President’s Report – Ashia Gustafson

The year started off so full of hope and normalcy! In January I traveled to Aberdeen with Maria Gruener to tour the convention center. I worked on getting a menu finalized to hand over to the Local Arrangements Committee. I finalized contracts with the Keynote speakers. I sent out vendor invitation emails. At the April SDLA Board meeting it was agreed that we would cancel our in-person conference and do a virtual conference. I worked with the Best Western in Aberdeen to see if we could re-schedule our conference with them and not incur a cancellation fee. We were able to re-schedule our Conference in Aberdeen for 2024. I helped Julie Erickson, to the best of my abilities, plan the virtual 2020 conference. I prepared agendas and facilitated the SDLA Board meetings via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashia Gustafson

Past President Report – Maria Gruener

Last fall, I put together the report of the 2019 conference and shared it with the board. I reviewed and made recommendations for the SDLA bylaws and procedures. I reviewed the SDLA bylaw and procedures and made recommendations to the Executive Board. Many of these changes were minor updates. The YARP Committee and Legislative Issues Committee have extensive changes. In the spring, I created a new budget book for the Finance Committee. Additionally, I created a conference manual for future Presidents and committee to use. This fall, I used Google Drive to create a file system for SDLA. Hopefully, this will help create a seamless transition for new officers, committees, and employees. I have enjoyed working with the Executive Board for the last several years. Thank you for the opportunity.

Vice President/President Elect - Julie Erickson

As part of the position duties this year I've:

- Attended the executive board meetings
- Helped transition the annual conference to an online event
- Requested site quotes for the 2023 conference in Rapid City for the president’s review
- Set the conference theme for 2021 "How To Make Yourself Future-Ready In An Uncertain Future." The logo is attached
- Prepared the budget for the 2021 year
- Interviewed applicants for the EST role

Executive Secretary/Treasurer - Audrea Buller

I will be wrapping up my third and final year. This has been different, challenging and busy. Below are the highlights:

- Started prepping right away for this years conference and worked with the LAC with any questions they had.
- Prepared for Legislation Day by updating the website with a registration link and then attended.
- Prepared for the board meetings.
- Worked on monthly processes such as billing and things.
- Filed the Annual report for our Incorporation paperwork.
- Prepared taxes for H&R Block to process for us.
- Been working on procedures and preparing for the transition of the new EST.
As of September 2020, SDLA had 255 personal members, 34 institutional and 6 subscriptions.
As of September 2019, SDLA had 395 personal members, 43 institutional and 3 subscriptions.

Accounts:
As of 9/08/2020:
Wells Fargo Accounts: $8,421.72 Checking  $13,021.05 Savings
Ameriprise Financial Flexible CD: $14,585.31 *June 30, 2020
Ameriprise CD: $18,577.06 *June 30, 2020

**ALA Report – Lisa Brunick**

Report coming.

**MPLA State Representative – Nita Gill**

I attended the NMLA/MPLA Joint Conference Oct 30-Nov 1, 2019 in Albuquerque. Stephen Sweeney of Denver, CO was sworn in as MPLA President. Robin Newell of Emporia, NE is the new Vice
President/President Elect.

The MPLA Executive Board met over Zoom March 25 and September 21 in 2020.

There was no MPLA conference in 2020 as we transition from fall conferences to spring conferences.

The next MPLA Joint Conference was to be with the Utah Library Association May 19-21, 2021. ULA
voted to change the conference to a virtual conference. They gave MPLA the option to break the contract, and with all the uncertainties, the Board voted to leave the ULA Conference. MPLA will encourage MPLA members to still attend the conference and any other virtual conferences put on by MPLA member state associations.

The MPLA Leadership Institute was supposed to be in June, but was postponed to June/July 2021 because of COVID-19. As of writing this report, the LI committee and cohorts were looking into different options – in person, online, or a hybrid of those two.

Keep up to date and follow MPLA on facebook -
[https://www.facebook.com/MountainPlainsLibraryAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/MountainPlainsLibraryAssociation)

And with the MPLA Newsletter - [https://mpla.us/documents/newsletter/](https://mpla.us/documents/newsletter/)
Share what’s happening at your library!

Have never been a MPLA member? New MPLA memberships are half price for the first year.

**Recording Secretary – Kim Bonen**
The Executive Board met:
November 15\(^{th}\), 2019 (Conference Call)
February 13th, 2020 (Pierre)
April 27th, 2020 (Conference Call)
July 24th, 2019 (Zoom Call)
September 23, 2020 (Zoom Call)
Will meet Oct 1, 2020 (SDLA virtual conference)
E-Votes where held:
- February 1, 2019 to vote on the 2019 Legislature Platform
- May 22, 2020 to schedule the SDLA conference in Aberdeen and to renegotiate our current contract with the Best Western in Aberdeen for September 25-27, 2024.
- September 23, 2020 to endorse new 2020 School Library Guidelines set by the State Library.
Minutes were recorded for each meeting. Upon approval of the Executive Board, the minutes were updated on the SDLA website.

Report of the Book Marks Editor, Kelly Henkel
I compiled, produced, and distributed last year’s newsletter to members 3 times this year and will do one more issue after the conference for the year. The first issue was printed and the second and third were digital-only. At this point, the USPS Bulk Mailing permit is renewed but there’s no set plan for when the printed issues will start up again.

This year there is no printed conference booklet; I have put more effort into making the conference website the tool for navigating the event.

I have been posting on the SDLA Facebook page/Twitter page with a mix of general library posts, updates on SDLA deadlines and news, and advocacy posts. The next deadline for Book Marks is October 21. I want to encourage section leaders and committee members to send me updates for this issue.

On a personal note, I am ending my 8-year employment at the McGovern Library and starting my position as the Digital Initiatives Librarian at Augustana University in mid-October. I am thrilled that SDLA’s new EST is Krista Ohrtman. It will be great to collaborate with the SDLA EST in person!

Public/Trustee Report – Barbara Vander Vosrt
South Dakota Library Association Public/Trustee Section 2020

The following is a listing of the Book Awards Committee members:

Children’s Book Awards Committee
- Juliet Heltibride (20), Chair, At-Large
- Sheleen Bauer (21), At-Large
- Heidi Sackreiter (20), College Lit. Prof, Augustana University
- Lisa Martin (21), Public, SDLA
- Karla Bieber (22), Public/SDLA
- Sarah Overvagg (22), Public/SDLA
- Thea Teasley (22), At-Large
- Korey Erickson (19), At-Large
- Sherry Bauman (21), At-Large
- Nichole Herzog (22), School Admin
- Samantha Miller (21), School/SDLA
- Kathy Schiesl (20), SDEA
- Laura Kelly, State Library
YARP Book Awards Committee
- Elizabeth Hoffman, Chair
- Jamie Formanek, Secretary
- Jeri Light, Book Nominations
- Wendy Nelson, Membership
- Laura Kelly, SD State Library Liaison
- Laura Allard
- Robert Behlke
- Emily Benvenga
- Jody Carlson
- Jeanne Conner
- Sue Faulaber
- Jamie Formanek
- Laurie Hayes
- Liz Hoffman
- Deedra Holdusen
- Joanne Kallhoff
- Laura Kelly
- Jean Kirschenman
- Cindy Meinen
- Linda Miller
- Shayna Monnens
- Dori Nelson
- Ashley Norris
- Kris O’Brien
- Sabrina Padfield
- Mary Peters
- Amanda Raiche
- Shelley Rath
- Raynette Schulte
- Sharon Schewbach
- Kjerstin Smith
- Janelle Stoeger
- Lucy Wang
- Sherri Wolles

Due to non-response of the Public/Trustee Vice-Chairman, there are no minutes of the Public Trustee Annual meeting of 2019. Items worth noting and repeating:
- In 2018 the Public Library/Trustee Section of SDLA passed a resolution to change the composition of the Children’s Book Award Committee. Those seats previously designated for Reading Council Representatives (3) were voted to transition into seats for At-Large members.
- One new member is needed to complete the Children’s Book Award Committee.
- The Vice-Chairman position of the Public Library/Trustee Committee needs to be filled.

Support Staff Report — Susie Lippert

This has been a unique year for everyone, to be sure. In response to the pandemic, we have employed the SDLA Support Staff Facebook page as a tool to inform, encourage, and connect with library staff
throughout the state. Membership in the group has grown, and we have looked for opportunities to share the positive ways libraries have worked to meet the needs of their patrons and community. Planning for Branch Out 2021 will begin soon. At this time, it is unknown what that will look like. In person gatherings would be ideal, but only time will tell whether this is possible, or if an online event will be more appropriate. Regardless, the mission remains the same: a) To enhance the professional image and status of South Dakota’s library support staff. b) To further their professional growth through encouraging participation of support staff in library associations, conferences, and continuing education. c) To provide a network for communication to our members and the profession on library support staff issues and trends. d) To network and cooperate with library organizations on local, state, national and international levels. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Support Staff Section Chair. I have enjoyed the work, and continue to champion the efforts of SDLA and library staff across the state. Josh Easter has a true heart for service to others, and will do great things as Support Staff Chair moving forward. Please give him your support and encouragement.

**Academic/Health/Special Libraries Section** – Ana Olivier

Report coming.

**Audit** – Jane Norling, Stephanie Kaitfors
The auditing committee individually reviewed (due to the COVID-19 pandemic and distance) the South Dakota Library Association EST financial records. We each examined expenses and receipts and deposits for sampled months in 2019. Receipts were organized with the bank statements. We also reviewed investment records and budget statements. It was noted that H&R Block did the tax preparation and filing for the 2019 taxes and that expense was authorized at the SDLA board meeting minutes.

Internal records matched statements from the financial institutions with which the organization does business. Traditional deposits and expenditures appear to have been processed in a timely manner. We did not find any evidence of fraud by management or employees of SDLA.

**By-laws & Procedures Report** – Audrea Buller & Kim Bonen & Maria Gruener
Maria and Audrea worked on updating the bylaws and procedures. All recommendations were approved by the executive board.

**Children’s Book Award Committee Report** – Juliet Hiltibriddle
The Prairie Bud, Prairie Bloom, and Prairie Pasque Children’s Book Awards are sponsored by the South Dakota Library Association. The Prairie Bud award is determined by PreK, K, & 1st grade students. The Prairie Bloom award is determined by 2nd and 3rd grade students, and the Prairie Pasque award is determined by 4th and 5th grade students. Students are asked to submit votes on the South Dakota State website for the books which they think deserve to win the awards. Teachers and Librarians are also able to submit sets of votes from their students.

Students in 32 communities participated in the voting during the 2019-2020 school year. When the South Dakota schools switched to online schooling for the remainder of the year due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the committee members voted to extend the voting deadline from April 1 to May 1. This allowed for an additional 2,066 votes to be submitted. There were 10,589 votes cast for Prairie Bud, 7,370 votes for Prairie Bloom, and 4,013 for Prairie Pasque.
Following are the results from the 2019-2020 South Dakota Children’s Book Awards voting:

- Prairie Bud winner: I am a Cat, by Galia Bernstein
- Prairie Bloom winner: 7 Ate 9: The Untold Story, by Tara Lazar
- Prairie Pasque winner: Moto and Me: My Year as a Wildcat’s Foster Mom, by Suzi Eszterhas

The Children’s Book Awards Committee held their annual meeting on July 16 by teleconference on Zoom. The committee chose the nominations for the 2021-2022 lists. This is the second year the committee has met virtually, and the committee plans to continue meeting this way in the future. Currently, all team members are mid-way through their terms, or are willing to continue on to a second term. One team member did drop out midway through the year, so the committee is in need of a new member.

**Finance & Membership – Julie Erickson**

Report coming.

**Intellectual Freedom Nancy Sweson**

- No challenges have been reported this year to the committee this year
- This year we updated the bylaws
- We plan to do the following in the coming months:
  - Develop a SDLA Intellectual Freedom guide for SDLA membership
  - Establish/document procedure or reporting IF complaints and requesting assistance handling them
  - Develop schedule for sending out educational info and helpful resources to SDLA membership

**Library Issues Elizabeth Cox**

The primary activity of the Library Issues Committee was to coordinate the 2020 Library Legislative Day. Legislative Day was held on Thursday, February 13, 2020 in the Capitol Rotunda. Approximately 250 were served at the buffet lunch hosted by SDLA including legislators, staff, interns, and library attendees. The State Library set up information tables in the Rotunda.

DLA’s lobbyist, Eric Erickson, assisted with invitations to legislators and introductions at the event. Throughout the Legislative Session, he kept SDLA apprised of any bills that would be of interest to libraries.

Our legislative platform was very general this year with the idea of keeping the importance of libraries in our legislators’ minds but with no known large issues. We put out an infographic with facts about SD libraries and the State Library put out some information about who and what the state library is because of some concern over possible budget cuts. Librarians were recognized from the floor in both the House and Senate with an announcement about SDLA Legislative Day. In addition, library staff had opportunities to mingle informally with legislators, attend the SDLA Board Meeting, attend the State Library Board Meeting, and attend the State Library’s Accreditation Ceremony held in the Rotunda in the afternoon.
Legislative Day for 2021 is set and the date will be announced at SDLA. If you have ideas that you would like considered for the 2021 legislative agenda, please contact the committee chair, Elizabeth Fox or any committee member. Librarians from all types of libraries are encouraged to attend.

**SDLA Nominating Committee Annual Report – Scott Ahola**
Report coming.

**Professional Development Grants Committee- Brenda Hemmelman**
As of September 18, the Professional Development Grants Committee has received seven applications for grants and scholarships. Due to the coronavirus pandemic and conferences/trainings being canceled or going virtual, numbers were down this year. There were no applications for the SDLA conference grants.

The committee awarded available funds as follows:

$450 Professional Development Grants to Marilyn Mendenhall of Brookings School District, Crystal Gering-Nelson of Freeman Public Library, and Nancy Swenson of Brookings Public Library. Marilyn’s conference was canceled, and Crystal and Nancy’s conferences went virtual. Amounts awarded were revised to cover only registration fees since there was no travel or hotel involved.

$500 Scholarships to Krista Licht (Rapid City Public Library), Valerie Martin (Sturgis Public Library) for MLS studies. Sarah Shoop (Lead Library) for LIBM 495 practicum class through Black Hills State University.

Submitted by Brenda Hemmelman, chair

Committee members:
Dana Schmidt

**SDLA School Section Annual Report-Korey Erickson**
Report coming.

**Public Relations – Lynn Klundt**
Members included Lynn Klundt, Danielle Loftus, Kelly Henkel, and Audrea Buller.

The committee accepts nominations for SDLA awards and selects the winners. Audrea Buller handles the plaques, flowers, and stipends for the awards night. Kelly Henkel helps prepare and distributes press releases regarding awards presented at the annual conference, as well as general convention activities.

We met via Zoom to discuss and vote for the winners of this year’s awards. We had a total of 4 nominations for 2 of the 6 awards the South Dakota Library Association offers. Please consider
nominating an individual who works hard to make a difference in a South Dakota Library for future awards.

**Social Media – Kelly Henkel**
The committee continues to post content to Facebook and Twitter. We have not discussed adding any other social media platforms at this time. The Support Staff Committee’s Facebook page continues to draw new followers.