



North Dakota Library Association  
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General Membership Business Meeting  
September 27, 2019  
Homewood Suites, West Fargo, ND  
11:40 AM to 12:30 PM

**Meeting called to order at 11:41 a.m.**

Maggie Townsend asked for a motion to approve the October 5, 2018, General Membership Business Meeting minutes.

**Randi Monley moved to approve.**

**Mary Lorenz seconded.**

**Motion passed.**

Treasurer's Report: Aaron Stefanich provided an overview of his annual report. He indicated our greatest income is from the conference, followed by membership dues. Our greatest expense is also the conference, followed by Professional Development.

State Librarian's Report: Mary Soucie said that State Library staff visited 99 libraries in the past year. She challenged libraries to invite them out so they can double that number next year. The State Library provided several statewide Continuing Education events: Summer Reading Workshops in five locations, Summer Summit meetings in four locations, the Research Methods class in Bismarck, the Renewal & Development conference in Mandan, as well as monthly webinars.

The following changes have been made with regards to statewide Electronic Resources: Mango Languages was added July 1. Tutor.com was discontinued on July 1. Niche Academy was also added.

Allie Suko joined our staff as a reference assistant. Aaron Severson moved to Technical Services from Statewide Cataloging. Amanda Person moved into the

Talking Books Department. Mary Soucie then thanked NDSL staff for their service.

The North Dakota Library Coordinating Council was touted as a resource for libraries and a body that librarians should submit recommendations to. There are two vacancies currently: Public Higher Education and Special Populations. A list of Coordinating Council members is on NDSL's website.

Three grants are currently open, but the application window closes on September 30<sup>th</sup>. NDSL & NDLC awarded \$126,289 in library vision grants in the past year.

Mary Soucie went on to identify current trends in ND libraries. She stated that many public libraries are eliminating fines, particularly for children's materials. WiFi usage is increasing. STEM programming and adult programming are also increasing. Libraries of Things are spreading like a rash. ODIN libraries are migrating to two separate automation platforms. Grow with Google is coming to all 50 states focusing to provide workforce development training. They will be in North Dakota soon. She concluded with the reminder that NDSL is here to serve the ND library community and she welcomes thoughts, comments, and suggestions on how they can serve you.

ALA Councilor's Report: Laurie McHenry stated ALA is talking right now about changing the makeup of their Council—literally decimating its constituency. There is discussion of radically altering how Midwinter is conducted and possibly eliminating it. Mary Soucie asked what will happen to the state affiliate members if the Council shrinks. This was acknowledged to be a good question but also an open one. Shelby Harken stated that LLAMA, LITA, and ALCTS are merging to become CORE.

MPLA Representative's Report: Paulette Nelson stated that the newly-elected MPLA representative is Randi Monley and she will be serving a 4-year term instead of a 3-year term in order to sync up with the ALA rep's term. The MPLA conference will be 10/30 through 11/1 in Albuquerque. There will be a North Dakota night get together if enough of us manifest there. No MPLA conference will take place in 2020 as they'll be moving from their fall to their spring conference cycle. The 2021 conference will be in Salt Lake City. There will be a Leadership Institute in June 7-12, 2020, in Arizona. NDLA has professional development funds to help you attend. Seven people are getting free MPLA memberships this year. MPLA is also working to do five webinars per year via Zoom. These will be accessible to all MPLA members and CE

credit will be available. There was a net increase of 22 members to MPLA last year.

Announcements: Maggie Townsend announced she was bestowing this year's President's Award to someone who made her life easier. Someone who is thorough, gracious, pleasant, helpful, and notably difficult to spell: Kristen Borysewicz. She then turned the meeting over to Traci Lund. Traci Lund recognized Maggie Townsend for all her hard work and everything she did in the background to move our association forwards, and presented Maggie with her presidential plaque. Traci Lund announced that the NDLA Executive Board met to discuss a bylaws change that will be going out for electronic discussion and voting in the near future.

**Adjourned at 12:07.**