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MPLA Board Report
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North Dakota

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The Centennial Conference of the North Dakota Library Association was a roaring success. We had almost 200 registrants. Michael Gorman, ALA Past President and President – Elect Dr. Loriene Roy were keynote speakers. Dr. Roy also participated in a panel on Tribal College Libraries. Centennial projects included auctioning off a quilt made by librarians across the state – it brought in \$330.00; a cookbook with recipes from librarians statewide as well as a lot of historical information; posters of libraries from around the state - which also were auctioned off. 10 free memberships to MPLA were given away at a general session. A 20 year old videotape of conference “entertainment”, and I use that term lightly, was shown before the auction.

The Leadership Institute Committee informed us that four of our applicants would be able to attend the Institute at Ghost Ranch if they had the financial support to do so. NDLA has always paid up to a \$1,000 of expenses for 2 applicants to attend. We were so excited to have 4 ND librarians invited that NDLA decided to sponsor all four candidates.

Charles Pace, Director of Fargo Public Library has resigned and is taking a position as Director of the St. Louis Library System. Shelby Harken, from Chester Fritz Library at UND will finish his term as North Dakota’s ALA Councilor.

The ND Manitoba Chapter of ACRL, one of only 2 such affiliations in ACRL, has been languishing for several years now. Heroic efforts have been able to restore it back to health. A Spring Conference was held at UND and next year’s conference will be in Winnipeg.