

### **President's Report – Mary Francis**

I was happy to serve SDLA and its members this year as President. There were a number of things that were completed this past year.

EST Stephanie Brewer stepped down from her position at the end of 2017. I led a search committee to find her replacement. After hiring Audrea Buller from Lennox to take the EST position, I have worked with her throughout the year as she learns the duties of the position.

During a process to buy license plate stickers as a fundraiser, it was discovered that while SDLA was incorporated as a non-profit organization with the federal government, we were not recognized by the state. We hired a lawyer to complete our paperwork and submit it with the secretary of state. This process also brought to light the fact that our bylaws needed to be clarified in correspond to SD law. A revised section was put out as a vote to the membership to address this and to update procedures due to changes in when meetings are held.

I worked with the local arrangements committee in planning conference and selecting keynotes and presenters.

The Executive Board started discussions on reviewing and possibly adding additional scholarships. Discussions were also started on possible new awards to be given out during the annual conference. Aberdeen was selected at the location for the 2020 conference and Pierre is currently being considered for the 2021 location.

To aid with the selection of committee members, an online form was developed so members could volunteer to serve on specific committees.

Legislative Day was a success and in working with our lobbyist we asked him to provide a weekly update to be sent out to the membership letting us know what bills he was tracking for us and where they currently stood. This will continue next year at the beginning of the legislative session.

Throughout the year, we lost two Support Staff Section chairs as they moved to new positions. Susie Lippert from Yankton has taken over the position and has brought a lot of energy in the planning of Branch Out.

I would like to thank the Executive Board for the work that they do in conducting the work of the association throughout the entire year.

### **Past President Report – Danielle – Absent**

#### **Vice President/President Elect- Maria Gruener**

In May, I attended National Library Legislative Day in Washington D.C. where I served as South Dakota's representative for the event. While there, I met with individuals from the Congressional offices of Mike Rounds and John Thune to discuss reauthorization for the Museum and Library Services Act, future funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and the importance of fast, affordable broadband access for libraries. I also attended a workshop to learn about building relationships with lawmakers and strategies for congressional meetings.

Throughout the year, I attended SDLA Executive Board meetings and assisted the Executive Board with planning for the 2018 SDLA conference. The 2019 conference will be in Spearfish. I completed a budget for 2019, see Finance/Membership Committee report.

I look forward to serving as President of SDLA and working with the Executive Board to support our members in meeting the challenges of providing quality library service.

### **Executive Secretary/Treasurer- Audrea Buller**

Having this be my first year it's been an adventure. I have gained so much from this position and learned quite a bit about SDLA. Everyone from just members to the Executive Board have been very helpful and patient in my learning this position. Here are some of the highlights:

- The year started out with meeting the local arrangements committee for the 2018 SDLA Conference and jumping right in. I updated the website with the new registration forms for Exhibitor/Vendors and Attendees.
- Prepared for Legislation Day by updating the website with a registration link and then attended for the first time. It was a great experience and excited to go next year.
- Prepared for a couple of board meetings.
- Worked on getting a routine down for monthly processes such as billing and things.
- I have been familiarizing myself with the by-laws.

As of September 15, 2018, SDLA had 395 personal members, 45 institutional and 4 subscriptions. As of September 1, 2017, the association had 385 current personal memberships, (of which 107 are complimentary legislator memberships), 46 institutional memberships and 11 subscriptions.

Accounts:

As of 9/01/2018:

Wells Fargo Accounts: \$44,891.62 Checking \$21,039.98 Savings

Ameriprise Financial Flexible CD: \$15,917.63 \*June 30, 2018

Ameriprise CD: \$20,332.30 \*June 30, 2018

SDLA Leon Raney Endowment Fund: \$92,989.72 \*June 30, 2018

### **ALA Report – Elizabeth Fox**

2018 ALA Council Documents and actions are available at

Actions: [http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/council\\_actions](http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/council_actions)

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2017 ALA Annual Report available at

<http://www.ala.org/aboutala/annualreport>

The American Library Association Midwinter Meeting was held February 9-13, 2018 in Denver, CO. The Midwinter Meeting primarily focuses on business meetings of the organization, discussion groups, author forums, and exhibitors.

The American Library Association Annual Conference was held June 21-26, 2018 in New Orleans, LA. ALA Interim Executive Director Mary Ghikas reported there were 17,599 attendees, significantly down from 2017. Historical attendance figures can be found at <http://www.ala.org/conferencesevents/past/pastannualconferences>.

ALA continues to focus on the Libraries Transform campaign. This is a multi-year campaign designed to give some general talking points to all libraries so we can join our voices together and get some common themes to be recognized. The Libraries Transform campaign can be found at <http://www.ilovelibraries.org/librariestransform/>. The current political climate and the threat to library funding at the federal level make it even more imperative that libraries join together in one voice.

ALA's strategic plan with its directions, goals and strategies can be found at <http://connect.ala.org/node/241969>.

ALA's 2018 preliminary budget is \$52.9 million and includes a FY2019 Budgetary Ceiling of \$67,792,739 as approved by Council.

Midwinter 2019 will be held January 25-29 in Seattle, WA and the annual conference will be held June 20-25 in Washington, DC.

I would encourage any other SDLA members who can to attend the Annual Conference in Washington, DC.

**MPLA State Representative – Brenda Hemmelman** <http://mpla.us/>

Thank you for the past six years as your MPLA state rep. It has been a wonderful learning experience and a pleasure to represent SDLA! Let's keep our record for most MPLA members!

Annie Epperson of Colorado assumed the role of MPLA President (for the second time) in the fall of 2017. Leslie Langley of Oklahoma is the VP/President Elect.

MPLA/KLA (Kansas Library Association) conference theme is "Ad Astra...together, from the Mountains to the Plains". MPLA/KLA will be held October 24-26 in Wichita, KS. MPLA will be celebrating 70 years at this conference! Lots of activities are being planned including a birthday party, new member reception, pub crawls, and of course the always popular hot tub roundtable.

<http://kslibassoc.org/2018conf/> <http://70years.mpla.us/>

The MPLA board is discussing the creation of policies for the MPLA archives.

The 11<sup>th</sup> MPLA Leadership Institute in beautiful Estes Park at the YMCA of the Rockies was held April 29-May 4, 2018. Craig Johnson of Augustana University was chosen as South Dakota's delegate. Plans are underway for the 2020 MPLA LI.

MPLA's Past President's Council is now an official group. They are an advisory group made up of past presidents of the organization.

MPLA uses Zoom videoconferencing software to conduct executive board meetings, as well as committee meetings. SDLA was able to use MPLA's Zoom subscription for an SDLA board meeting this past year.

An MPLA panel discussion is taking place at conference this year.

MPLA grant applications are accepted various times throughout the year and information can be found at <http://www.mpla.us/about/professional-development-grants.html>

If you are an MPLA member and would like to serve on a committee, or run for an MPLA office, please contact our VP/Pres. Elect [vicepresident@mpla.us](mailto:vicepresident@mpla.us)

MPLA Jobline can be found <http://www.mpla.us/quick-links/jobline.html>

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Remember that new MPLA memberships are always ½ price.

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**Recording Secretary – Craig Johnson**

The Executive Board met:

November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (Conference Call)

February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (Pierre)  
April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (Conference Call)  
July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (Pierre)  
Will meet September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (SDLA in Sioux Falls)

E-Votes where held:

January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 Approve the 2017 legislative platform

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 quarter's newsletter to members 3 times this year and will do one more printing after conference for the year. The printing costs are steady and I have been gathering enough material to do a 12-page letter. I also produced the conference program. This time I used Canva.com rather than Microsoft publisher. I will use Publisher one more time for the next *Book Marks* and then switch over to Canva for the newsletter.

I have been posting on the SDLA Facebook page with a mix of general library posts, updates on SDLA deadlines and news, and advocacy posts. Splitting Twitter and Facebook responsibilities with the Social Media group has been helpful.

The next deadline for *Book Marks* is October 22. I want to encourage section leaders and committee members to send me updates for this issue.

### **Public/Trustee Report – Erica Rorvik**

The South Dakota Library Association Public/Trustee Section continues to support the Prairie Bud, Prairie Bloom, & Prairie Pasque programs. The 2017-2018 Children's Book Award Committee consists of:

Katherine Eberline – Chair

Juliet Heltibrude

Laurie Hayes

Heidi Sackreiter

Ashley Cortney

Diane Althoff

Amanda Jensen

Korey Erickson

Jenelle Kirchoff

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With 1,819 votes, *Stick and Stone* by Beth Ferry & Tom Lichtenheld (illustrator), is the winner of the 2018 Prairie Bud Award. *The Most Amazing Creature in the Sea* by Brenda Z. Guiberson and Gennady Spirin (illustrator) is the winner of the 2018 Prairie Bloom award with 1,561 votes, and *Hiawatha and the Peacemaker* by Robbie Robertson and David Shannon (illustrator) is the winner of the 2018 Prairie Pasque Award with 1,941 votes.

Anyone interested in being on the committee should contact the public/trustee section chair.

The Public Library/Trustee Section of SDLA also passed a resolution to allow the Children's Book Award Committee to select deceased authors as nominees for the book awards.

#### **Support Staff Report – Susie Lippert**

Nothing to report.

#### **Academic/Health/Special Libraries Section – Mary Kraljic**

Chair Mary Kraljic completed the ACRL Annual Report survey in July. She submitted a request for our chapter allocation of \$100 from ACRL in August. Secretary/Chair-Elect Ana Olivier sent out several calls for proposals for the 2018 SDLA Conference Poster Session over the summer. Ten poster proposals were submitted and accepted by the August deadline. Presenters were contacted to confirm or update the information about their posters. This information was compiled and sent to Kelly Henkel for inclusion in the conference program. The poster session will be judged by three individuals, each from a different Section of SDLA. The presenter(s) whose poster receives the highest average score will win a \$50 Amazon gift card. The winner will be announced during the conference breakfast on Friday, September 28th.

#### **Audit – Laura Olson**

Nothing to report an external audit was performed this year and if available to review upon request.

#### **By-laws & Procedures Report – Audrea Buller & Craig Johnson**

In August we voted on the 2018 official ballot to update the by-laws in following way –

Current Bylaw language

Article XIV. Amendments

14.01 Proposed amendments to the Bylaws shall be submitted to the Executive Board at least three months prior to the annual conference.

14.02 Proposed amendments to the Bylaws as approved by the Executive Board shall be included with the Official Ballot provided to the membership at least six weeks prior to the annual conference.

14.03 Amendments to the Bylaws shall be adopted by a simple majority vote of the members of the Association voting.

14.04 These Bylaws may be adopted, amended or revoked by ballot at the business session of the annual conference of the Association by two-thirds of the members present and voting and without prior one month notice, provided that the motion to revise is submitted in writing, seconded, and accepted for consideration by a simple majority present at the State of the State Library general session of the annual conference.

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Suggested Bylaw revision

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14.03 Amendments or the repeal of the Bylaws shall be adopted by a 2/3 vote of the members of the Association voting.

The changed was passed by an 82 – 4 vote.

We had one E-Vote election to pass the legislation platform and that passed 18-1.

#### **Children’s Book Award Committee Report – Katherine Eberline**

The South Dakota Children’s Book Awards, sponsored by the South Dakota Library Association, invites students in the elementary grades to read and vote for their favorite book of the year. The Prairie Bud Award is for students in grades JK-1, the Prairie Bud is for students in grades 2&3 while the Prairie Pasque Award is geared for students in grades 4&5. All three of these awards encourage students to read and vote for their favorite book from a list of nominated titles. This is the second year for the newest award – the Prairie Bloom. It was also the second year for the realignment of the other award grade levels. The Prairie Bud and Bloom students voted on whether or not they thought the book they read should have won the award, the Prairie Pasque students voted on how much they liked a book on a three star scale. With the new award and the change in voting, there was again an increase in student participation.

The response to both the new voting procedures implemented last year and the addition of the new award this year seem to be very well received. For the Prairie Bud, 13,391 votes from JK-1 students were cast, for the Prairie Bloom 10,918 votes from second and third grade students were cast, and for the Prairie Pasque, 14,422 votes were cast. For a total of 38,731 votes cast from students grades JK-5, this is an increase of 3,515 votes from last year which is up 9%!

Students from grades K-5 voted for their favorite books during the 2016-2017 South Dakota Children’s Book Awards competition. Following are the results of the Prairie Bud/Prairie Pasque voting:

Prairie Bud winner: **Stick and Stone** by Beth Ferry (1,819 votes)

Prairie Bloom winner: **The Most Amazing Creatures in the Sea** by Brenda Guiberson (1,561 votes)

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#### **Finance & Membership – Maria Gruener, Chair**

As Vice President of SDLA, I chaired the Finance and Membership committee. The primary responsibility was creating the 2019 budget. Thank you to Mary Francis and Audrea Buller who assisted with this project. The budget was approved by the Executive Board.

#### **Intellectual Freedom – Jackie Hess**

Nothing to report.

#### **Library Issues – Doris Ann Mertz, Chair**

The Legislative Issues Committee coordinated the SDLA Legislative Day held on Tuesday, February 13. Approximately 250, 50 of whom were legislators, were served at the buffet lunch hosted by SDLA in the Capitol Rotunda. Kathleen Slocum of the State Library managed the local arrangements for the event. Both SDLA and the State Library set up information tables in the Rotunda. SDLA's lobbyist, Eric Erickson, assisted with invitations to legislators and introductions at the event. He also provided a presentation, "Winning Over Decision Makers" and some "Tips for Addressing Legislators", which were posted on the SDLA website to help library staff prepare to make the most of their opportunities with legislators. Throughout the Legislative Session, he kept SDLA apprised of any bills that would be of interest to libraries.

In keeping with the American Library Association's ad campaign, the theme of Legislative Day was "Libraries Transform." Our legislative platform, table decorations, and information table focused on demonstrating how libraries transform lives and communities and are essential in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. 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.

**SDLA Nominating Committee Annual Report – Jan Brue Enright**  
August, 2018

Members: Jan Brue Enright, chair; Scot Ahola; Sheleen Bauer; Korey Erickson

The nominating committee needed to provide a full slate of candidates for the ballot this year. The committee met via phone and email and provided the following choices for officers in SDLA:

Vice President/President-Elect:

**Ashia Gustafson**

Lynn Kludt

Recording Secretary:

**Kim Bonen**

Dustin Larmore

ALA Representative:

**Lisa Brunick**

Emily Harris

MPLA Representative:

**Nita Gill ran unopposed**

Thanks to this nominating committee, and all the previous ones I've served with, as this is my last year in this role. Thanks to all the members who agreed to run!

**Professional Development Grants Committee- Brenda Hemmelman**

As of August 2018, the Professional Development Grants Committee received 16 applications for grants and scholarships, compared to 10 at this time in 2017.

The committee awarded available funds as follows:

\$450 Professional Development Grant to Korey Erickson of Robert Frost Elementary Library (SF) to attend ALA Summer Annual Conference.

\$400 Conference Grants to Valerie Martin of Sturgis Public Library and Heather Besco-Clyde of Oelrichs Public/School Combo Library to attend SDLA Conference in Sioux Falls.

\$500 Scholarship to Beth Berg of Siouxland Libraries for her MLS program at Indiana.

One additional \$450 Professional Development Grant will be awarded in October.

The PD Grant Committee has noted a steady increase in grant applications, especially scholarship applications with the Emporia program now offered in Sioux Falls. We have requested that the SDLA Board research when funds can be used from the Raney fund to possibly offer more grants in the future.

Submitted by Brenda Hemmelman, chair

Committee members:

Ann Smith

Jenelle Kirchoff

#### **Public Relations – Tonya Olson Ferrell**

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**Social Media – Kelly Henkel**