

## **North Dakota Library Coordinating Council Regular Meeting via Conference Call**

September 6, 2005

**Present:** Chair Lila Pedersen, Marlene Anderson, Quincee Baker, Phyllis Kuno, Ilene Larson, Bonnie MacIver, Rosemarie Myrdal, Doris Ott, Iris Swedlund, Cheryl Tollefson, and Jan Wysocki

**Others Present:** Cynthia Larson, Assistant State Librarian, and Lorretta Graumann, State Library recorder

**Call to order:** Chair Pedersen called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. (CST). Pedersen asked for changes or additions to the agenda. There were none.

**Minutes:** Pedersen asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from May 31 and June 29, 2005, which were sent to Council members electronically. Baker requested that her name be added to the May 31 minutes as she participated in that conference call. Myrdal made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. MacIver seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There were no corrections to the June 29, 2005, minutes. Swedlund made a motion to approve the minutes. Kuno seconded it. Motion carried.

**Think Tanks:** Ott asked Council members if they would be interested in sponsoring “think tank” sessions again and if so, suggested holding them at the end of February 2006.

Ott addressed the questions of what a think tank is and who participates. She explained that every five years an evaluation is done on how LSTA funds were used and what the outcomes were. Ott explained think tanks are like a focus group with the purpose of sharing ideas and gathering information on outcomes in the communities; they are an opportunity to get questions asked (i.e., the role of the State Library and Coordinating Council), and get feedback from librarians across the state. Librarians, board members, and citizens are invited. They are advertised in newspapers.

Council discussed suggestions as to structure and topic discussion ideas for the think tanks.

Council discussed when to have the think tanks and what locations. Council members were encouraged to attend as many think tank sessions as possible and also to use the

opportunity to contact their constituents and invite them to attend. The think tanks are a good time to get direct feedback from constituents.

MacIver made a motion that Council sponsor “think tanks” in 2006. Wysocki seconded it. Motion carried.

Council discussed the tentative dates and locations for think tanks. It was decided to have them in February 2006.

I. Larson made a motion that Council plan three think tank events to take place in Fargo, Dickinson, and Minot. Swedlund seconded it. Motion carried.

Discussion followed on the specific dates for think tanks with February 17 for the one in Fargo, February 24 for Dickinson, and February 27, 2006, for Minot. The think tanks would run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Invitations will be sent out on the LIST(s). Ott will check to see if it’s possible to get each Council member a LISTSERV of their constituents.

Council requested some materials be made available to them at the NDLA session for people to meet and visit with them on September 22 from 3:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Materials should include the Online Library Resources brochures.

Council discussed items to be addressed at the next regular meeting scheduled for November 2 & 3, 2005. These items will include reviewing the grants, the think tank process and questions, and electronic LIST(s).

Swedlund made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kuno seconded it. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. (CST)