

NORTH DAKOTA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
FIRST GENERAL SESSION
SEPTEMBER 23, 1999

Barb Knight called the First General Session to order at 6:36 p.m. Ann Pederson verified that a quorum was present.

Marilyn Johnson made announcements. She asked the members to fill out the evaluation forms for the speaker. Marcella Kramer has been named State Employee of the Year; this is the first time a librarian has been selected. Barb Knight has been selected as one of 65 people to get a grant to study with the National Library of Medicine in Maine on how to make webpages. This is the first such grant for a North Dakotan. Auction proceeds will go to fund the NORTH DAKOTA STATISTICAL ABSTRACT ONLINE.

Donna Matson reported that some Flickertale book sets are left over; they will be sold tomorrow at \$ 5.00 per title. Diane Briggs thanked Marilyn Johnson for planning the conference. She introduced and thanked the exhibitors.

The minutes of the three 1998 General Sessions were approved as distributed.

Lila Pedersen gave the Treasurer's report, detailed on three sheets. She has closed four savings and cd accounts and opened two new cd and three new money market accounts. The checkbook balance went down as a consequence, but it is easy to transfer funds from the money market account to checking as needed. The interest will be beneficial to the organization.

The checkbook balance is \$ 16,942.88; it will drop as the conference bills are paid. The equity in the organization is \$ 55,374.98, in part because the conferences have been profitable lately. The third report detailed the budget line items to show where the money has been spent and to offer a comparison to budgeted amounts. Pat Adams moved to approve the budget; Ann Pederson seconded; motion passed.

Diane Briggs introduced Commissioner Irv Inniger, who welcomed the members to Fargo.

Barb thanked the Nominations and Elections Committee for their work. She then introduced the new officers.

The Standing Committee reports followed.

Ann Pederson gave the Constitution, Bylaws, and Polices Committee report. The committee considered 70 documents for revision this year. She described the review process as detailed in grid format in the report. She asked members to help the new committee with its work.

Kelly Hell gave the Finance Committee report. The annual

audit was conducted on February 5; there was one minor change, quickly remedied. The committee changed the handling of bulk mail. Conference income for 1998 came to a little over \$ 6,000. The committee changed investments and investment strategy for the association, which was very hard work. The committee also analyzed the membership dues structure and recommends a \$ 5.00 across the board increase, with a cap of \$ 100 for institutional members. The committee also worked on the policies handbook.

Knight noted that the dues increase would be discussed at the Second General Session.

Debbie Job sent the Intellectual Freedom Committee report.

Konnie Wightman gave the Legislative Committee report. She thanked the APT staff for their help and had nothing to add to the report as written. The committee is working on the handbook.

Michael Safratowich gave the Membership Committee report. Membership is up slightly to 389 members, due to the creative ideas of the committee, whom he thanked. The membership directory went up on the NDLA website in December and has been updated three times since. There are two archival copies, one at the State Library and one with the NDLA archivist. The committee mailed out renewal forms in January; they contained personal information, which probably eased the effort to renew. It also sent out over 500 letters to potential members; about 10 members came from that effort. He encouraged members to talk to others about becoming a member. The committee also worked on the policies manual.

Agnes Jensen gave the Professional Development Committee Report. Some grant money was left from last year; this went to Shelby Harken to participate in a workshop at the Library of Congress. Donna James, Konnie Wightman, Karen Retzlaff, and Jan Hearn all received grants this year. Jensen asked for volunteers for the committee from a variety of types of libraries, as all the current members are from public libraries.

Marlene Anderson gave the Public Relations Committee report. She has been busy with conference publicity. She worked on THE GOOD STUFF during the year and thanked members for sending in materials. The rest of the report is as distributed.

Ellen Kotrba gave THE GOOD STUFF report. It will now be in the hands of APT and the Editorial Committee, and she is VERY happy.

Susan Dingle, the new Archivist/Historian, has just started in this position, so had no report.

Johnson introduced the keynote speaker, Lucy Dalglish, whose address was titled, "The Internet is Not Coffee: It's Better Unfiltered". Her presentation was greeted with applause, and she received thanks from Knight and Johnson.

Briggs handed out door prizes. Members were reminded to come to the auction. Knight thanked Johnson and the committee for a wonderful day. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary