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MPLA Executive Board Meeting Report  
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The centennial conference of NDLA will be held on Sept. 20-22nd. Unfortunately this is the same time as the SDLA Conference. Centennial projects include: a quilt to auction off with proceeds going to professional development; creating a collage and posters of pictures of libraries around the state; honoring past presidents with a free meal at the Awards Banquet; a series of articles written from the archives and published in The GoodStuff; and a cookbook.

NDLA is purchasing 10,000 stickers that say "I Love Libraries and I Vote" to be distributed to libraries around the state. This has been a successful publicity campaign in Wisconsin.

The ND Legislature instructed auditors to look at state aid laws a few years ago. The Attorney General issued a new interpretation of the state aid to libraries law that resulted in half the public libraries losing significant funding. Efforts are underway to change the law. NDLA is endorsing these efforts.

The North Dakota MPLA Leadership Institute applicants were ranked by the NDLA Committee and sent to MPLA for final selection.

Fargo Public Library won a LAMA Best in Show Award for their summer reading program.