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North Dakota State Representative

March, 2013

MPLA Activities

- Sent out membership renewal reminders to all ND members who had not yet renewed.
- Attended NDLA Executive Board meeting on March 15th.
- Submitted an article to MPLA newsletter.
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- Submitted a program proposal for our upcoming tri-conference (approved!)
- Reviewed and provided feedback on the Best Practices for State Representatives document Stephen Boss prepared.

NDLA News

- The North Dakota Library Association is in the process of hiring a new Executive Secretary.
- NDLA is pleased and excited to be working with SDLA and MPLA for the tri-conference in Sioux Falls.
- The last several NDLA conferences have run over budget. The Board is working to implement more rigid budgeting guidelines and is evaluating increasing registration fees, levying CE instructor fees, avoiding more expensive host facilities, and securing sponsorships to help ensure that we at least break even at future conferences.

North Dakota News

- The North Dakota State Library's biennial budget originally included an increased appropriation for State Aid to Public Libraries and money to be granted to public libraries for renovations and repairs (HB1013). Despite being part of the Governor's budget, the House removed the increase in State Aid to Public Libraries and the funding for library renovation and repair grants from the bill. The Senate hearing for the bill is this week.
- The State Library is holding Spring Workshops on April 8th and 9th in Bismarck. More information is available here: <http://library.nd.gov/traininglibraries.html>.
- The Online Dakota Information Network (ODIN) is having their Work Day on April 10th in Carrington. Further information is not available on their website.

Respectfully submitted,

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