. Donald and Helene Marion

La Dean S. Moen, Adams County Library Director, nominated Dr. Donald and Helene Marion for their gifts to the library. Dr. Marion's mother, Gerry Marion, served as the librarian at Adams County Library from 1961 to 1993, and the Gerry Marion Heritage Room was dedicated in her honor in 2001. The Marions' gift enabled the library to modernize and purchase computers, furniture, pictures, window treatments, and thousands of dollars worth of new books. Dr. Marion is a 1971 graduate of Hettinger High School and a 1975 graduate of St. John's University in Minnesota. He pursued graduate studies at UND in Grand Forks, served as a Peace Corps volunteer, and earned his M.D. from the University of California, San Francisco in 1982. In 2002, he was named Professor and Chair of the Department of Neurosurgery at Boston University School of Medicine and Chief of Neurosurgery at Boston Medical Center. He serves on several professional associations and boards, has published numerous articles and one book, and lectures on neurosurgery both in the United States and abroad. Don's wife, Helene, is a medical editor.

Steven Watson

Librarian Lenore Franchuk and the Carrington City Library Board of Directors nominated Steven Watson for his special contributions to the library. In 1999, Mr. Watson donated \$10,000 as a memorial gift honoring his father, James W. Watson, Jr. The gift enabled the library to purchase computers, bookcases, and books as well as offer Internet access to users. In 2002, Mr. Watson gave an additional gift of \$5,000, which will be used to purchase wingback chairs, a small table, and a floor rug for the library. Mr. Watson grew up on a farm near Carrington and graduated from Carrington High School in 1969 and the University of North Dakota in 1973. He started his business career as a CPA followed by corporate financial and management positions. Mr. Watson currently lives in Dallas, Texas and is President and CEO at VALHI, Inc., a Fortune 500 diversified conglomerate listed on the New York Stock exchange. He also serves as a director and officer of several other related public and private companies. Mr. Watson and his wife, Mary Henry, live in Dallas, Texas.



School Library Administrator of the Year Award

Submitted by Kirsten Baesler and Konnie Wightman, SLAYS

Dr. Clarence Bina, formerly of the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and now of Valley City State University, was presented the School Library Administrator of the Year Award at the Awards Banquet. This award is given by SLAYS (School Library and Youth Services Section) to school superintendents, elementary and/or secondary school principals, or district directors of instructional materials centers (currently in administrative office and directly responsible for a school or a group of schools), who have made significant contributions and have been strongly supportive in maintaining or strengthening an exemplary school library media program within public schools of the State of North Dakota.

Specifically, the award honors administrators who have accomplished one or more of the following goals: advanced the role of school library media center services in the educational program of the school; exhibited a responsible and influential role in developing successful media programs; stimulated interest in cooperative planning, implementation, and support necessary to improve and/or strengthen the school library media program within the educational structure of all public schools throughout the State; or provided visibility and created public awareness of the school library media center and its programs within the community, both public and educational.

Dr. Bina was chosen for his work on coordinating the writing of the North Dakota Library Technology Literacy Standards and Benchmarks for teaching library and technology skills in schools, a project which took more than two years to complete. Dr. Bina organized and supported the work of DPI's Standards Writing Team, which was comprised of librarians and technology experts from around the state. North Dakota is the second state in the country to combine library and technology standards into one set of standards and benchmarks. They are designed to be integrated into all core and support curriculum subject areas. The standards are available at <http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/index.shtm>, then following these links: State Standards, Content Standards, Library/Technology Literacy.

Although Dr. Bina is not an administrator of a school in the strictest term, through his leadership he has had an impact on information and technology literacy throughout the entire state. In this way, Dr. Bina has touched the educational careers of all North Dakota K-12 students.



Flicker Tale Children's Book Award

2003 award winners were *Armadillo Tattletale* by Helen Ketteman (Picture Books category) and *Skeleton Man* by Joseph Bruchac (Juvenile Books category). Helen Ketteman attended the conference and was given the award during her afternoon presentation. 2004 nominees are listed in the August 2003 issue of *The Good Stuff* and are also posted on the NDLA web site:

<http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us/ndla/ftaward.htm> The chair for the Flicker Tale Children's Book Award Committee is Kirsten Baesler, Library Media Specialist with Bismarck Public Schools. For further information and/or suggestions, contact Kirsten at: Kirsten_baesler@educ8.org



Notable Documents Award

Submitted by Stella Cone, Outgoing Government Documents Roundtable Chair

Six items were submitted for the 2003 Notable Government Documents Award, including: *Car Seat Safety* (video), North Dakota Department of Transportation; *Prairie Wildflowers and Grasses of North Dakota*, North Dakota Game and Fish Department; *At the Confluence: Now and Then*, State Historical Society of North Dakota; a set of four *Corp of Discovery* posters, Historical Society of North Dakota; *Traveler's Companion to North Dakota State Historic Sites*, State Historical Society of North Dakota; and *Birding in North Dakota*, North Dakota Game and Fish Department.

The first place winner was *Traveler's Companion to North Dakota State Historic Sites*, second place winner was *Birding in North Dakota*, and third place winner was *Prairie Wildflowers and Grasses of North Dakota*. The voting was very close this year, which indicated the quality of the material submitted. The three winners will be submitted to the ALA/GODORT Notable Documents competition.



NMRT Grassroots Grant

The New Members Roundtable (NMRT) revived the Grassroots Grant, which provided funding for two recipients to attend the 2003 conference. Mary Jo Lorenz and Christine Kujawa were the successful applicants. One of the stipulations of the grant was to write about conference experiences for publication in *The Good Stuff*. Here are their stories.

Mary Jo Lorenz, Grand Forks Public Library

I would like to thank the New Members Roundtable for allowing me the opportunity to attend the annual conference in Bismarck. The conference was great. I attended many interesting sessions – Friends of the Library, Virtual Reference Service in Health Sciences across ND, and Improving your Library’s Newsletter to name a few. I obtained many ideas which I will be able to use in my library and met many wonderful people. The auctions and tours were an extra bonus to a very enjoyable conference. As part of receiving this grant, I was able to attend an Executive Board meeting. It was intriguing to watch the Executive Board operate and this taught me much about the running of a conference and the way that NDLA works. I had a great time and I hope the NMRT Grassroots Grant is continued for future years so that others may share in the NDLA conference experience! Thank you.

Christine Kujawa, Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library

Thank you to NMRT for choosing me as a recipient of

the NMRT Grassroots Grant. I had a great time at the conference and am glad I was able to attend. The conference was worthwhile for me for mainly two reasons: professional development and networking. I found the sessions to be very professional and of good variety. The session ‘Opportunities for Reference Excellence: Improving Reference Services’ on MORE (Minnesota Opportunities for Reference Excellence) presented by Beth Staats was very worthwhile. The MORE web site provides good information and sources for improving reference skills for reference librarians and support staff. If you did not attend and are interested, the URL is: <http://www.arrowhead.lib.mn.us/more/> Another session that was very informative and covered a major issue in Library and Information Science was ‘Library Confidentiality After 9/11’ presented by Deborah Caldwell-Stone from ALA. The presenter is knowledgeable and provided a lot of information on the issue. She offered tips for libraries like having confidentiality policies in writing, having a well-informed staff, knowing what is within the boundaries of the law and knowing who to contact if questions or situations arise. It was good to have a speaker from a national library association at NDLA as one way to stay connected to our profession on a larger level. It was also great networking, meeting new people and spending time with my library friends. The live auction was also very enjoyable; the librarian gourd is enjoying her new home.



Friendliest Booth Award

Each year NMRT designates a few individuals to visit the exhibitor booths and determine who has the friendliest booth. This year’s award was presented to Brenda Ehrmantraut of Bubble Gum Press.

2003 CONFERENCE EXHIBITORS

NDLA thanks these vendors for their outstanding support of the 2003 conference.

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2003 NDLA Election Results

The results of the 2003 NDLA election were validated by the Executive Board via electronic vote. Thanks to all who participated in the election by voting and/or agreeing to be a candidate.

NDLA Officers

Vice President/President-elect – Marlene Anderson, Bismarck State College Library

Secretary – Deb Igoe, Department of Transportation, Bismarck

Treasurer – Michael Safratowich, Harley E. French Library of the Health Sciences, UND, Grand Forks

Section and Roundtable Officers

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Chair-elect – Mary Hegle Drewes, Chester Fritz Library, UND, Grand Forks

Secretary – Mary Reinertson-Sand, Center for Rural Health, School of Medicine and Health Sciences, UND, Grand Forks

Public Library Section

Chair-elect – Chares Pace, Fargo Public Library

Secretary – Bonnie MacIver, Leach Public Library, Wahpeton

School Library and Youth Services Section

Chair-elect – Kirsten Baesler, Bismarck Public Schools, Library Media Office

Secretary – Cynthia (Cindy) Bleier, Fargo Public Schools Instructional Resources

Health Science Information Section

Chair-elect – Tyree Jenks, Raugust Library, Jamestown College

Secretary – Theresa Sattler, MeritCare Health System Library, Fargo

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Government Documents Roundtable

Chair-elect – Kathryn Thomas, NDSU Libraries, Fargo

Secretary – Stella Cone, North Dakota State Library, Bismarck

New Members Roundtable

Chair-elect – Al Peterson, North Dakota State Library, Bismarck

Secretary – Lori West, Fargo Public Library

Technical Services Roundtable

Chair-elect – Liz Mason, Bismarck State College Library

Secretary – Virginia Bjorness, North Dakota State Library, Bismarck*

**Note: There was a tie between Virginia Bjorness and Beth Sorenson. As the final arbiter of disputed elections, the Board appointed Bjorness to serve as Secretary for 2003-2004 and Sorenson to serve as Secretary in 2004-2005.*

Bylaws Change

The proposed bylaws change was approved by the membership. Article V – Executive Board, Section 3 now reads: “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.” The section formerly read, “A board meeting may be held at the call of the president or a majority of the board members.”

Betty Gard Elected to Lead American Library Association Section

Submitted by Wilbur Stolt, Chester Fritz Library, UND

Betty A. Gard, Head, Reference & Research Services at Chester Fritz Library, has been elected chair of the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA) Collection Development and Evaluation Section (CODES) of the American Library Association (ALA). ALA is the national organization for librarians with a current membership of over 60,000 members. As Chair of CODES, Betty will guide Section activities aimed at finding ways to help library staff build the best possible collections of traditional and electronic resources to benefit library users of all types of libraries. The CODES Section has 15 active committees. Some of the best known nationally are the Notable Books Council (which selects an annual list of notable books for the general reader; it is normal for all committee members to read and consider at least 300 books annually); Reference Sources (which selects an annual list of "Best Reference Sources" for libraries); and the Wilson Indexes Committee (which provides advice to the publisher of

such indexes as *Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature*). As Section Chair, Betty will lead planning for the annual conference program. In addition, Betty will work with various CODES committees, many of which offer programs and pre-conferences and generate a variety of professional publications.

Betty is also serving a second year as Chair of the ALA/RUSA Gale Group Award for Excellence in Reference and Adult Services, which is a \$3,000 award available annually to a library or system for developing an imaginative and unique library resource to meet patrons' needs. Betty recently completed two years as chair of the ALA Management of Reference Committee, which revised "Guidelines for Behavioral Performance of Reference and Information Service Professionals." This document is used by reference departments across the country to establish objectives for professional librarians working within reference departments.

2003 NDLA Auction

By Marlene Anderson, Auction Coordinator

This year we had two auctions – one silent and one live. Thanks to the many individuals, businesses, libraries, and Friends groups who donated items, the people who did the bidding (or egged others on!), and those who helped collect, display, and sell the items, the auctions were a success.

All told, the auctions brought in \$2,033.75. \$250 of the proceeds are earmarked for the Ron Rudser Memorial Continuing Education Fund and the remaining \$1783.75 will go to the newly-created Mike Jaugstetter Leadership Grant Fund.

This year we solicited donations from local businesses, local artists, and individuals (both NDLA members and non-members). We also tried to "grow our own" by asking libraries and/or Friends groups to consider donating theme baskets for the auction. The response was overwhelming. In fact, there were more things than we could properly display. It was a good problem to have. Space does not allow me to acknowledge everyone who contributed to the success of the auction, but the following deserve special mention:

- Auction committee members Terri Wilhelm of the State Library and Christine Kujawa and Marvia Boettcher of the Bismarck



Veterans Memorial Public Library, a fantastic group of women who solicited donations, prepared bid sheets, and worked throughout the day at both auctions.

- Dean Moos and his assistant, Ardyce, of North Star Auction & Appraisal of Mandan, who donated their services as auctioneer and clerk for the live auction.
- Cheryl Bailey of Welder Library and Kathy Thomas of NDSU Libraries, who coordinated conference registration activities, and the many individuals at the registration table who collected auction donations as they arrived.

ALA Annual Conference Held in Toronto

By Phyllis Bratton, ALA Councilor

The American Library Association met with the Canadian Library Association in June in Toronto for a wonderful pooling of speakers and programs. Despite fears of the SARS virus, attendance was good and librarians from the US enjoyed the warm Canadian hospitality, great food, and chance to discuss common problems with our neighbors across the border. Many of us hope that there will be another conference in Toronto in the near future!

Although the conference started off with the attendees in high spirits, rumors began to circulate that all was not going well with the CIPA lawsuit before the Supreme Court. When the news was announced that the Court had upheld the constitutionality of the law, a wave of depression and dismay swept through the meetings, as librarians tried to grapple with the implications for their libraries and the leadership of ALA reviewed the decision and responded. Part of the confusion was caused by Theodore Olson's claim that any adult could ask to have filtering on the terminal s/he was using turned off at any time; although this is not what the law states, two of the justices upheld it on those grounds. ALA is now working to provide guidelines for librarians; see www.ala.org/cipa for resources.

The ALA website revision has caused many problems for users and the complaints about it were loud and angry. Many librarians feel that the website is a poor example of the work of information professionals. A committee was formed to list the problems, set up deadlines for dealing with them, and work with the vendor to make sure that the revisions are completed correctly.

Council passed a number of resolutions. One deplored the destruction of Iraqi libraries, museums, and cultural sites during the American and British invasion and called upon

the two countries to provide funds and expertise to help restore them. Another resolution called upon state governors, school boards, and others to support school libraries and librarians and stressed their importance to the proper education of children. Council also passed the bylaws for the new Allied Professional Association, allowing the search for a director to start and the work of the APA in support of librarians to get underway.

A number of issues were revisited. The Board had received a report on socially responsible investing and had decided not to pursue this course of investing the Association's funds. This upset many councilors and the matter was referred for further study. The effort to establish a set of core values, which has already worn out two task forces, was referred to a committee which will ask the membership to identify what these should be. And the subject of the Cuban "librarians" who were arrested, tried, and sent to prison for 27 years was thoroughly discussed. Many councilors felt that these people were not really librarians, as they had no training or library programs and their collections consisted entirely of materials supplied by the US under the Helms-Burton Act, advocating the overthrow of the Cuban government. Council referred the matter to a committee to investigate whether their human rights had been violated by the arrest and sentencing.

The conference was not all work. There were many interesting speakers and programs, the exhibits were both informative and fun, and the Newbery/Caldecott Awards dinner was a high point of the trip. I strongly urge all NDLA members who can manage it to go to an annual conference – it is a great way to recharge your interest, get in touch with national and international issues, find solutions to problems, and energize your outlook!

Adams County Library Sponsors Amy Mossett Appearance

By La Dean Moen, Adams County Library Director

The Dr. Donald and Helene Marion Memorial Fund enabled Adams County Library to fund a presentation by Sacagawea interpreter, Amy Mossett of New Town. One of the fund's stated purposes is to support studies of minorities and women of leadership, both traits of this famous Native American woman who became part of the now-celebrated Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Yellowstone Trail Consortium (Rhame, Bowman, Scranton, Hettinger) school children, grades K-6, were invited to an October 29 appearance by Mossett and Hettinger's own

storyteller, Ceil Anne Clement. Mossett told about the expedition through the eyes of Sacagawea while Clement's presentation focused on Seaman, the black Newfoundland dog who was part of the long and dangerous journey.

Adults and students in grades 7-12 of the Yellowstone Trail communities were invited to an evening performance held in the Roberts-Reinke Gymnasium. Hettinger High School's Future Business Leaders of America chapter helped promote the program.

Browsing in the Cyberstacks

Compiled by Jeanne Narum, Editorial Committee Member

www.elderwisdomcircle.org -

A non-profit organization with a mission to share elder know-how and accumulated experience, Elder Wisdom Circle is a



nationwide network comprised of volunteer seniors between 60-97 years young. The elders represent a richly diverse patchwork of life experience and wisdom. The network will help with any problem and its service is quick and totally confidential.

www.indo.com/distance - This website was formally accessed by *www.howfarisit.com* and has links to Expedia and Travelocity. However, the best feature of this site is its ability to give the customer the shortest distance between two cities. Enter any two cities in the world and the distance between the two is measured in miles, kilometers, and nautical miles as the crow flies. The calculator is on a site that, of all things, advertises travel to Bali and Indonesia.

www.amuseum.org/jahf - A Civil War hero who won the Medal of Honor for valor in the Wilderness campaign has been remembered with medals marking his entry into the Jewish-American Hall of Fame. Leopold Karpeles, born in Prague but raised in Texas, joined the Union Army because of his hatred of slavery. The Hall of Fame medal, by sculptor Alex Shagin, depicts a uni-

formed Karpeles with the flag. Karpeles joins Albert Einstein, Jonas Salk, and George Gershwin, among others, in this cyberspace hall of fame.

www.americaonthemove.org - This non-profit organization promotes healthy eating and active living by encouraging participants to walk an extra 2000 steps a day. Sponsored by General Mills, Coca-Cola, Kraft Foods, and Proctor and Gamble, this program's message comes from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute and *www.nutrition.gov*. Register for a free monthly newsletter on healthy eating and active living, be able to log your progress online, redeem special offers, and be eligible for incentives and contests.

www.familiesandwork.org - Families



and Work Institute (FWI) is a non-profit center for research that provides data to inform decision-making on the changing workplace, changing family and changing community. Founded in 1989, FWI's research typically takes on emerging issues before they crest. The Institute often changes the language of debates to

move the discussion forward. Many FWI research projects are noted for their innovative designs as well as for their far-reaching impact and results. FWI offers some of the most comprehensive research on the U.S. workforce available. This year, the Institute will release the 2002 National Study of the Changing Workforce, allowing corporate and policy leaders to compare the circumstances of working Americans over the past 25 years. *Feeling Overworked: When Work Becomes Too Much* has continued to generate news since its 2001 publication. Also, check out the Fatherhood Project on this site.

www.goes.noaa.gov - Weather satellites are a meteorologist's best friend. Become a weather expert yourself by checking out this site operated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's CoastWatch Program. It provides infrared images that indicate areas of colder weather. Water vapor images reflect areas of moisture. The tropical Atlantic/Pacific images help track signs of approaching severe weather. This government site is also sponsored by the National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service.

http://FactMonster.com - This easy-to-navigate site looks like it should be linked to a library homepage. It includes an almanac, atlas, dictionary and encyclopedia. FactMonster also provides conversion calculators, fun learning games, homework areas

categorized by subject, daily spelling bees and work quizzes, and more. Bookmark it for kid reference questions.

www.nefe.org - The National Endowment for Financial Education is a foundation partnership for the financial well-being of the public. It provides education programs for high school financial planning and literacy awards, collaborative programming for youth and special situations, and research strategies and a grant program through innovative thinking. This website also provides resources

for consumers by way of multi-media access. The endowment is a “culmination of more than a quarter-century of dedication to the public good. “Today, this legacy of service continues with NEFE’s unwavering commitment to providing, through its collaborations with others, financial education and “real world” information to people at all societal levels. It is NEFE’s strong conviction that, through an increased understanding of personal financial issues, all Americans can enjoy better, more secure, and more satisfying lives.”

www.shrm.org - Produced by the Society for Human Resource Management, this website is dedicated to promoting the mission of the society – to serve the needs of human resource professionals by providing the most essential and comprehensive resources available. Chats, webcasts, and bulletin boards are available. Also, information about scholarships, position papers, and speakers bureaus can be located here. Find out about human resource careers and the monthly magazine, *HR*. This is an excellent site for both library customers and library personnel.

Canoe Kudos

Compiled by Jeanne Narum, Professional Development Committee Chair

Presented to **Marilyn Johnson**

Sponsored by **Marlene Anderson**

Marilyn Johnson of the Legislative Council Library is the latest recipient of the Canoe Kudos award. She has devoted many years of service to NDLA, serving as President in 1999-2000 and most recently as Co-Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee. In her nomination, Marlene Anderson wrote: “Marilyn Johnson has sparkle, enthusiasm, wit, and the ability to get things done. All of these qualities have been especially evident during your past two years of service as Co-Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee. Kudos to you, Marilyn, for a job well done. You get my vote!”

Canoe Kudos



Nomination Form

NDLA has a vehicle for recognizing individuals who have shown support or done something special for libraries, or for those who do a wonderful job of making your day at the library.

Any member of NDLA can honor a deserving individual by submitting this nomination form along with a \$10 donation to the Professional Development Grant Fund. NDLA will present the honoree with a Canoe Kudos pin and, if appropriate, submit a press release to the local newspaper. Canoe Kudos honorees will also be listed in *The Good Stuff*. You may buy or receive more than one pin.

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ODIN Migration to ALEPH Software Underway

By Tony Stukel, Director, ODIN

The ODIN migration to new library system software from Ex Libris USA Inc., called ALEPH, is well underway. In March, representatives from Ex Libris met with the ODIN2 implementation team, representatives from ODIN libraries, and ODIN staff to introduce ALEPH concepts, discuss ODIN consortia requirements, and develop a project plan.

The ODIN2 implementation team, made up of representatives from various types of libraries, including academic, public, school, and state agencies, is taking a lead role in the project. ODIN2 library team members are: Edie Discher, Fargo Public Library; Darlene Fairaizl, Mandan Public Schools; Jane la Plante, Minot State University; Deb Saylor, NDSU Libraries; Todd Bodvig, ND State Library; Stan Johnson and Shelby Harken, UND Chester Fritz Library; and Donna James, Valley City State University Library. The team members fill an important lead role in the planning and testing phases of the project. They bring expertise in different functional areas of library work and also represent different types of ODIN libraries.

In addition to the library representatives, the ODIN2 team includes a number of central support staff directly involved in the project. Those members are Virginia Millette and Ellen Kotrba of ODIN, and Lynn Wolf, Nadine Kotowicz, Dennis Cutshall, and Grant Erickson of UND Information Technology Systems and Services. These team members are responsible for central operations of the ODIN system, such as providing help and training to ODIN libraries and operating the

ODIN system's central servers.

Eight planning/training sessions have been held since March. The first one, already mentioned, was a planning session and first introduction to ALEPH system concepts. The subsequent sessions have given team members an understanding of how the system works and have been an opportunity to give Ex Libris an understanding of what ODIN libraries expect from the system. This exchange has been necessary to understand how we need to implement the system to best serve ODIN libraries.

The second session, "Systems Librarian" training, introduced the team to the layout of the tables that define ALEPH software behavior and many of the options possible for the configuration of ODIN libraries. The team learned to use the ALEPH staff client and the basics of how to configure it for distribution to ODIN libraries. In this session many central site maintenance functions were demonstrated and explained to the entire team to provide a better basis of understanding for the libraries of what was behind the functional parts of the software.

In April the ODIN2 team received training in acquisitions and serials control, June saw circulation training, and in August, the central site members of the ODIN2 team were trained in areas related to central site operations, covering such things as the operating system configuration, Oracle database configuration, and backup and restore options. Several ODIN staff traveled to Spearfish, South Dakota in September to train with SDLN staff on web OPAC customiza-

tion and printing. The end of October saw the full team meeting again. This time it was their first introduction to the version 16 ALEPH staff client. Cataloging training was the primary topic. In addition, the acquisitions and serials modules were reviewed because of significant changes in those modules in version 16. As expected, acquisitions and serials looked very different (and better) in version 16. The focus of the November session was on circulation, acquisition and serials setup, printing issues and options, and conversion issues.

Between training sessions, work has been going on since April to test data conversion. The conversion testing process involved seven libraries through the end of October. Those libraries were Chester Fritz Library at UND, Fargo Public Library, Mandan School Libraries, North Dakota State Library, Minot State University, Leach Public (Wahpeton), and Carrington Schools. In late October the ODIN staff began the process of contacting all ODIN libraries to begin work on conversion.

Planning for training ODIN libraries is beginning to take shape and the general concepts were discussed at the ODIN Advisory Council meeting in early October. ODIN user groups can expect to play an important role in preparing for training in the use of ODIN's ALEPH software. The training of ODIN libraries should start early in 2004. The actual change from using the current PALS system to using the new ALEPH software is scheduled to happen in July of 2004.

North Dakotans Graduate from UNT Program

By Kelly Steckler, Mandan Public Library

Four North Dakota students earned their master's degrees from the University of North Texas School of Library and Information Sciences in August. They were the second cohort to graduate from the program. The School is committed to the cohort approach because of the structure and community that it provides. Distance education instills three important qualities needed within librarianship. They are: teamwork, leadership skills, and technological skills.

Cohort classes were limited to 40 students who began together in the fall of 2001. On-site instruction included two four-day institutes held at the Holiday Inn Metrodome and the University of Minnesota Law Library with the remainder of the instruction delivered online. Students were required to take the same classes throughout the first year. During the second year, they were allowed to branch off in their electives. Students earn a master's in library or information science. Additional certificates may be earned, such as the youth academic certificate or management certificate. The program is available to persons in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, and Wisconsin.

"The UNT program was a terrific method for us to earn an accredited degree while managing a busy life and career. Dr. Turner and his staff were helpful in making this program a success," says Kelly Steckler. The University of North Texas School of Library and Information Sciences has a long history of providing high-

quality programs at sites that are often many miles from the home campus in Denton. In receiving its current accreditation renewal by the American Library Association, the Committee on Accreditation commended the School for its outreach efforts.



Pictured L-R (back): Kathy Vander Vorst, Bismarck Public Library; Dean Turner, University of North Texas; Suzzanne Malard Fuchs, formerly from Bismarck, now in Hutchinson, MN; Charlene Weis, United Tribes Technical College Library; (front) Kelly Steckler, Mandan Public Library

Chester Fritz Library and UND Student Government Establish Popular Reading Collection

Submitted by Wilbur Stolt, Director, Chester Fritz Library

Editor's note: Although this story was submitted for the March issue, space did not allow printing it until now. We apologize for the delay.

The Chester Fritz Library with the support of the Student Government has established a new Popular Reading Collection offering the best in modern fiction and biography. The collection is funded through a special allocation from the 2001-02 Student Government. The idea for the collection was developed by Student Senator, Nick Wangler, who authored a bill in the Student Senate to allocate funding for the acquisition of novels for recreational reading. \$15,000 was given to the Library to establish the collection.

The purpose of the collection is to provide literature not associated with a particular academic program, but of interest to recreational reading interests. The Library has targeted the best in modern fiction including award winners from many genres including mystery, Western, science fiction, romance, and biography. Library bibliographers are

reviewing many notable book and best seller lists, current press releases and special interest information when selecting books for the collection. They are ordering books throughout the year and the collection is expected to grow to over 600 books by the end of the 2003 Spring Semester. Wilbur Stolt expressed his appreciation to the Student Government for supporting this collection of books. "It is a wonderful supplement to the Library's research collections." Additional novels and biographies given as gifts to the Library will also be added to the collection in the future.

Information about individual books in the collection is available through the Library's online catalog. The books are located on new shelving recently installed in the Reading Room. They may be previewed in the Reading Room and checked out for personal use.

The Popular Reading Collection was dedicated by members of the UND Student Government and library staff at a ceremony in the Chester Fritz Library Reading Room on November 22, 2002.

TechTips & More

Compiled by Karen Anderson, Editorial Committee Member

This time I am sharing a few of my own tips as well as tips from Shari Sandwick and Mary Markland. Thank you, Shari and Mary!

PDA (Personal Digital Assistant) Wireless Keyboards

My first tip is about keyboards for PDAs. If you are planning to buy one, you may wish to consider a wireless keyboard because they can work with many types of handhelds vs. a keyboard that is specifically made for a certain kind of PDA. I have a Visor Pro and recently acquired a Sony Clie SJ33. Unfortunately, I found that the keyboard for the Visor Pro didn't work with the Sony Clie because the slot for the keyboard wasn't the same for both models. Because a wireless keyboard doesn't need to fit into a slot, it will work with many different kinds of handhelds. All you need to do is check the information on the keyboard to make sure it will work with your handheld. I have a Targus wireless keyboard, which does work with both of my handhelds. I hope it will also work with future purchases so I don't have to buy one for each new device.

By the way, if you have a handheld but no keyboard, you may wish to buy one. They are really nice for taking notes in meetings and working while waiting in places like doctor's offices. If you have a word processing program like Wordsmith or Word to Go, you can type and edit documents, and after syncing with your computer, open and work with them in Microsoft Word on your computer. This saves me a lot of time when I am in meetings because I can type faster than I can write, store the information, and later edit without having to copy from a piece of paper.

Weatherbug

WeatherBug is a very nice, free program that you can download to your computer. It gives you live neighborhood weather, forecasts, and cur-



rent weather conditions, including weather alerts. Go to <http://www.weatherbug.com/> to download WeatherBug. Once installed, it will put a small ladybug on your taskbar. After you have connected to the Internet, the bug will disappear and be replaced by the current temperature of the city you have configured it for. You can also click to get the temperature, forecast, alerts, and other information. If you are going out of town, you can click on the travel menu to get your destination's weather.

Saving Microsoft Office XP Files Automatically

Did you know you can set your Word documents to save automatically after a specified number of minutes? All you need to do is:

1. Choose **TOOLS**, then **OPTIONS**.
2. Click the **SAVE** tab. You'll see the Save AutoRecover Info check box. Put a checkmark in the box.
3. Click the up/down arrows in the box next to **MINUTES** to specify the number of minutes you want to wait before saving your document information automatically.
4. Click **OK**.

I recommend that you save as you normally do even when using this, but if you do forget to save, at least you will have some backup.

Tips from Our Readers

Windows Tip: Change Desktop Icon Size

A Tip from Shari Sandwick, North Dakota State Library

If your desktop icons are too big or too hard to see (for you or your patrons), use this tip to quickly change their size.

Right-click an empty area of your desktop and choose **PROPERTIES**. Open the **APPEARANCE** tab. Find **ICON** in the item drop-down menu. Change the size and press **APPLY** to see how your icons will

look. Don't be afraid to repeat this step and experiment with different sizes. When you're satisfied with your icon size, hit OK. I use this with my Mom who has bifocals. She really appreciates it!

Karen's Note: This handy tip may work differently with different operating systems. When I tried it with Windows 95 and Windows 98, it worked with the above directions. When using XP, after opening the **APPEARANCE** tab, click on **ADVANCED**, then choose **ICON** from the dropdown box, and then click on **OK**.

Color Coding Files

A Tip from Mary Markland, UND SW Clinical Campus Librarian

I confess. I am a hoarder of paper so I need all the help I can get to stay organized. When my files started expanding beyond one drawer in my desk many years ago, I decided I needed a better way to arrange them than alphabetically. I created broad subcategories that would be further identified by the color of the hanging file folder. Hanging file folders come in an amazing rainbow of colors these days and I take full advantage of the choices. My computer subcategory is yellow, instruction is green, reference is dark blue, personnel is light blue, organizations are red, collection development is purple, etc. I keep my subcategories together but they could all be interfiled. I use colored file folder labels and colored regular files, too, for storing those pieces of paper that still lurk on my desk. My newest office store purchases are the pens that come in all sorts of colors. What can I say, I am addicted to color.....

TechTips & More is a column that lists tips about technology (TechTips) or something else that our readers do in the library that makes their lives a little easier or more efficient (More). Please submit your tips to: Karen Anderson at: karen_anderson@und.nodak.edu

Read North Dakota: Top 40

A request from Lynn Severson, Associate Professor of English, Bismarck State College

Editor's note: Lynn Severson teaches English at Bismarck State College and has done so for more than 20 years. She is one of those "kids" who left the state for her education and came back because she loves living in North Dakota. Recently, Lynn has emphasized the Missouri River in her courses and thinks we need to learn more about ourselves in order to pursue happiness on the Buffalo Commons and keep our young people in North Dakota. One way to do that is through exploring the literature of our region.

Greetings NDLA members! At your recent conference, I was graciously given time to pitch an idea to create fiction and non-fiction lists of quality books every North Dakotan must read, then spread the word about these books. While many lists already exist or can be found through database searches (for example, an ODIN search for "North Dakota author" brings up a great list), what is lacking in many of these lists or searches are ratings for quality.

I spoke with State Librarian Doris Ott about this problem. The State Library is willing to create a link to such a list on their web page if one were created by another group. To help make this a reality, I am sending letters to well-read North Dakotans, whom I know, asking them to send me their suggestions. I would like to invite NDLA members to do the same. In addition, if you know others who would be willing to contribute lists, let me know or share this article with them. I will be happy to credit contributors, if they so wish.

I am interested in compiling three lists:

- Top 40 Fiction for Adults
- Top 40 Non-fiction for Adults
- Top 40 for Kids (with three sub-categories K-6, junior high, senior high)

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using these criteria:

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I look forward to hearing from you! Please send your recommendations to:

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Good Stuff from Around the State

Compiled by Marlene Anderson, Editorial Committee Member

Big things are on the horizon at the **Dickinson Public Library** with plans in the works to create a 13,000-square-foot addition. The proposed addition will feature open spaces suitable for a variety of uses, including more space for materials that are currently in storage, informal seating areas, technology areas, an expanded staff work space, a Friends of the Library bookstore, a small coffee shop, and garage space for the bookmobile. The Library Foundation plans to fund the project with endowment funds.

Dickinson State University's Latte and Literature book discussion series kicked off the 2003-2004 season with a discussion of *Bowling Alone: the Collapse and Revival of American Community* by Robert Putnam. Brian Hall's *I Should Be Extremely Happy in Your Company: a Novel of Lewis and Clark* was discussed on October 15 and a discussion of *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant is scheduled on December 9. Latte and Literature discussions are held at the **Stoxen Library**, are free and open to the public, and complement the Heart River Writer's Circle series. On November 3, Tracy Potter, author of *Sheheke: Mandan Indian Diplomat: the Story of White Coyote, Thomas Jefferson, and Lewis and Clark*, gave a presentation at Klinefelter Hall to kick off the Heart River series. The follow-up book discussion was held on November 25.

The **Fargo Public Library** and Job Service North Dakota have teamed up to offer a popular series of free computer classes for adults. Job

Service provides instructors to teach three-hour classes in the library's computer lab. Class registration is handled by the library's reference staff. Two classes are available to the community each month. Classes are geared toward new computer users and cover computer terminology, basic commands, mouse maneuvers and more. The partnership has been in place since August and is proving very successful.

The talents of musicians in the Fargo-Moorhead area were showcased during a concert series at the **Fargo Public Library** in October. The free Sunday afternoon performances featured a variety of music, including a Latin jazz quintet. An average of 65 people attended each concert.

The **Fargo Public Library** hosted its first-ever teen Open Mic Night and Poetry Slam for teens in late October. Nearly three dozen people attended the Wednesday evening event. The slam was held in conjunction with the library's Teen Read Week celebration. The library also teamed up with local poet Kevin Zepper to offer a Performance Poetry Workshop for teens.

In celebration of the one-year anniversary of the Southpointe Branch, the **Fargo Public Library** and the Friends of the Library hosted a storytelling gala at the branch. The all-day event featured storyteller Mary Helen Pelton of Deer River, Minn. Southpointe officially opened on Aug. 6, 2002. More than 50,000 visitors passed through the branch in

its first year, including more than 9,000 during the month of July.

In August, the **Fargo Public Library** board decided to revoke its management contract with Library Systems & Services, Inc. (LSSI). The LSSI contract officially ended on November 1. Officials are looking at ways to lower costs, including possibly cutting library hours and book and magazine budgets.

The new **Lake Region Public Library** is starting to take form. The brick work on the outside of the building has been completed and workers are now focusing on interior spaces. Fundraising continues and many local organizations have contributed money for new furnishings and other needs. Director Jim Chatten expects to close the current Carnegie Library building in late November, then reopen in the new space in mid-December.

After an extensive remodeling project which began on May 12, the **Lisbon Public Library** reopened on November 3. Changes included asbestos removal, installation of a ramp and lift, new energy efficient windows, a new heating system, two new handicapped-accessible bathrooms, remodeling to bring the building up to fire and building code standards, and landscaping.

For most of us, "library school" conjures up images of earning an MLS degree. But for some Mandan students, "library school" means spending out-of-school suspension time at the **Mandan Public Library**, which

provides a relaxed and pleasant atmosphere ideal for tutoring and learning. The Mandan Police Department's Youth Services Division started the grant-funded program last spring. The focus is on keeping students caught up on their homework and not rewarding them for bad behavior. Instead of sitting home and doing nothing, students who receive out-of-school suspensions are doing schoolwork with tutors. Although there are still some bugs to work out, teachers, parents, library staff, and students have been receptive and supportive.

The Palmer family held a rummage sale on October 11 and donated more than \$500 to the **Minnewaukan Library** in memory of Walter and Ella Palmer. Walter was an auctioneer and also served several terms as sheriff. Ella was a longtime employee at the Benson County Courthouse.

The library at **North Hill Elementary School** in Minot was the place to be on Halloween. School librarian Carlotta Goldade, with the help of her son, carved and decorated more than 30 jack o'lanterns to decorate the library!

Participants of the Governor's Summer Reading Program celebrated their efforts with a party at the **North Dakota State Library** in August. The students who took part are active in the State Library Talking Book Program and use talking books or Braille books to fulfill their reading requirements. Forty-one students signed up for this year's program, Laugh it up at Your Library. State Library staff entertained the readers with their renditions of Robert Munsch's books,

Andrew's Loose Tooth and *Zoom*. The participants also attended a small carnival complete with a duck pond, grab bags, and prizes.

In October students at North Dakota State University agreed to charge themselves 83 cents per credit hour, up to 12 credit hours, to help support the library. The fee, which needs to be approved by President Joseph Chapman, will generate about \$120,000 per semester. The University Senate has also called upon administrators to address the "dramatic under funding" of **NDSU Libraries**.

Congratulations to the **Tioga Community Library**, which celebrated its tenth anniversary with an open house on September 12! The former county library doubled as a school resource library, but had little space and a poor heating system when city, school district, and county officials got together to find a way to improve library service for the citizens and students of the Tioga area. The library was then moved to the Central Elementary School building and is under the direction of an advisory board. Dorothy Placek serves as librarian.

The **Valley City Barnes County Public Library** officially celebrated its 100th anniversary with an open house and tours on Sunday, October 5. The library got its start when the Tuesday Club

formed an alliance to build a public library. The library fund began with 10 cents in April 1898. After several years of effort, the library became a reality and a formal dedication was hosted by the Tuesday Club on October 5, 1903. The library building is listed in the National Historic Register.

The Chocolate, Chocolate Day and Book Fair was held at the **Valley City Barnes County Public Library** on November 15. Proceeds from the fundraiser benefited the children's collection.

The **West Fargo Public Library** is converting from the card catalog to an online system. A \$58,000 grant from the North Dakota State Library made the conversion possible.

A \$300 donation from the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and the Family Crisis Shelter will be used to purchase books on teen dating violence and relationships for the **Williston Community Library**.



VCSU Course Offering

Valley City State University is offering a distance education course during Spring Semester 2004. LMIS 430 – Administration of the School Library Media Center starts on January 13 and ends on May 4, 2004. The three-credit course meets via IVN, Tuesday evenings from 7-9:50p.m. Students can register anytime up to and including the first class, but are encouraged to register early so VCSU will know how many students there will be and where they will be located.

Transitions

Compiled by Marlene Anderson, Editorial Committee Member

Katrina Beaudoin is a new member of the Grand Forks Public Library reference staff. She transferred from the Dickinson Public Library in the summer of 2003 to attend UND where she is a Junior/Senior English major. Katrina enjoys being able to work in another library within the state of North Dakota and hopes to pursue her master's degree in Library Science late next year.

Richard Fulinara has joined the staff of Altru Medical Library at Altru Hospital in Grand Forks as the new Library Associate

Kwangsoo Han was appointed Web Services Librarian for the Chester Fritz Library at UND on September 1. Kwangsoo received his library degree at the University of Illinois and worked on a number of web projects while there. In his position, he will work in the Reference and Research Services Department and the Library Systems Department.

Stan Johnson was appointed Manager of Access Services beginning August 19. Stan worked many years as Manager of Acquisitions at UND's Chester Fritz Library and will apply his talents to the Access Services Department, which includes Circulation, Reserves, Interlibrary Loan and Inventory Control.

Cathy Langemo, NDLA Executive Secretary, has been recognized for her latest book, *Images of America: Bismarck, North Dakota*. Cathy was awarded the the G.K. Haukebo Heritage Resource Award by the Heritage Education Commission at Minnesota State University-Moorhead in October. The award recognizes projects that assist family history researchers in locating genealogical materials or in expanding their research skills.

One library's loss is another library's gain! **Liz Mason** began as Technical Services Librarian at Bismarck State College on September 2. Prior to moving to Bismarck, Liz was Head of Technical Services and Acquisitions at NDSU Libraries in Fargo.

Paulette Nelson, who has served as Children's Librarian at Minot Public Library since 1979, was featured in the Prairie Profile column in the November 3 issue of the *Minot Daily News*. Prairie Profile is a weekly feature about interesting people in the region.

Al Peterson, Head of Public Services and Training at the North Dakota State Library, and **Jeanne Narum**, Circulation Supervisor at Minot Public Library, were selected to attend the MPLA Leadership Institute at Ghost Ranch, New Mexico in November. In cooperation with EBSCO Information Services and the Mountain Plains Library Association, NDLA awarded Peterson and Narum funding to attend. The Institute helps librarians develop their leadership skills and use what they learn to develop their full career potential. Nationally-known facilitator Maureen Sullivan led the Institute, which included training in interpersonal communication, risk taking, organizational change, and development.

Stuart Rieke has joined the reference staff at the Grand Forks Public Library. He previously worked under Connie Strand at the University of North Dakota Health Sciences Library. Stuart is pursuing a Master's degree in English at UND and is engaged to be married in August. He also plays jazz fingerstyle guitar and writes.

Mary Rixen was appointed Librarian at Q&R Medcenter One Health Sciences Library in Bismarck on October 27, 2003. She will assist in

reference, circulation, technical processing, and serials management.

The North Dakota Library Association awarded a Professional Development grant to **Shari Sandwick**. Sandwick was chosen for the award after submitting a narrative statement about how her class instruction will assist her in her current position as Head of Document Delivery Services at the North Dakota State Library. Sandwick was recently accepted into the University of North Texas School of Library and Information Sciences program to pursue her Master of Library Science degree.

Congratulations to **Rhonda Schwartz**, Assistant Director and Head of Public Services at Thormodsgard Law Library, who recently completed her doctoral degree in Educational Leadership with an emphasis on higher education at UND. Schwartz earned a BA in English Literature from the University of Cincinnati, an MLS from the University of Pittsburgh, and a JD from the University of North Dakota. She teaches Advanced Legal Research at the School of Law.

The Fargo Public Library welcomes **Erin Smith** as a new librarian in Youth Services. Erin is originally from Richville, Minnesota. She attended Minnesota State University-Moorhead (formerly Moorhead State University) for her English education degree, then obtained a Master of Library Science degree at Clarion University in Pennsylvania. Erin previously worked for the Moorhead Public Library and also completed a summer internship with the public library in Duluth before moving to Fargo. Erin, who was hired in August 2003, has already organized a performance poetry workshop and poetry slam for teens. In addition, she has perfected the art of library tours.

North Dakota in Print

Compiled by Marlene Anderson, Editorial Committee Member

America's Land of Tranquility: Visions of the Secret Beauty of North Dakota

(\$40, 176 p., hardcover) was released on November 15.

With text by **Robin Silverman** and images by **Steve Silverman**, the book includes 85 full-color landscape photographs with descriptions of every location and maps. The Grand Forks authors wanted to "give people the experience of asking themselves how it feels to be a North Dakotan." The book is available at Pride of Dakota shows or online at www.stevesilvermanimaging.com



Rosemary Sperle of the North Dakota Supreme Court Law Library has penned *Biographical Sketches of the North Dakota District Court Judges* (63 p.). The book was edited by **Ted Smith**, also of the Supreme Court Law Library. For more information, contact: North Dakota Supreme Court Law Library, 600 E. Boulevard Avenue - Dept. 182, Judicial Wing - Second Floor, Bismarck, ND 58505-0540; (701) 328-2229 or (701) 328-3609 (fax); tsmith@ndcourts.com

The new edition of *Butterflies of North Dakota* (\$40, 192 p., cloth-bound) by **Ronald Alan Royer** is now available. The book features 700+ color images and 148 distribution maps. For complete ordering information, call the Minot State University Bookstore at 1-800-777-0750, ext. 3390.

The Central Dakota Birding Drive, featuring the wild lands and birds surrounding the communities of Drake,

Anamoose, Butte, Balfour, and Karlsruhe, is hot off the press. The booklet was developed by **Paul Konrad** and describes, illustrates, and maps three easy-to-follow routes. Simple maps help users navigate along the routes, and provide information about where to go, how to get there, and the birds that can be expected to be seen in season. For a free copy, write the Quad County Economic Development Corporation at P.O. Box 175, Drake, ND 58736; call 701 465-3825; or e-mail birding@centraldakotabirdingdrive.com

Eat, Drink & Remarry (\$12.95, 84 p., pbk.) is a second compilation of poetry by **Lynne D. Richard Larson**, who also penned *Damsel in a Dress* (\$12.95, 86 p., pbk.). Larson is a Bottineau, North Dakota native now living in Fargo. Her books are available online from McCleery & Sons at www.mccleerypublishing.com or amazon.com

Florence: the True Story of a Country Schoolteacher in Minnesota and North Dakota (\$15, 335 p., softcover) by **Audrey K. Wendland** tells about the life of Florence Thompson, the author's mother, who taught school in the early 1900s in the Bowman County area. The book is available at the Pioneer Trails Regional Museum in Bowman or directly from the author. For more information, visit the web site at awendland.com

Janice Credit Houska of Grafton has written a book about her son, Matthew, who has Down syndrome. *For the Love of Matthew: Growing Up with Down Syndrome* (\$16.95, 192 p., softcover) traces Matthew's life and accomplishments from his

birth in 1985 until now. The book was published by Trafford Publishing and is available from local bookstores and online booksellers.

From Graystone to Tombstone: Memories of My Father Engolf Snortland, 1908-1976 by Roger Snortland (\$16.95, 168 p., pbk.) is available online from McCleery & Sons Publishing at www.mccleerypublishing.com Regional history and true crime come together in this book about a father's criminal past and a mystery in the small town of Tolna in the 1930s.

The community of **Garrison** is planning a centennial history book and seeks family histories, stories about early, former, and present businesses, histories of community organizations, and photographs. Materials can be hand-delivered or mailed to the Garrison Library, PO Box 67, Garrison, ND 58540. The deadline for submitting materials is April 1, 2004. A hardcover book of approximately 400 pages is planned and should be available prior to the centennial celebration, July 1-4, 2005. For orders received before April 1, 2004, a \$30 pre-publication price (plus shipping) is being offered. After that, the price will be \$35 (plus shipping).

Tom Clifford, former UND President, and **Dr. Robert Eelkema**, Professor Emeritus of Community Medicine, with journalist **Patrick A. McGuire**, have penned *Good Medicine: How Wit and Guile Saved the School of Medicine at the University of North Dakota* (\$27.95, 302 p.). Clifford and Eelkema recount the history of establishing a four-year medical school at UND in Grand Forks in the early 1970s. The book is available from

local booksellers or online from www.cliffelkpress.com or barnesandnoble.com

Here's to the Ladies: Stories of the Frontier Army (\$17.50, 259 p., pbk.) is a collection of short stories about women who traveled with the frontier armies. Valley City author **Carla Kelly** penned the book, which was recently published by Texas Christian University Press. It is available from local booksellers and online at amazon.com

I Want One Too! (\$16.95 hardcover; \$9.95, pbk.) is "a book for all siblings – big or little." Three-year-old Megan wants to do everything her big brother does, but he is getting very tired of her copycat ways. Author **Brenda Ehrmantraut** of Jamestown has published and is marketing the book through her own company, Bubble Gum Press. The book is available from local booksellers or online at www.bubblegumpress.net

Three Prairie Public Television productions have been awarded 2003 Aurora Awards. **Prairie Crosses, Prairie Voices: Iron Crosses of the Great Plains** was awarded the Platinum Best of Show Award in the Documentary-Cultural category. **Lewis and Clark Pathways** and **Fort Buford-Splendid Isolation** both received Gold Awards in the Documentary-Historical Event category. **Prairie Crosses** was produced by PPTV and NDSU Libraries, Fargo. The prestigious Aurora Awards recognize excellence in meaningful programming broadcast on non-commercial outlets, including cable and public television. The Best of Show is the highest honor given.

The commemoration of the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition has inspired a board game, **Lewis and Clark Observer** [sic]. The game is an approved Pride of Dakota Product and was developed by **Toni**

Hoff of Beulah. In the game, designed for six players, ages 8 to adult, players step back in time and follow the Lewis and Clark trail. To win, players must collect different animal, plant, and bird cards while experiencing both troubles and good times on the trail. The game sells for \$37.50 and is available directly from Hoff, at shops in Medora, or from the Missouri Historical Society in St. Louis. For more information, contact Toni Hoff at 733 Chaffee Row, Beulah ND 58523-6827; 701-873-2314.

Dr. Edward Keller has penned and self-published the second of his books in the Early Dakota Prairie Series. **My First Grade, 1932** (\$19.95, 56 p., hardcover) tells the story of Dr. Keller's first grade year in a one-room school near Strasburg, North Dakota. Illustrated by David Christy, the book joins the first book in the series, *My Mother's Apron*. For more information about this book and others by Dr. Keller, visit the web site at www.lasercrafts.com

The **2003-2005 North Dakota Blue Book** (\$20, 600+ pages) was unveiled in a ceremony at the state Capitol on October 23. In addition to the usual information about the state and its officials, the 25th edition features artists, poets, and writers of North Dakota, including essays by 26 writers who tell why they make North Dakota their home. The traditional blue cover has also been replaced by a photo of sunflowers with a prairie church in the background. The book is available from the Museum Store, North Dakota Heritage Center, 612 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58505-0830; 701-328-2666.

The North Dakota State Constitution: a Reference Guide (\$74.95, 264 p., hardcover) by **James E. Leahy**, a North Dakota attorney, is a comprehensive and authoritative work on North Dakota's constitution. Part of the Reference Guides to the

State Constitutions of the United States series, the book was published in May by Praeger.

The **Germans from Russia Heritage Collection**, NDSU Libraries has published a new cookbook, **Sharing Our Best Recipes** (\$20, 239 p., softcover), with recipes contributed by members and friends of the United Methodist Church, Medina and Tappen, North Dakota. The cookbook includes many original ethnic German-Russian recipes. To order a copy, send \$20 plus \$3 postage (payable to NDSU Library) to: Germans from Russia Heritage Collection, Sharing Our Best Recipes Cookbook, NDSU Libraries, PO Box 5599, Fargo, ND 68105-5599. To order online, go to: www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/grhc/order/cookbooks/sharing.html

Tales and Memories of Western North Dakota: Prairie Tales & True Stories of 20th Century Rural Life (\$14.95, 172 p., pbk.) by **Steve Taylor** is a memoir of life on a farm near Jamestown. The book is available at local booksellers or online from www.mccleerypublishing.com or www.amazon.com

UND Discovery is the title of a new university research magazine "highlighting investigations and creative work by the faculty, staff, and students of the University of North Dakota." The inaugural issue of the magazine is available online at www.und.edu/research/unddiscovery/index.html

The staff of the **Germans from Russia Heritage Collection** at NDSU Libraries has prepared a bibliography of **Highly Recommended Items for North Dakota Libraries on the Subject of Germans from Russia**. To access the bibliography, visit the website at www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/grhc/info/bibliography/grhc4.html

Membership Report

(as of October 31, 2003) Compiled by Kathy Thomas, Membership Chair

Welcome to NDLA! New members since the last issue of *The Good Stuff* are Cynthia Bleier (Fargo), Tom Eggers (Rolette), Tim Helbling (Mandan), Shannon Hofer (Mayville), Perry Karges (Hazen), Todd O'Connor (Bismarck), Beverly Pearson (Fargo), Julie A. Petersen (Washburn), Shannon Rask (Hazen), Helen Schaible (Mott), Darlene Schwarz (Bismarck), Erin L. Smith (Fargo), Dawn Thronset (Langdon), and Glenda Westman (Garrison).

Help us increase our membership in 2004! If you know of library staff who aren't members, please tell them about NDLA. A membership form is available in this issue and on our web page at <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us/ndla/>

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Associate Members	18
Institutional Members	18
Trustees	74
New Members	44
Returning Members with Membership Gaps	18
Total Members	361
2004 Dues Paid	20

NDLA Executive Board Meeting Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Board Members Present: President Kaaren Pupino, Marlene Anderson, Kristen Borysewicz, Phyllis Bratton, Eileen Chamberlain, Stella Cone, Pamela Drayson, Agnes Jensen, Marilyn Johnson, Bonnie Krenz, Phyllis Kuno, La Dean Moen, Jeanne Narum, Darryl Podoll, Michael Safratowich, Kathy Thomas, Kathy Waldera, Konnie Wightman, Doris Ott, State Librarian, and Cathy Langemo, Executive Secretary

Board Members Absent: Leeila Bina, Liz Mason, Suzanne Morrison

Guests: Deb Igoe, incoming Secretary; Mary Markland, incoming HSI Chair

Call to Order: President Kaaren Pupino called the meeting to order in the Russell Room of The Radisson in Bismarck at 2p.m. on Wednesday, September 24, 2003. Board members and guests introduced themselves.

Minutes: Marlene Anderson, Secretary, presented the minutes of the June 2, 2003 Board meeting and the minutes of electronic discussion/action, June 9 – September 23, 2003. Pamela Drayson, President-elect, moved to accept the June 2 minutes. Agnes Jensen, Public Library Section Chair, seconded. Motion carried. Kristen Borysewicz, New Members Roundtable (NMRT) Chair, moved to approve the electronic minutes. Drayson seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Board members reviewed their written reports. The full reports will be summarized in the December 2003 issue of *The Good Stuff*. Copies are also available to the membership upon request. Highlights from each report follow.

Editor's note: Due to lack of space the report summaries are not printed here. The full reports are available from the secretary upon request.

President: Pupino stated that certificates for 20, 30, and 40-year membership in NDLA will be presented at the Awards banquet. She thanked Kathy Thomas, Membership Chair, for her work on this project. To date, we have not received a response from the State Board of Higher Education regarding our letter of support for the SLAYS initiative regarding the need for graduate-level coursework for school library media specialists in the state. Pupino stated that we need to begin planning for the 2005 legislative session now. There are problems with the hotels for the 2005 conference in Grand Forks. No one hotel can accommodate all of our needs and Internet connections are a challenge. Perhaps we need to sign contracts further in advance. We also lack a President's Policies Handbook and need to improve the President-elect's policies handbook.

President-elect: Drayson reported that as of now, 150 are registered for the conference. There have been many meeting room changes because the hotel is in the midst of a renovation project.

Past President: La Dean Moen, Past President reported that there are 19 paying and 5 non-paying exhibitors for the conference. There will be 2 recipients of the Major Benefactor Award and the Librarian of the Year will be announced at the Awards banquet. Moen stated that moving up the deadline for nominations for these awards worked well.

Treasurer: Mike Safratowich, Treasurer, reported that a CD has been started for the Mike Jaugstetter Leadership Grant fund.

ALA Councilor: Phyllis Bratton, ALA Councilor, reported on the ALA Conference in Toronto in June. Despite the SARS scare and the CIPA (Children's Internet Protection Act) decision going against ALA, the conference was very good. Drayson commended Bratton on how well she keeps the membership informed. Borysewicz agreed.

MPLA: Jeanne Narum, MPLA Representative, stated that even if the materials for her MPLA conference display don't arrive, she will still have an MPLA booth. Narum reminded members that MPLA has money for state associations for pre-conference programming. There are several applicants for this year's MPLA Ghost Ranch Leadership Institute. North Dakota has two applicants. If a state does not have two, they can give away their spot(s) as a spot-at-large. Narum said we need to do more to promote the Institute. Phyllis Bratton has agreed to serve as the state representative for MPLA's Intellectual Freedom Committee.

State Library: Doris Ott, State Librarian, reported on the 2003 legislative session and urged NDLA to start working on the 2005 session now. Interim committees meet between sessions. Librarians should invite community people, their representatives, and potential candidates to their libraries to demonstrate library resources. Ott stated that both the Legislative and Public Relations Chair positions are currently vacant and need to be filled. Electronic state documents are being collected via Webspider. Eventually, they will be cataloged and made accessible on a server. As a result of the CIPA decision, a trial of filtering software is in the works. Spring and trustee workshops will be combined in 2004. The dates are March 4-5 in

Bismarck and March 8-9 in Fargo.

Good Stuff: Marlene Anderson, Chair, stated that the deadline for the December issue is October 31. Because of printing problems with the August issue, Richtman's printing gave us a 15% discount.

Executive Secretary: Cathy Langemo, Executive Secretary, has been focusing on conference preparations and working with the Nominations and Elections Committee. Pupino noted that Langemo prepares a script for the banquet and awards, which is very helpful. Langemo will make additional copies of our reports for distribution to the membership. Drayson noted that perhaps we need to revisit the bylaws regarding distribution of annual reports at the annual meeting. Langemo stated that she has thrown away piles of unused copies in previous years.

Academic & Special Libraries Section: Darryl Podoll, Chair, stated that his written report will be forthcoming. He reported that the Section is working with GODORT (Government Documents Roundtable) on an Intellectual Freedom Committee issue. Podoll has a new e-mail address: Darryl.Podoll@vcsu.edu

Government Documents Roundtable: Stella Cone, Chair, stated she will bring her written report later. She urged members to stop by the GODORT booth to vote for the notable state document. Cone noted that the roundtable is working with Academic & Special Libraries on confidentiality in libraries.

Health Science Information Section: Eileen Chamberlain, Chair, reported that the Section is sponsoring three conference sessions. They are also selling some ALA products. Part of the proceeds will go to the section and part to NDLA.

New Members Roundtable: Kristen Borysewicz, Chair, reported that 7 people signed up for the HTML-EZ pre-conference. To generate interest, NMRT had "I'm a new member, now what?" magnets made, and Borysewicz also posted an e-mail message to the NMRT list soliciting questions from people. Pupino and Drayson will speak at their Thursday business meeting regarding the benefits of NDLA. Anderson and Ott were also invited to participate. Two people applied for the two Grassroots Grant awards so both are attending the conference. Borysewicz has some recommendations for changes to the guidelines to get more applicants. Bonnie Krenz, Finance Committee Chair, suggested letting both ALA MLS and non-MLS library science students apply, too. Consensus was that we want to keep the Grassroots Grant going. NMRT was asked to bring a proposal to the December Board meeting. Borysewicz also noted that NMRT requested money from ExLibris to help fund the NMRT social, but did not receive a

response. Drayson explained some of the reasons for that and indicated that ExLibris paid for conference tote bags.

Public Library Section: Agnes Jensen, Chair, reported that since the Supreme Court upheld CIPA, the State Library and ITD (Information Technology Department) called a meeting of representatives from public libraries to decide what to do and move forward with a state filtering program if enough public libraries sign up. The section is sponsoring a program on improving your library newsletter.

School Library and Youth Services Section: Connie Wightman, Chair, spoke about the issue of graduate credit for school librarians. Ott and Podoll gave some background and also reported that the Board of Higher Education is working on this with the states of Montana, South Dakota, and Nevada. There was general discussion of the issues of existing teachers, who want to become certified as library media specialists, wanting graduate vs. undergraduate credits and being unable to get them in-state at an affordable price. Most school librarians don't need or want an ALA-accredited degree. Ott commented that we need to encourage high school students, tell them about librarianship as a career, and recruit them. More online options are important. Wightman reported that she has not yet met with Wayne Sanstead, State Superintendent, regarding increasing the per student expenditure for library materials.

Technical Services Roundtable: Phyllis Kuno, Chair, said her written report will be coming. The roundtable did not sponsor any conference programs. Thanks to Kathy Thomas, a listserv has been established for the group.

Constitution, Bylaws, & Policies Committee: Liz Mason, Chair, was unable to attend. Anderson reviewed the highlights of the written report.

Finance Committee: Bonnie Krenz, Chair, reviewed the activities of the past year, and said she will continue to serve as chair in 2003-2004.

Intellectual Freedom Chair: Suzanne Morrison, Chair, did not attend nor did she send a written report.

Nominations and Elections Committee: Marilyn Johnson, Co-Chair, presented the election results and asked the Board to break the tie for the Technical Services Roundtable Secretary election. Drayson moved to invite both candidates to serve for one year, that is, one will serve as Secretary in 2003-2004 and one in 2004-2005. Cone seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried. A toss of a coin determined that Virginia Bjorness will serve as secretary in 2003-2004 and Beth Sorenson will serve in 2004-2005. Cheryl Bailey,

Committee member, will introduce the officers at the first general session and also share the results of the tie-breaker.

Membership: Kathy Thomas submitted a written report. We currently have 352 members.

Professional Development Grant Committee: Jeanne Narum, Chair, reviewed the highlights of the year and noted that she has Canoe Kudos pins and nomination forms. Kaye Rudser sends a check each year for a member donation. Moen suggested using that money to pay for the free Librarian of the Year membership. Discussion followed. Consensus was to draw for a free membership at the end of the Third General Session and using the Rudser donation to fund that membership. Individuals must be present to win.

Archivist/Historian: Kathy Waldera gave the highlights of her activities for the year and distributed guidelines for donating records to the Archives.

OLD BUSINESS

Jaugstetter Leadership Grant: This year \$250 of the auction proceeds will go to the Ron Rudser fund and the remainder to the Jaugstetter fund. If we withdraw monies for leadership training from the Jaugstetter fund now, Safratowich noted that the fund will not grow. Narum moved to pay expenses for the 2003 MPLA Ghost Ranch Leadership Institute from the general fund. Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

Jaugstetter Leadership Grant Guidelines: Narum reviewed a draft of the guidelines. Discussion of the wording, spelling, and need for particular requirements and conditions followed. Consensus was to strike the North Dakota residency requirement. Consensus was to require applicants to be current individual members of NDLA and to have been members for the past two years. Consensus was to revise the conditions to read that "Applicants must be currently employed in a North Dakota library." In order to be awarded grant money, consensus was to revise the second point to read: "One year's participation in the leadership of the NDLA Executive Board. Participation may include, but not be limited to section chair, officer, or committee work as appointed by the NDLA President." Point three was revised to read: "A presentation of a leadership program at the NDLA conference following participation." Bratton moved to accept the guidelines as revised. Borysewicz seconded. Motion carried. Additional discussion about when to award the monies followed. Ott suggested having the successful applicant sign a contract. Safratowich moved to reimburse a portion of expenses upon completion of travel; and furthermore, that a written contract between NDLA and the recipient be signed agreeing to the stipulations of the guidelines. Jensen seconded. Motion carried. Narum will revise the draft to incorporate these changes and

will draw up a draft contract.

NEW BUSINESS

NDLA Banner: Pupino displayed the new NDLA banner. The words "Established in 1906" still need to be added.

Board Manuals and Files: Pupino reminded outgoing Board members to turn over their manuals and other files to incoming Board members. Kuno asked if the section chair was the only one to get a manual. She feels that the chair-elect position is one that needs more help and more information. Pupino noted that it is the chair's responsibility to help prepare the chair-elect to take over.

ALA PSAs: Pupino asked about the logistics of the ALA PSAs (public service announcements). Ott said that the State Library purchased them last year and can share information about what they did.

Resolutions: Due to scheduling problems with the business meetings, we will not be able to have the first reading of resolutions at the Second General Session. Consensus was to leave the resolutions deadline as is (10a.m. on Friday, September 26). Both the reading and the vote will take place at the Third General Session and Pupino will make an announcement to the membership. Bratton will draft a resolution regarding CIPA on behalf of the Executive Board.

Drayson moved to adjourn the meeting at 5p.m. Cone seconded. Motion carried. The next meeting will be for both incoming and outgoing Board members and will take place on Friday, September 25, 2003 at 5p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Anderson, Secretary

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.
- 4) 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 MacIver, 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 2 p.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

First General Session Minutes

President Kaaren Pupino called the First General Session of the 97th Annual NDLA Conference to order on Thursday, September 25, 2003 at 8a.m. in the Da Vinci Ballroom of the Radisson Inn in Bismarck. Lieutenant Governor Jack Dalrymple and Connie Sprynczynatyk of the North Dakota League of Cities welcomed us to Bismarck. Pupino entertained the group by sharing some obscure and odd laws.

Cheryl Bailey, member of the Nominations and Elections Committee, announced the 2003 election results.

The President's report was distributed and Pupino reviewed some of the highlights of the year.

Pupino made several announcements.

- Resolutions are due at 10a.m. on Friday and will be read and voted on at the Third General Session.
- Exhibitors will be introduced at a later session. Pupino urged conference attendees to visit their booths.
- Watch signs for room changes. Pamela Drayson, President-elect, announced today's changes.

• HSIS (Health Science Information Section) is selling ALA products at the conference. HSIS and NDLA will each receive a portion of the proceeds.

- Be sure to stop by the GODORT (Government Documents Roundtable) booth and vote for your favorite state document.
- An NDLA banner has been made and is displayed at the registration table. The words "Established in 1906" will be added to the banner.
- Items leftover from the 2002 Tri-Conference are for sale at the registration table.
- Silent and live auctions are planned. The silent auction will be held during tonight's social and the live auction will follow the Awards Banquet.
- There are timers in the rooms to help ensure that programs end on time.
- There is no Internet café because the hotel lacks enough wiring. Conference attendees have dial-up access from their rooms, but are also welcome to stop by the North Dakota State Library, Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library, or Bismarck State College Library to check their e-mail.
- Parking validation stamps are available at the registration table.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Anderson, Secretary

Second General Session Minutes

President Kaaren Pupino called the Second General Session of the 97th Annual Conference to order on Thursday, September 25, 2003 at 4:15p.m. in the Da Vinci Ballroom. She shared more obscure and odd laws with the group.

Past President La Dean Moen introduced conference exhibitors and drew for door prizes. Moen acknowledged Cathy Langemo, Executive Secretary, and Todd Bodvig, conference technology coordinator, for their work.

Pupino called for approval of the 2002 general session minutes as published in the December 2002 issue of *The Good Stuff*. Pamela Drayson, President-elect, so moved. Charles Pace seconded. Motion carried.

Doris Ott, State Librarian, reviewed the highlights of her annual report, which was included in conference registration packets. She stated that the State Library continues to do what it does best – coordinate and deliver effective and efficient information and library services to the citizens of North Dakota. Ott also introduced members of the State Library staff.

In the interests of time, Phyllis Bratton, ALA Councilor, invited conference attendees to read her written report rather than giving an oral presentation.

Treasurer Michael Safratowich reported that NDLA's total equity last year (without 2002 conference funds) was \$45,583.78. With 2002 conference funds, we have approximately \$53,000. Safratowich stated

that we are meeting our budget and our goals.

Tom Bremer, Chair of the Library Coordinating Council, introduced Council members and gave an overview of the Council's purpose. Copies of the Library Vision 2010 plan are available at the State Library's booth. The Council will soon be reviewing grant applications.

Pupino made several announcements:

- Be sure to fill out conference evaluation forms
- Summer reading manuals have arrived
- The silent auction will resume after this session and the live auction will follow tonight's Awards Banquet
- Karen Chobot's Pay Equity Taskforce will meet at breakfast. If you are interested in being part of the group, you are welcome to attend.
- Although the Small Libraries Roundtable was dissolved last year, librarians from small libraries are invited to join Bonnie Krenz for an informal gathering at breakfast tomorrow.
- At NMRT's (New Members Roundtable) business meeting this afternoon, a revision of the bylaws was approved. As a result, Al Peterson will serve as Chair-elect and Laurie McHenry will be the incoming Chair.
- Canoe Kudos pins and nomination forms are available at the registration table.

The meeting was adjourned at 5p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Anderson, Secretary

Third General Session Minutes

President Kaaren Pupino called the Third General Session of the 97th Annual Conference to order on Friday, September 26, 2003 at 3p.m. in the Da Vinci Ballroom. She shared more odd and obscure laws with the group.

Resolutions were distributed and Pupino gave the first reading. Janice Sayers moved to treat the resolutions as a group. Bonnie Krenz seconded. Motion carried.

Pamela Drayson, President-elect, moved to adopt and approve the resolutions as read. Toni Vonasek seconded. Discussion followed. Michael Safratowich suggested adding a time frame to the SLAYS (School Library and Youth Services Section) resolution regarding increasing the amount that schools spend per student on library materials. That is, to add the words "per year" throughout the resolution. Consensus was to do so. For the Executive Board resolution regarding the USA PATROT Act, consensus was to revise the final "Be it further resolved" section. The wording was revised to include Senators Conrad and Dorgan and to drop specific reference to the Freedom to Read Act, replacing it with more general wording. The resolutions were approved as amended.

There was a drawing for several door prizes. Pupino announced that the Library Coordinating Council meeting, scheduled

after this session, was cancelled. As a result, the Executive Board meeting will begin at 4p.m. instead of 5p.m. Pupino recognized and thanked the Executive Board Committee Chairs.

Jeanne Narum, MPLA Representative, presented her annual report and drew for free one-year memberships to MPLA. The recipients are Toni Vonasek, Angie Schneider, and Pat Riddle. Narum also invited NDLA to Minot for the 2004 conference.

Kristen Borysewicz, New Members Roundtable Chair, introduced the recipients of this year's Grassroots Grant Award, Christine Kujawa and Mary Jo Lorenz.

Pupino presented incoming President Pamela Drayson. Drayson thanked Pupino for her leadership, commitment, and sense of humor. She also thanked those who helped with conference arrangements, including Monet Wireless; Marilyn Johnson, Local Arrangements Committee Chair; Marlene Anderson, auction; Charlene Weis, awards; Marilyn and Eldo Johnson, decorations; La Dean Moen, exhibits; Kathy Thomas and Cheryl Bailey, registration; Christine Kujawa, Mandan Public Library, and Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library, hospitality; Cindy Larson, tours; Cathy Langemo, programs and printing; and Todd Bodvig, technology. Drayson urged members to fill out evaluation forms and share their ideas for future conferences.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Anderson, Secretary

2003 NDLA Resolutions

These resolutions were passed at the Third General Session of the 97th Annual NDLA Conference on Friday, September 26, 2003.

Section – Executive Board

Section Chair – Kaaren Pupino, President

Whereas, the meeting and events of the 97th annual conference were organized by Pamela Drayson, Conference Chair; Marilyn Johnson, Local Arrangements Chair; and the Bismarck-Mandan area librarians and friends, and

Whereas, the facilities and staff of the Radisson Hotel in Bismarck, North Dakota, contributed to the success of the conference,

Now therefore, be it resolved: that the North Dakota Library Association expresses its appreciation and extends its thanks to the Conference Chair, members of the Local Arrangements Committee, conference facility staff, speakers, program presenters, and exhibitors for the 97th annual conference, "Successful Librarians: Successful Communities."

Section – Executive Board

Section Chair – Kaaren Pupino, President

Whereas, libraries are essential for promoting the free flow of information to indi-

viduals and communities; and

Whereas, privacy is essential to individuals as they study, learn, investigate, and explore the many different ideas and points of view in our interconnected world; and

Whereas, in a library, the subject of a user's interests should not be examined or scrutinized by others; and

Whereas, this right to privacy of library records has already been recognized by North Dakota librarians and legislators in the North Dakota Century Code; and

Whereas, certain provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act and the revised Attorney General's Guidelines for the FBI greatly expand the authority of the federal government to investigate the interests of library users through surveillance and examination of library records, thereby threatening the civil rights guaranteed under the Constitution and Bill of Rights; and

Whereas, such surveillance will intimidate users and suppress free, open, and confidential access to information,

Now therefore, be it resolved: that the North Dakota Library Association help to educate librarians about the law and develop policies for dealing with provisions of the PATRIOT Act which protect the rights of their patrons as much as possible, and

Be it further resolved: that North Dakota librarians educate their boards, governing bodies, and users about the dangers to privacy, confidentiality, and access, and

Be it further resolved that: the North Dakota Library Association encourages Representative Pomeroy and Senators Dorgan and Conrad to support legislation to end surveillance in libraries and bookstores.

Section – School Library and Youth Services (SLAYS)

Section Chair – Konnie Wightman

Whereas, the Department of Public Instruction recommends that schools spend \$10 per student per year on library materials, and

Whereas, the recommendation has been in effect since the time when \$10 per student might have bought two books per student per year, and

Whereas, the cost and format of library materials has changed considerably in the last 30 years when this recommendation was put into place, with books alone now averaging at least \$19.95 per book,

Now therefore, be it resolved: that NDLA request that the Department of Public Instruction raise their recommended spending level per student to between \$25 and \$35 per year.

Section – Public Library

Section Chair – Agnes Jensen

Whereas, public libraries using E Rate funds have been mandated to implement filtering, and

Whereas, the North Dakota State Library, the Information Technology Department (ITD) and public libraries of North Dakota are working together to implement a work-

able method for required filtering, and

Whereas, the planning group is making every effort to minimize the negative impact of filtering on general public services,

Now therefore, be it resolved: that the North Dakota Library Association support this collaboration effort among public libraries in North Dakota, the North Dakota State Library, and ITD at the state level to comply with federal requirements.

Section – Government Documents

Roundtable

Section Chair – Stella Cone

Whereas, the City of Fargo received over 7 inches of rain the night of June 19-20, 2000 that overwhelmed city drainage systems, and

Whereas, the basement of the North Dakota State University Library flooded, resulting in the loss of its extensive map collection, and

Whereas, the United States Geological Survey has replaced most of the ruined maps,

Now therefore, be it resolved: that NDLA express its appreciation to the United States Geological Survey for its generosity in making these maps available to the citizens of North Dakota.

NDLA Executive Board Meeting Minutes Friday, September 26, 2003

Note: These minutes are a draft and will be presented for approval at the December Board Meeting.

Executive Board Members Present:

President Pamela Drayson, Darryl Podoll, Marlene Anderson, Robert Jacobson, Liz Mason, Kaaren Pupino, Mary Markland, Kathy Thomas, Cathy Langemo, Jeanne Narum, Paulette Nelson, Doris Ott, Bonnie Krenz, Laurie McHenry, Mike Safratowich, Phyllis Bratton, Deb Igoe, Kirsten Baesler
Executive Board Members Absent: Leeila Bina, Rita Ennen, Katherine Waldera, Suzanne Morrison

Outgoing Chairs or Conference

Committee Chairs: Stella Cone, Kristen Borysewicz, Marilyn Johnson, Konnie Wightman

Grassroots Grant Recipients: Christine Kujawa, Mary Lorenz

Call to Order: President Pamela Drayson called the meeting to order in the Russell Room of the Radisson in Bismarck at 4 pm on Friday, September 26, 2003. Board members and guests introduced themselves.

Minutes: Marlene Anderson, Outgoing Secretary, presented the minutes of the Executive Board Meeting, Wednesday, September 24, 2003. A change was suggested to page 3, within the New Members Roundtable section, that the following sentence, "Bonnie Krenz, Finance Committee Chair, suggested letting library science students apply, too" be amended to read,

“...suggested letting MLS and non-MLS library science students apply, too.” Kaaren Pupino moved to accept the minutes as amended and Mary Markland seconded. Motion carried.

Introductions: Everyone in the room introduced themselves and stated their role in the NDLA.

HOUSEKEEPING MATTERS:

- All board members must be current members of NDLA during their term(s).
- Committee chairs are not voting members – voting members have blue dot on their name cards.
- Outgoing board members are to turn over manuals and any other documents to the new board members. Outgoing members are encouraged to spend time and share their wealth of knowledge regarding their various positions. We as an organization are remarkable in our reliance on tribal history.
- December meeting date yet to be determined. President Drayson will check her calendar and propose a date, time, and place, via the NDLA Executive Board listserv.
- Members were asked to provide budgets to the budget chair by October 24, 2003, so the Finance Committee can meet in November via a conference call. The new budget will be presented at the December meeting.
- Board Meetings – Use the listserv to distribute and discuss quarterly reports. Reports should be filed quarterly from now to the end of December, which marks the end of the first quarter. The annual report is presented at the conference. Make 25 copies and bring to the board meeting or send to Cathy Langemo and she will have them printed. Be sure to send an electronic version to Deb Igoe.
- Board members posed together for the annual picture.
- Grassroots grant recipients, Christine Kujawa and Mary Lorenz were asked to comment on their view of the conference.
 - Christine Kujawa stated she got a lot out of the sessions especially those on reference and the Patriot Act. She also appreciated the networking opportunities. It was great to have a chance to put a name to a face.
 - Mary Lorenz said she immensely enjoyed the Friends of the Library session. She got some new ideas to take home and was able to meet with fellow classmates who are also part of the same masters program.

CONFERENCE DEBRIEFING

New Members Roundtable: Kristen Borysewicz, Chair, stated the orientation session went very well. Doris Ott being there was invaluable. People left considering running for office who hadn't considered running before.

Membership Committee: Kathy Thomas,

Chair, stated there were approximately 160 individuals registered for the conference. Total financial information will be provided soon. Badges were not collected this time for recycling.

Executive Secretary: Cathy Langemo, Executive Secretary, felt everything went smoothly and the program was well rounded. Overall, the hotel and service staff did very well and were extremely accommodating to the conference's needs. For a conference this size the hotel was a good fit. She also stated a special thank you should be sent to Tim Davenport, Xerox Document Solutions, Bismarck, for providing the copier for the conference.

President Drayson asked each of the board members to pick one vendor, one presenter, and one person you met here, to send a thank you note to.

MPLA and Professional Development

Committee: Jeanne Narum, MPLA Representative, said all the speakers were excellent and should be applauded for their efforts along with those individuals who arranged for the various speakers. She monitored the size of the groups in each of the rooms and noted a number of people moved from one room to another. As long as we have large numbers we can continue to present sessions in those areas. If the interest is dropping it might mean that the issues relative to this session have been resolved. She especially enjoyed not having a luncheon speaker instead being able to use that time to network. An area that needs improvement in the future is the lack of access to technology – this hotel is not equipped for the needs of the conference. President Drayson noted the need to make sure the next conference location has high speed internet and lots of it.

Public Library Section: Paulette Nelson, Chair, said we had great authors and the book sale went very well.

State Library: Doris Ott, State Librarian, said networking was easy because the meeting rooms were in close proximity to each other – it gave a more homey feeling to the conference.

President Drayson said it was a challenge to figure out how many people would attend the various sessions. This is something to watch in the future to see what the attendance trends are. Cathy Langemo, Executive Secretary, suggested asking participants to indicate on their registration forms which sessions they feel they will be attending. That gives a general sense of the size of the audience and helps with room decisions.

Finance Committee: Bonnie Krenz, Chair, said she appreciated, and she heard others comment that they appreciated the long time at noon to network and to visit the exhibits. Bonnie suggested in the future putting in the conference program that the exhibits are closed for a specific period of time so the

exhibitors can eat lunch. Then the registrants know when the exhibitors will be present. President Drayson stated unfortunately, the person with whom the arrangements are made for the exhibit is often not the person who attends the conference and staffs the exhibit. Sometimes the information doesn't sit down to those who staff the booth.

New Members Roundtable: Laurie McHenry, Chair, suggested the conference program be laid out such that those who are science or school librarians could attend all of their sessions, including their roundtable, in one day. It is hard to get the time off to attend and also registration could be reduced for those who only attend one day. President Drayson said we try to put medical, special, and academic together but it is difficult to not get overlap. We would entertain any ideas anyone might have in scheduling.

Previously we thought we needed to read the resolution three times and we found that to not be true. The business of the section meetings needs to be conducted before the general session so the resolutions can be drafted to be read and acted upon during the general session. Bonnie Krenz suggested sections could meet while eating. President Drayson stated holding the meetings during a meal slows down the process. That can work in a larger hotel but there have to be separate rooms for people to take their meals to and then you need a longer lunch hour in order to conduct the business.

Kaaren Pupino stated we need to find more time for the exhibitors as they pay for the conference. Cathy Langemo suggested repeating several sessions at different times so individuals can pick which session to attend. President Drayson said we could do more hands-on with smaller groups as not much interaction occurs at most of the sessions.

Treasurer: Michael Safratowich said at the tech services section meeting there was quite a bit of praise for the Minitex updates. He suggested the board meeting could have been held the night before the conference starts to free up more time for people to be able to attend the conference. President Drayson said at some conferences the board has met between the workshop and the reception, broke for the reception, and then gathered again after the conference. This is something to consider. Also some of this could be shortened up if we use the internet more to circulate our reports and accomplish more of the meeting over the internet.

ALA Councilor: Phyllis Bratton said the food was good and she had a great time. Suggest the 2nd general session needed more time like 1 1/2 hours.

Local Committee for Conference: Marilyn Johnson, Chair, stated both Kaaren Pupino, now Past President, and Pam Drayson, President, did a superb job organizing the conference. Marilyn said she didn't have to do much but find lost stuff. She is still miss-

ing a red apple timer; if anyone finds it please return to her. She thought the facility worked well.

President Drayson asked whether the conference should be limited to 2 solid days or go longer. Many in the past have been 2-5 or 3 days. Did anyone hear any comments that someone didn't feel they got their money's worth? If we are going to emphasize pre-conference sessions then we should limit it to just two full days for the conference. Mike Safratowich said he heard several positive comments, especially since we emphasized the pre-conference training. Last year the conference was the tri-conference and it went into Saturday because many of the speakers came from afar. Staying over helped with cheaper airfare and they need a Saturday night stay. Instead of pre-conference sessions how about having post-conference sessions on the Saturday after the conference. That would be good for the teachers because they can participate on a Saturday. President Drayson stated several people had suggested to her one of the days for the conference be held on Saturday so those who were working in schools could attend and not have to hire a substitute or take a personal day. President Drayson talked with a variety of individuals and the possibility of CE credits and courses. Doris Ott stated the concept of post-conference sessions was tried several years ago and there was almost zero attendance on Saturday. People were tired and they wanted to go home, so she recommends have the training in a pre-conference session rather than a post-conference session. Mike commented that people then talked about the pre-conference sessions during the actual conference.

School Library and Youth Services

Section: Kirsten Baesler said offering CE credits would have been good as it is hard to get school librarians involved. Konnie Wightman said we should explore holding the NDLA and the NDEA conference at the same time in the same city so those who attend NDEA could also attend portions of the NDLA conference that are applicable to them. We need to get more of the school librarians involved in NDLA. This would work well for the school librarians. President Drayson said that opportunity is being explored but if it happens it will be several years in the future because both organizations are committed to future conference locations and they aren't in the same town. President Drayson also commented some consideration should also be given to where the ND Reading Association holds their conferences. Konnie Wightman suggested holding the conference in the summer to give us access to computers at the local schools, "sage on the stage telling us what to do, but there wasn't a place to do the hands on."

Bonnie Krenz asked if anyone knew what cities could handle both conferences at the same time. President Drayson suggested the "shared" conferences could be held every

other year or every third year. Laurie McHenry stated in 1997 both the NDLA and the ND Reading Association conferences were held simultaneously in Bismarck. Kaaren Pupino suggested the Fargo Dome as a location if the conferences are combined. President Drayson felt Fargo, Grand Forks, and Bismarck could support a combined conference. Kirsten Baesler felt Minot had enough rooms to support a shared conference. Kathy Thomas said MPLA has continuous shuttles or 2 hotels close by the conference hotel. Bonnie Krenz suggested using a large school building during vacation to keep the costs down. Schools also have computers accessible and are internet wired. Kaaren Pupino suggested the vendors could be located in the commons area.

Outgoing Secretary and President Elect:

Marlene Anderson, Outgoing Secretary, said having the PDF file on disk for resolutions was wonderful – many thanks to Todd for the assistance he provided the conference. The response to the auctions was overwhelming. We had an embarrassment of riches. Next time we need to arrange for more tables for display. Between the two auctions we made about \$2,000. Marlene stated she had asked a few businesses and some of the larger libraries if they could provide theme baskets, which they did. She felt this worked well both now and for the future. In addition, Mandan Public Library did an excellent job hosting the tour of their new facility and the presents they provided. President Drayson said we also need carts. There is so much to be hauled so it is critical we have good access to carts.

Marlene mentioned one draw back to hosting future conferences at the Radisson in Bismarck; it is not handicapped-accessible in a number of areas. Accessibility must be considered at all future conference locations. The chosen hotel should demonstrate its accessibility instead of just being able to state that they are accessible. Marlene was very grateful for the local assistance provided by Christine Kujawa, Marvia Boettcher, and Terri Wilhelm – they were terrific to work with. President Drayson said that is an issue to be considered for future locations. It is not just enough for the hotel to say it is accessible we need to check it out thoroughly.

Academic & Special Libraries Section:

Daryl Podoll, Chair, said the Patriot Act training sessions went very well. The speaker spoke rapidly and sometimes it was hard to absorb everything. He asked the speaker if he could have a copy of her speech so it could go on the NDLA listserv. The speaker declined as she said her boss would not allow that. Darryl said he realizes the Office of Intellectual Freedom probably feel they are a real target. She felt she could send a summary and that could be posted on the listserv. There were a lot of people who were unable to attend either the session or the conference who are interested in what she had to say.

Government Documents Roundtable:

Robert Jacobson, Chair, said going back to the concept of the joint conference, a suggestion might be to do a survey to find out who might be interested in the post conference sessions versus the pre-conference session.

Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies

Committee: Liz Mason, Chair, felt the program was good, the food was good, and the auction was great.

Summation: President Drayson said thank you all for your input and your thoughts. Get your reports in, get your budgets in, get your evaluations in, and anything left on your task list so we can close out the year. Planning for the next year's conference has already begun up to the 2006 centennial conference in Fargo.

OLD BUSINESS

Jaugstetter Leadership Grant: Bonnie Krenz spoke on behalf of Jeanne Narum and said the updates from an earlier meeting were made to the guidelines – the contract portion was added to the policy. Concern was expressed as to what point will applicants for the grant know what amount of money will be available? Will it be determined at the December meeting? The training is not until the summer so the recipients should know after the December meeting what funds are available. Phyllis made the motion and Kaaren Pupino seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Kathy Thomas, Membership Committee, drew Mary Reinertson-Sand's name for a free NDLA membership.

Cathy Langemo, Executive Secretary, stated there is official stationary available for any board member.

Centennial Celebration in 2006: Paulette Nelson, Public Library Section, and Marilyn Johnson, Nominations and Election Committee, stated former retired NDLA members should be invited to the 100 year NDLA reunion to be held in 2006. Suggestions so far are to invite former members to the conference at a greatly reduced registration fee, use the listserv to get names, and then issue them a written invitation so they can plan in advance to attend. Cathy Langemo, suggested each retiree be given the opportunity at one event to talk of a NDLA memory they have and to also bring a picture to share. Doris Ott stated it would be nice to see old names. Marilyn Johnson mentioned Cheryl Bailey wrote a history of NDLA several years ago. Perhaps Kathy Waldera, Archivist/Historian could build on that document.

Marlene Anderson made a motion and Kirsten Baesler seconded the motion to end the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Igoe, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

As of September 30, 2003 (end of third quarter)

By Michael Safratowich, NDLA Treasurer

Editor's note: Approved by electronic vote of the Executive Board

	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	End. Balance
CHECK BOOK 1/1/03	\$2,616.24			
Pass-Through Funds				
Humanities Grant 2002-2003	\$0.00	\$6,250.00	\$6,250.00	\$0.00
Humanities Grand 2003-2004			\$110.00	-\$110.00
Book Sales	\$2,601.91	\$5,321.70	\$1,169.80	\$6,753.81
Pass-Through Funds Subtotal	\$2,601.91	\$11,571.70	\$7,529.80	\$6,643.81
NDLA Funds	\$14.33			
Tri Conference 2002		\$8,188.09		
Annual Conference 2003		\$8,525.00	\$1,879.28	
Dues 2003		\$11,762.00	\$95.00	
Dues 2004		\$60.00		
Professional Dev / Canoe Kudos		\$40.00		
Investment Account Transfers		\$3,500.00		
Other receipts/disbursements		\$1,895.56	\$20,721.71	
NDLA Funds Subtotal		\$33,970.65	\$22,695.99	\$11,288.99
Check Book Balance 9/30/03				\$17,932.80

	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	End. Balance
INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS				
NDLA CD	\$10,000.00			\$10,000.00
NDLA CD Ready Cash	\$1,723.43			
Interest		\$454.60		
			\$1,000.00	\$1,178.03
NDLA Money Market	\$14,946.51			
Interest		\$55.69		
			\$1,050.00	\$13,952.20
Rudser CD	\$10,000.00			\$10,000.00
Rudser Money Market Ready Cash	\$4,702.61			
Interest		\$465.73		
Deposits		\$340.00		
			\$1,500.00	\$4,008.34
Hubbard Money Market	\$1,594.99			
Interest		\$6.58		
Deposits		\$145.00		
			\$50.00	\$1,696.57
Jaugstetter Leadership Fund CD		\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00
Jaugstetter Leadership Fund Savings				
Interest		\$0.16		
Deposits		\$1,644.05		
				\$1,644.21
TOTAL investment accounts	\$42,967.54			\$44,979.35
TOTAL EQUITY 9/30/03				\$62,912.15

North Dakota Library Association Membership Application

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