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NDLA Representative's Report

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The last NDLA Board meeting was held May 21st in Bismarck. The Statistical Abstract of North Dakota was discussed because it was last updated in 1988.

Dr. Scott Stradley, Bureau of Economic and Business Research at the University of North Dakota, has gotten a grant of \$4000.00 to do updating of the abstract but would like to do it on the web, not as a book. He has requested \$2000.00 from the State Library and use of their website. He requested \$2000.00 of NDLA also. The Board voted to use the proceeds from the Ron Rudser auction and any donations for this web-based project.

The Byrnes-Quanbeck Library at Mayville State University received a bequeath of \$400,000.00 from Emil Seim, a local citizen.

Vision 2004 was revisited by the Board. By 2000, Dynix, ODIN, and Winnebago will be connected in one search. The past Legislature gave the library community over \$200,000.00 to implement Vision 2004. They never said we were asking for too much, only that they were short of money and wished they had more to give.

The nominees for the 1999 Flicker Tale Book Awards are the following titles:

Picture Books: Rumpelstiltskin's Daughter (Stanley), To Market To Market (Miranda), Mailing May (Tunnell), Grandpa's Teeth (Clement), Grandpa Toad's Secret (Kasza). Juvenile Books: Shiloh Season (Naylor), Wringer (Spinelli), Riding Freedom (Ryan), Thunder Cave (Smith), Gib Rides Home (Snyder).

Several authors have responded to the request to visit North Dakota schools and are considering making visits this spring or next fall. It is known for sure that Phylis Naylor is appearing in Williston in April and Roland Smith wants to visit sometime too. Anne Miranda can't visit because she lives in Spain, but would like to answer e-mail from students or set up on-line conferences. Her e-mail address is:

101606.2001@compuserve.com.

Pam Rya mentioned in her letter that she has a new web site that students may want to visit. Other authors are still considering visits .

The winners of the 1999 Flicker Tale Award are:

Grandpa's Teeth by Rod Clement
Shiloh's Season by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Dave Davis is the new director of the Fargo Public Library.

"The Web We Weave: Libraries On Site For the New Millennium", the NDLA fall conference will take place September 22-25 at the Doublewood Inn in Fargo, North Dakota. A seven-member panel from the Fargo Forum, public schools, libraries and the Great Plains will discuss filtering at the NDLA fall conference. The program will be sponsored by the public library section. The next NDLA Board meeting will be Sept. 22 from 7:30 to 9:00pm.