

2010 NDLA Annual Conference

Minutes
First General Session
September 30, 2010
8:30 am – Ballroom #4

Meeting called to order 8:33 am

Welcome – President Laurie McHenry

Introduction of Guests and Dignitaries – President Laurie McHenry

- Introduction and recognition of Local Arrangements Committee Tri-Chairs
 - Sandi Bates, Virginia Tupa & Wendy Wendt & others from the Grand Forks area who helped
- Hal Gershman, Chairman, Grand Forks City Council
- Rita Ennen, Conference Chair
- Phyllis Bratton, Vendor Coordinator
- Al Peterson, MPLA Councilor, introduces the MPLA President, Elvita Landau

Welcome from Hal Gershman, Chairman, Grand Forks City Council

- Words of welcome from Councilman Gershman
- Gershman stated that city of Grand Forks is considering building 21st Century library; provided specifics of plan for funding

Address by Elvita Landau, MPLA President,

- Landau explained benefits of MPLA membership, including Leadership Institute

Approval of Minutes - 2009 General Sessions – Chandra Hirning

- Minutes provided on tables; were made available on website prior to conference
- In the minutes for the 2nd General Session, include the list of new board members
- Shelby Harken moved to approve the minutes for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd General Sessions as amended; Victor Lieberman seconded the motion; motion to approve carried

Treasurer's Report – (Bonnie Krenz will field questions)

- Report available on website
- Bonnie Krenz, chair of Finance Committee, is available to field questions

Vendor Recognition – Phyllis Bratton

- Listed 34 vendors
- Will be conducting vendor bingo; get a sticker or stamp at each booth. A drawing will be held at 3rd General Session. Bratton showed the two prizes.

Legislative Moment – Kelly Steckler

- Stecker encourages attendees to discuss legislative issues at the section and roundtable business meetings. Be sure to gain consensus from the group and vote on a resolution. Then bring the resolution to the general membership for further backing. If a legislative idea comes forth in the form of a resolution, please appoint a member from that section/roundtable to volunteer to serve on the legislative committee to follow the issue during the session.
- If you have a legislative issue about which you'd like to talk with Kelly Steckler, she will be available throughout the conference

First reading of the proposed Constitution and Bylaws Changes – Laurie McHenry

- Will be voting on proposed changes during 2nd General Session via paper ballot. Please wear badges so that those with regular memberships can be identified.
- Proposed changes were presented in writing in August issue of *The Good Stuff*

At its June 4, 2010, meeting, the NDLA Executive Board approved these proposed changes to the NDLA Constitution and Bylaws. The majority of the changes deal with the ability to conduct business of the Association between annual meetings with electronic voting of the general membership.

In accordance with the current constitution, the proposed changes are being presented in writing to the membership at least one month before voting. (President McHenry took this reading from *The Good Stuff*, and that's where they were presented in writing.) Passage requires a two-thirds majority of those voting.

In these minutes, proposed additions are printed in italics. Proposed deletions are highlighted with strikethroughs.

NDLA Constitution

Proposed Changes

ARTICLE VI – ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Section 3. *Business of the general membership between Annual Meetings will be conducted electronically.*

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments to this constitution must be submitted in writing to the Constitution, Bylaws and Policies Committee. ~~who will conduct a vote.~~ Proposed constitutional changes will be presented ~~in writing~~ to the membership at least one month before voting. Passage will require a two-thirds majority of those voting.

ARTICLE IX - BYLAWS

Section 1. All proposals for amending the Bylaws will be submitted in writing to the Constitution, Bylaws and Policies Committee. ~~who will conduct a vote.~~ Proposed Bylaws changes will be presented ~~in writing~~ to the membership at least one month before voting. Passage will require a majority of those voting.

NDLA Bylaws

Proposed Changes

Article I. Membership

Section 2. Dues

C. All proposals for changing the dues structure will be submitted to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies Committee, ~~who will conduct a vote~~. Proposed dues changes will be presented to the membership at least one month before voting. Passage will require a majority of those voting.

ARTICLE II – MEETINGS

Section 3. General Membership Business

Business of the general membership between Annual Meetings will be conducted electronically.

ARTICLE III – NOMINATIONS, AND ELECTIONS, AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP VOTING

Section 1. Nominations

The president will appoint a *four* ~~three~~ member Nominations and Elections Committee.

Section 3. General Membership Voting

The Nominations and Election Committee assumes responsibility for working out general membership voting details as specified in the Policies Handbook.

A. All voting done of the general membership will be conducted by ballot. The Nominations and Elections Committee prepares the official ballot. The ballots will be distributed to the voting membership at least thirty days prior to the opening of the voting period.

B. A majority vote of all returned ballots determines results. The Nominations and Elections Committee determines and reports the results of the balloting to the Executive Board which validates results and in disputes regarding results serves as the final arbiter

C. Voting questions will be announced to the general membership by the President of NDLA at least 30 days prior to the opening of electronic vote. Discussion can occur electronically. The President will announce opening and closing of electronic voting.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 4. Removal of Officers

A. Elected officers of the Association may be removed from office for just cause. A two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Board is required to authorize a ~~mail~~ ballot to the membership seeking removal of an officer(s). Officers being considered for removal cannot vote during removal procedures. An affirmative

vote of two-thirds majority of the votes returned removes an officer upon validation of election results.

ARTICLE VII - SECTIONS AND ROUNDTABLES

Section 3. Formation

B. Both sections and roundtables require a chair and a chair-elect. Other officers will be elected as deemed appropriate. Section and roundtable chairs are responsible for providing the NDLA Nominations and Elections Committee with a slate of candidates for vacant offices. Elections will be conducted by ~~mail~~ ballot in accordance with the provisions outlined in these Bylaws (Article III, Sec. 2).

ARTILE VIII - AFFILIATIONS

Section 3. Affiliation Process

A. Upon the recommendation of the Executive Board and an affirmative vote of two-thirds majority of ~~mailed~~ membership ballots returned, NDLA may affiliate with other associations/organizations.

B. Petitions from organizations or groups wishing to affiliate with NDLA will be presented to the membership ~~at the annual meeting~~. A majority of two-thirds of the registered members present at the last annual meeting will be necessary for ratification.

C. The Association may disaffiliate with an organization upon recommendation of the Executive Board and an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the ~~mailed~~ membership ballots returned.

- Questions or discussion regarding these proposed changes
 - Sandi Bates: Name of committee was changed to Nominations, Elections & Voting Committee, but that is not reflected of wording in proposed changes. Is that something which can be changed in the proposed Constitution/Bylaws at this point?
 - Kirsten Baesler: We would need a motion to make a change to the wording within the proposal. If such a motion is passed, the proposal on which we will vote during the 2nd General Session will feature this revised wording.
 - Victor Lieberman moves to change the wording in the proposed changes from Nominations and Elections Committee to Nominations, Elections, & Voting Committee. Shelby Harken seconded. Vote by show of hands. Motion carried.

Announcements:

- New Roundtable – Archives & Records Management
 - If you have questions, see Curt Hanson. First business meeting will be tomorrow morning.

- The State Librarian Report by Doris Ott will be provided at the noon meal today, as will the Library Coordinating Council Report by Ann Pederson.
- Fill out evaluation forms in your registration packets
- Vote at GODORT booth for Notable North Dakota Documents.
- Race across the City—Sign up at registration table.
- Sign up for a free membership from MPLA
- Drop off auction items at the registration desk
- Resolutions Deadline – Friday, 10:30 a.m. You can e-mail the resolution to Cathy Langemo or drop it off at the registration desk. Please use the form provided. We would prefer it be typed rather than handwritten.
- Program Changes (if any) Rita Ennen
 - Program book from registration table is accurate and reflects some changes made to descriptions shown on the website or in *The Good Stuff*.
- Victor Lieberman: Program he's doing on Friday is accurately described in the program; the description in *The Good Stuff* is not current.
- Drawing for free membership to NDLA, sponsored by Kay Rudser. Joan Erickson is the winner.

Meeting adjourned, 9:07 am

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