

Third General Session  
2000 NDLA Conference, Dickinson  
Friday, September 22, 2000

President Marilyn Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:09PM. A quorum was present.

Kristine Shrauger, Auction Chair, announced that \$835.50 was raised in yesterday's silent auction. \$250 of that amount will go directly to the Ron Rudser Memorial Continuing Education Grant fund. President Johnson stated that the Executive Board has discussed ways to use the remaining auction proceeds. One idea under consideration is using the proceeds to defray travel costs for the legislative session.

Section and Roundtable annual reports were distributed. President Johnson stated that there were no reports for the School Library and Youth Services Section or the Information Technology Roundtable.

The second reading of the resolutions followed. Judith Omlid made a motion to place all of the resolutions on a consent agenda and approve them as written. Melody Kuehn seconded. Motion carried.

President Johnson announced that information about the Mike Jaugstetter memorial would be published in the December issue of *The Good Stuff*. The exhibitors for the 2000 Conference will also be acknowledged in that issue.

Dennis Page, Chair of the Library Coordinating Council (LCC), presented an update of LCC activities. The coordinating council met today and discussed Library Vision 2004 grants and full-text databases. Those are the strongest issues for the LCC at this time. They will meet again in November for planning purposes and to review grants.

President Johnson raised the issue of future conference locations and distributed a handout showing past and future conference sites. The Executive Board has discussed the idea of rotating the conference among the larger cities in the state, i.e., Bismarck, Fargo, Grand Forks, and Minot. The reasons for this suggestion are that NDLA loses money when the conference is in smaller cities (Williston, Dickinson, Jamestown) due to lower attendance and the sometimes remote locations. Another problem is a lack of people to help with local arrangements when the conference is in a smaller city. General discussion followed. Kaaren Pupino suggested dividing the state into four quadrants so that the host would involve more than the conference city, e.g., the Grand Forks Area vs. Grand Forks. In that way, both large and small areas are still involved in conference planning and support. No decisions were made, but President Johnson urged members to think about the issue. The 2001 conference is still planned for Williston.

President Johnson asked for feedback about the two vs. three-day conference format. Although NDLA members seemed to like the two-day format, Melody Kuehn stated that she heard that some exhibitors were unhappy with it. General discussion followed. Several people indicated that exhibitors were unhappy with the exhibit showcase schedule, e.g., exhibits were open from 5-8p.m. on Thursday, but with the Awards Banquet scheduled from 6-8p.m., it was unlikely that conference attendees would visit the exhibits during that time. One suggestion was to have the exhibits open Wednesday evening in conjunction with the NMRT Social and all day on Thursday. Security and adequate technological support are also issues for exhibitors. President Johnson stated that she would be in charge of exhibits for the 2001 Conference as part of her duties as Past President. She appreciated the feedback and will take it into consideration.

La Dean Moen, President-elect, stated that plans for the 2001 Conference are underway. A 50s-60s theme may be used so start going through your closets and checking out flea markets and garage sales for classic clothing now!

President Johnson transferred the gavel to Sally Dockter, new NDLA President. Dockter stated that her vision for the future is to get through the legislative session and to make NDLA stronger and better. She led us in singing "Happy Birthday" in honor of the birthday celebrants, Marilyn Johnson and Doris Ott.

Donna Maston moved to adjourn. Melody Kuehn seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 3:35p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Anderson, Secretary