

2023 EDI Committee Report

2022-2023 has been an active year for the EDI Committee. Our two major new initiatives have been the start of a quarterly EDI Discussion series and initiating a grant to support EDI activities in the state.

Discussion Series

Our first discussion took place in June 2023 and focused on “Building Diverse Collections for Diverse Communities”. 20 NDLA members attended, contributing to a robust discussion. Notes and resources from the discussion are available on our [Previous EDI Discussion Series page](#).

Our next discussion will be taking place on October 24th, titled “Let’s Talk About It! LGBTQ2S+ Inclusion in the Library”. This discussion will follow-up on the themes raised in our joint presentation with the LGBTQ2S+ committee at this year’s NDLA Conference.

EDI Grant

The EDI committee received \$600 from the executive board to initiate a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion grant, aimed at supporting EDI initiatives by North Dakota library workers. We created an [application page](#) and assessment rubric and opened our website for applications on May 8. The application period will remain open until November 3 at which point the committee will meet to assess the applications and award the grant.

Other News

- Committee member Karlene Clark has continued to write articles for the EDI Corner in The Good Stuff. The chair has also provided updates for the Committee Blotter.
- The EDI Committee presented some concerns regarding the accessibility of NDLA website. The Website Committee graciously took this feedback into account, conducting an informal accessibility audit and committing to making changes in the website this upcoming year.
- We updated our [EDI Resource List](#) to include a section on reader’s advisory and diversifying library collections.
- The EDI Committee put in three proposals for the 2023 conference (two of them in partnership with the LGBTQ2S+ committee). One of those joint proposals was accepted and we will be presenting it on October 12.

Zeineb Yousif has agreed to continue serving as the EDI Committee Chair.

Mariah Ralston
NDLA ALA Chapter Councilor
Annual Report
10/03/2023

During the 2023 State Legislative Session, the ALA Chapter Relations office assisted the NDLA Legislative Committee with outreach and support during the session. Part of that was providing access and training for the One Click Politics platform, and helping provide talking points and editorial assistance for that outreach.

I assumed interim Councilor responsibilities in May of 2023 after a training period with Sara Westall. Sara has been very generous with her time and continues to be available for my questions. A sincere thank you to Sara for all her work this year!

The ALA Annual Conference & Exhibition took place this past June 22-27 in Chicago, IL. I was able to attend the conference virtually through the Digital Experience option, which was very convenient! A total of 15,851 people registered for the event, including 369 virtual attendees for the Digital Experience. Some of the featured speakers this year included Judy Blume, Amanda Gorman, Christian Robinson, Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu, and Dr. Carla Hayden.

There were three Council meetings that took place during the conference, which I also attended virtually. The revamped ALA Constitution and Bylaws, which were adopted during the LibLearnX conference, had several action items for Council to consider.

There were also changes requested by the ALA Committee on Diversity to review and approve the 2023 Edition of the American Library Association Standards for Library Services for the Incarcerated and Detained. This is the first update to the Standards for the Incarcerated or Detained since 1992.

ALA Council voted to reaffirm ALA's position on the Freedom to Read. The North Dakota Library Association likewise voted to reaffirm the Freedom to Read statement on its 70th anniversary at the Executive board meeting held in July.

Several resolutions were passed at the Annual meeting, such as:

- A Resolution on Guaranteeing Virtual Participation in ALA Governance
- A Resolution on Maintaining Equitable In-Person Participation for All ALA Membership Meetings
- A Resolution Condemning Discrimination Against Library Workers and Supporting the LGBTQIA+ Community
- A Resolution to Investigate Changing Dates for Future Annual Conferences of ALA
- A Resolution on the Selection of Dubai as the location for the IFLA 2024 World Library and Information Congress (WLIC)

For further information about the Council meetings, you can access a detailed synopsis through American Libraries:

Council I | <https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-scoop/ala-council-i-reports-and->

resolutions/

Council II | <https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-scoop/council-ii-condemning-discrimination-against-the-lgbtqia-community/>

Council III | <https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-scoop/council-iii-inquiry-into-conference-date-changes-approved/>

One challenge this year has been trying to keep current on the political interests and groups within various US states that are pressuring their state libraries and library associations to cut ties with the American Library Association. I'm committed to doing my best to monitor this movement.

I've continued Sara's weekly ALA Connect Recap emails to the NDLA listserv. If anyone has any questions or feedback, please feel free to contact me at ala.councilor@ndla.info

Next year's ALA Annual Conference will be held in San Diego, CA.

Trevor Martinson

NDLA Archivist/ Historian

Annual Report

10/02/2023

In late October 2022, worked with Liz Mason, NDLA Membership Committee, to obtain a current membership directory to add the collection for historical and archival purposes.

In early January 2023, transferred NDLA's electronic records from 2019 to State Archives for inclusion in the NDLA collection.

In March 2023, Kerrienne Boetcher, NDLA President, asked if there is a need to retain recorded videos of meetings. I said "no," since meeting minutes are the official record of the meeting. I also reached out to State Archives to see what the state's record retention schedule is for recorded meetings: videos "can be kept for 60 days to complete transcriptions or provide to those that request copies." I recommended NDLA follow a similar retention schedule for its recorded meetings.

In July 2023, Liz Mason, NDLA Membership Committee, requested an older membership directory. I contacted State Archives to have them pull the most recent printed copy in the collection. Archives provided a copy of the 1996 NDLA membership directory, which I forwarded to Liz.

Continued to save electronic copies of NDLA records as they are shared on the listserv or directly with me, so they can be later added to the collection at State Archives.

Performed a monthly crawls/ captures of the NDLA website via the Wayback Machine.

Megan Lass
NDLA Bylaws and Policies Committee member
Annual Report
October 2023

The Bylaws and Policy Committee Members for the 2022-2023 NDLA term were: Virginia Bjorness & Kristen Borysewicz, Co-Chairs, Liz Mason, Megan Lass and during the course of the year, we added the President-Elect as a standing member of the committee so we welcomed Tammy Kruger to the group.

The major task of this Committee is the oversight of the NDLA foundational documents, adherence to them, and suggesting changes when needed.

One major change to the Bylaws was the change in term from starting at the close of the Annual Conference to starting in January and following the calendar year. This change should facilitate a better onboarding experience for new board members. The organization also eliminated the position of chair-elect for sections and roundtables. Together these changes should clear up existing confusion about organizational roles and responsibilities. Looking ahead into next year, we plan to look at the current vacancy and election dates to determine whether they should move in relation to the new terms.

Another project this year was the creation of an overarching Communications Policy for NDLA. This policy replaces the Electronic Discussion List Policy, Teleconference Policy, and Website Policies. While working on this new policy, it became clear how much policy and procedure are enmeshed in the way our organization operates. As a result, we modified the name of the foundational document from Policy Manual to Policy and Procedures Manual to more accurately reflect its contents.

Our committee facilitated changes to a few committees this year. The first being the make-up of the Nominations, Elections, and Voting committee (NEV). Previously all sections and roundtables were supposed to have their own nominating committees that gave names to the NEV chair. This has not occurred and the NEV has also essentially been a one person committee. Our committee suggested to the Executive Board that, for streamlining the election process and better communication, all section chairs be on the NEV committee. The second is merging the Membership and New Members committees. The Membership Committee is mentioned in the bylaws as a standing committee so we suggested moving the New Members into Membership.

We also continued making policy manual edits as suggested by chairs of various sections and committees. Next year, we will add content to the Policy and Procedure Manual for the new LGBTQ2S+ committee.

2023 Conference Committee Annual Report
Kirsten Henagin and Will Martin, Committee Co-Chairs
Friday, October 6, 2023

2023 Conference Committee included:

- Will Martin
- Kirsten Henagin
- Tammy Kruger
- Mary Soucie
- Randi Monley
- Karlene Clark
- Danielle Masursky
- Jenn Hess
- Sarah Davis
- Claire Kuhlman
- Lisa Eggebraaten
- Kerriane Boetcher

The 2023 NDLA Conference dates were October 11th through 13th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Fargo, ND.

The first Conference Committee meeting took place in December 2022 and the group met monthly through April. Planning picked back-up in mid-July meeting monthly and sometimes twice a month leading up to the event in October.

The keynote speaker selected was Deborah Caldwell-Stone, the Director of ALA's Office of Intellectual Freedom. The Flickertale speaker selected was Andrea Wang.

Vendor registration opened in March/April. The Conference Budget was finalized in April. In hindsight, the budget approval by the NDLA Executive Board should have taken place prior to vendor registration launching. 19 vendors completed the vendor registration. Vendor registration was shut down quickly due to the event space filling rapidly. Two additional vendors inquired about attending after the registration closed, and the committee was able to fit them into the venue.

Conference proposals opened in July and closed August 31. The timeline for conference proposal submission, review and acceptance created a challenge with the opening and closing of the conference registration for early bird and regular pricing. We received more session proposals than available slots in the conference schedule. The conference space did not provide a great place to allow a poster session, but in future years this will be considered.

While no theme was outright selected for the 2023 NDLA Conference, an emerging theme presented itself through the program proposals surrounding civic engagement, intellectual freedom, the legislative process, and diversity, equity, and inclusion.

We had great conference registration numbers with over 150 attendees for the entire conference with at least 79 registrations for the pre-conference regarding policies with the State Library. The great number of attendees proved to be a challenge for the event space and several iterations to rework the ballroom to allow for all of the attendees to participate.

Additionally, we have several volunteers who make the annual conference a wonderful experience. Thank you to those who help at the registration table, facilitators of the silent auction, and the extra hands that make our concurrent sessions seamless. We could not hold our conference without you!

2023 NDLA Good Stuff Editorial Committee Annual Report

Compiled by Maddie Cummings, October 2, 2023

When *The Good Stuff* Editorial Committee was at full strength, Brittany Fischer served as Chair and overall Editor for the publication, with Maddie Cummings acting as production artist and Marlene Anderson serving as publication process advisor, regular contributor, and final commentor. As of September 21, 2023, Brittany stepped down from her position as Chair, and *The Good Stuff* Editorial Committee would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to her for the excellent job she has done with the newsletter over the past year. The current template was created by Brittany, and it is clean, concise, and strives to be accessible.

Current Editor/Chair Responsibilities:

- ◇ Solicit and manage quarterly article contributions
- ◇ Follow-up with content submissions
- ◇ Preliminary and final edits
- ◇ Attend Executive Board meetings or designate replacement
- ◇ Compile annual report
- ◇ Manage website upload

Current Production Artist Responsibilities:

- ◇ Arrange multiple edited contributions into presentation newsletter format, including the following (all of these are to be incorporated into a file type consistent with website upload):
 - Active hyperlinks
 - Headings
 - Cover
 - Image adjustment/placement (if necessary)
 - Table of contents

2023 Activities

- ◇ Issues produced March 1, June 1, and September 14, 2023, with the final quarterly issue to be distributed December 1, 2023
- ◇ Committee met via Zoom twice; March 24 and May 10 to discuss workflow, best practices, and general assignment of duties as well as feedback on previous publications
- ◇ Nonprofit Canva account created and utilized for the creation of all 2023 issues of *The Good stuff*
- ◇ Brittany reached out to the EDI Committee and had the June issue checked for accessibility; it passed on many accounts but failed on others, so things were amended

for the September issue and will continue to be tweaked to attempt to make the newsletter fully accessible

2024 Goals

- ◇ Continue to format The Good Stuff to be even more easily edited and relatively formulaic
- ◇ Streamline the content submission process
- ◇ Utilize NDLA's Facebook page to advertise content submission dates, distribute the finished publication, and generally boost engagement

The Good Stuff Editorial Committee is always welcome to feedback regarding publication, design, accessibility, etc. Please feel free to reach out to good.stuff@ndla.info with any recommendations, questions, or suggestions.

2023 Health Sciences Interest Section Report

Prepared by Devon Olson, HSIS outgoing Chair

2022-2023 has been a relatively quiet year for the Health Sciences Interest Section. We did host a very impactful speaker session in our Spring Meeting, but by the fall meeting it became clear that the section has seen enough of a decrease in membership and interest that the section may dissolve by the next calendar year.

Spring Meeting

As part of its Spring Meeting on May 16th, HSIS invited all NDLA members to attend a presentation by Dr. Brynn Luger, titled "Coping With Difficult Times: Information and Strategies for Wellness". Dr. Luger is an Associate Professor in the Clinician Scholar Track at UND School of Medicine and specializes in treating depression, anxiety, childhood and adult trauma, and the emotional and social issues surrounding substance abuse. Her research focuses on Indigenous mental health, healing practices, and secondary trauma among Native American counselors.

Dr. Luger's presentation was very well-received, delivered as it was in the aftermath of the contentious ND legislative session, and tailored to library workers' context in ND.

In the business section of the Spring meeting the membership discussed the longevity of the Section. Chair-Elect Sandi Bates relinquished her position, and the remaining time was spent discussing the policies and procedures surrounding the funding and folding of the committee.

Fall Meeting

During the fall meeting members established that the section would cease to have active membership, as none of the members present at the meeting, both representing quorum and those members typically active in the section, planned to continue their membership in either the committee or NDLA as a whole. Further discussion was held surrounding policies and procedures to maintain or move the current balance in the HSIS bank account and dissolve the committee.

Legislative Committee Annual Report
Tressa Graves, Committee Chair
10-04-2023

Summary of Activities

The Legislative Committee met in November 2022 to prepare for North Dakota's legislative session that was to start in January 2023. The committee had heard from a North Dakota Library Association (NDLA) member that an anti-library bill might be introduced during the session. As bills don't become public until the first few weeks of the session, we were not aware there would be multiple anti-library bills.

Three anti-library bills (HB1205, SB2123, and SB2360) were eventually introduced. With new amendments added throughout the session, the anti-library bills fluctuated in severity. Other states that also had legislative sessions that started at the same time had 1 or 2 anti-library bills (if they had any at all), not 3.

There were weekly committee meetings from January-March 2023. Sara Westall created great meeting minutes. Some weeks there was additional meetings with members from other pro-library organizations including:

- ACLU North Dakota
- EveryLibrary
- ND United
- Prairie Action Network

The meetings with other organizations were to strategize getting the word out to the public about the bills. The committee was also in frequent contact with American Library Association (ALA)'s Office of Intellectual Freedom, Chapter Relation Office, and Public Policy and Advocacy Office. ALA's Chapter Relation Office and Public Policy and Advocacy Office were instrumental. They offered training on OneClick Politics, an emailed based advocacy platform. They also helped with the wordsmithing for the OneClick Politics messages.

The committee sent out messages on the association listserv and on Facebook with updates on the bills. Updates included when the legislature was having committee meetings about the bills and when North Dakotans could submit testimony for or against the bills. General updates were also included in The Good Stuff.

The committee worked with BreAnne Meier and Aimee Geurts to have fact sheets created and distributed on legislators' desks. The fact sheets included basic statistics about North Dakota school, public, academic, and special libraries. The information from the fact sheets came from publicly available data.

Final Statuses of Bills

- SB2123 did not become law. The bill was shelved with language from the bill used in amendments for SB2360.

- SB2360 did not become law. The bill was vetoed by Governor Burgum and the House voted to sustain the veto.
- HB1205 passed both chambers and was signed by Governor Burgum.
- SB2050, which made minor but important positive changes to the Century Code passed and was signed by Governor Burgum.
- SB2013 (State Library funding) passed and was signed by Governor Burgum.

The committee chair joined Mary Soucie, State Librarian, at the joint COSLA (Chief Officers of State Library Agencies)/ALA fly-in event located in Washington D.C. on March 8 and 9, 2023. NDLA funds were used for the committee chair to attend. It included 1 day of library advocacy training and one day of meeting with the staff of ND's national legislators to discuss the great things that North Dakota libraries do. It was a great learning activity.

The committee received 2 nomination letters for the Library Champion Award. The committee met in July 2023 to discuss the nomination letters and pick the awardees. It was decided to give the award to all individuals who were nominated. The rationale for this decision is that library advocacy is a group activity that everyone should strive to participate in. In previous years, the Library Champion Award has been given to more than one person.

Sen. Ryan Braunberger, Rep. Shannon Roers Jones, Rep. Eric Murphy, Sen. Sean Cleary, and Hilde van Gijssel will receive the 2023 Library Champion Award. Rep. Murphy, Sen. Braunberger, and van Gijssel will attend the NDLA banquet to receive their awards in person. Sen. Cleary and Rep. Roers Jones will have their awards mailed to them.

Challenges

The ND library community quickly mobilized to combat the anti-library bills and to show the essential resources available to North Dakotans through their local libraries. The challenge was getting the word outside of the ND library community. With winter, there are fewer community events and blizzards can upend planned activities. The word of non-librarians has more weight with legislators than librarians.

Recommendations

If the State Librarian is invited back to a future COSLA/ALA fly-in event, NDLA should continue to send members of NDLA's executive board. NDLA president should get the chance to go since she planned to go to the one this year but had to cancel at the last minute. It is a wonderful learning experience.



October 3, 2023

I continue to worry about the lack of involvement from North Dakota librarians in the Mountain Plains Library Association. North Dakota currently has 33 members and two institutional memberships. Last year, North Dakota had 40 members and one institutional membership.

Several exciting projects for MPLA this year, including:

- Revamping our Manual of Procedures
- Moving email services to Gmail and utilizing Google Workspace to share documents
- First Leadership Institute since 2020 went off without a hitch
- New Institutional Memberships are now in place- MPLA hopes this new scale will help us encourage more membership.
 - Budget less than \$50,000
 - \$70 plus 1 comp personal membership
 - Budget \$50,000 - \$99,999
 - \$100 plus 2 comp personal memberships
 - Budget \$100,000 - \$499,999
 - \$175 plus 3 comp personal memberships
 - Budget \$500,000 - \$999,999
 - \$250 plus 4 comp personal memberships
 - Budget \$1M - \$3M
 - \$500 plus 5 comp personal memberships
 - Budget Over \$3M
 - \$750 plus 6 comp personal membership
- New logo and promotional materials
- Past Presidents Council has been reinstated
- (Not exciting for us) Judy Kulp, our long-time Executive Secretary, will retire on April 1, 2024. MPLA is succession planning, as Judy has so much organizational knowledge we cannot replace.
- The next MPLA conference will be at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah, May 8-10, 2024.

Duties continued throughout the year:

- Attended MPLA Board Meetings via Zoom
- Submitted an article to the Good Stuff on Benefits of MPLA Membership
- Submitted and solicited news for MPLA newsletters
- Posted various job openings on the MPLA Job line
- Work on the Nomination Committee and the Awards Committee
- Attended MPLA Conference in Norman, Oklahoma, in March 2023.

Respectfully submitted, Randi Monley MPLA Representative

Tammy Kruger
President-Elect
October 8, 2023

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Became President-Elect during the October 2022 NDLA Conference.

Meetings/Events

- Orientation October 7, 2022
- Executive Board meeting November 7, 2022
- Kickoff meeting for conference planning December 19, 2022
- Executive Board meeting January 9, 2023
- Executive Board meeting February 6, 2023
- Executive Board meeting March 6, 2023
- Executive Board meeting April 3, 2023
- Executive Board meeting May 1, 2023
- Executive Board meeting June 5, 2023
- ALA Annual in Chicago from June 22-26, 2023
- Executive Board meeting July 10, 2023
- Bylaws Committee meeting July 13, 2023
- Executive Board meeting August 7, 2023
- Executive Board meeting September 11, 2023
- Bylaws Committee meeting September 14, 2023

Vendor Planning/Conference

Started working on Vendor Prospectus December 2022; brought to committee February 2023.

Sent out Vendor Prospectus March 2023.

Met with Conference Planning Co-chair, Kirsten Henagin, to discuss vendor aspects of the conference various times. Some of these meetings included Past-President, Will Martin, and the Hilton Garden Inn Event Coordinator, Alexis Kisner.

Attended monthly, starting in December 2022, Conference Planning meetings.

Morgan Keyser
NDLA Public Library Section
October 2023

Annual Report

Became Public Library Section Chair at the end of the 2022 NDLA Conference

- 2022-2023 has been a busy time for libraries across the state – with the legislative hearings and the possibility of many changes taking place. Many public and school libraries had to take a look at their policies and make sure that what they had going on wasn't going to get them punished.
- Attended monthly NDLA Executive Board meetings – held the first Monday of every month.
 - October - October
- Grants available through the ND State Library – available to any Librarians:
 - Collection Development Grant for New collections: This grant application was available from July 1-July 31, 2023. To create new collections within your libraries
 - Makerspace Grant: This grant was available from July 1-July 31, 2023. To allow STEAM experiences in the library settings.
 - Programming Grant: this grant was available from July 1-July 31, 2023. This was to be able to bring new programming or upgrading already existing programming.
- New Public library Section Chair will take over beginning January 2024.

Jennifer Hess
SLAYS Chair 2022-23
North Dakota Library Association SLAYS Committee
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The School Library and Youth Services (SLAYS) section works to keep its members up to date and abreast of the latest trends and issues in youth librarianship. It also serves as the platform for nominating literary works that are deemed excellent reads for youth in North Dakota. Furthermore, SLAYS is a driving force behind finding continuing education opportunities for its members.

Based on the minutes from the previous meeting in October, two major challenges were identified for the SLAYS section. One challenge was the lack of nominations for the two awards that SLAYS sponsors, the School Library Benefactor of the Year Award and the Youth Excellence Program of the Year Award. Another challenge was related to the Flicker Tale award and the nominations and committee structure.

The lack of nominations was a challenge that continued for this year, despite multiple requests to both the SLAYS and NDLA listservs in the Spring. No nominations were received for the Benefactor Award few were received for the Youth Excellence Program of the Year Award. I think discussion should be had at the SLAYS meeting about continuing with only one award.

The second challenge related to the Flicker Tale award committee was partially resolved at last year's SLAYS meeting when a motion was made to change to only two categories: picture book and chapter book. This will go into effect in 2024. The current co-chairs have been ready to step down for a while, but there has been a lack of interest for replacements for them. How this award is structured and managed going forward is a discussion for the SLAYS section at the October meeting.

Other notable events in the area of SLAYS the past year was the continued implementation of new state library standards for K-12, which led to some opportunities for collaboration and a course offered through Mayville State for librarians looking to dig deeper into those new standards. Aside from those events, this past year included mostly passing on information and keeping the SLAYS group up to date on PD opportunities and activities.

Going forward, the SLAYS section will determine how to continue with the awards currently overseen by this section. This could include only providing one NDLA award and then continuing the Flicker Tale under the management of the SLAYS Chair and previous chair. These will be the two primary agenda items at the SLAYS section meeting at the conference.



**Web Editor's Report
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**Joshua Pikka
Web Editor
10/2/2023**

The year 2022-2023 has been another busy year for the NDLA Website Committee.

Committee member Shannon Yarborough accepted a position in Maine and resigned from the committee. Members Brittany Fischer and Will Martin agreed to join the committee in her place. The committee chair would like to thank all of our members past and present for their work on the committee.

Committee member Kristen Borysewicz has been consistent with calling monthly committee meetings as we discuss association business and how it relates to the website. Countless small changes were discussed and implemented in regards to the website. Many of these small changes include changes to membership levels, posting documents, posting news items, updating forms, updating awards pages, changing names of committee chairs, as well as standardization of formats through committee pages.

The largest piece of business this year has been accessibility concerns on the website. The EDI committee has suggested making our website more accessible. Committee member Will Martin was instrumental in attempting to identify issues in accessibility on our website. Unfortunately, what the committee found was that fixing the errors in the website will be a more system wide affair, and was not something that we could fix in a short period of time. Because of the large scope of the project, the committee wants to take its time to design a website that is more organized as well as more accessible. In response to this, committee member Martin designed a card sorting exercise that would help the committee organize information on the website in a better way. The committee chair was able to help Martin with this project. The findings of this project are still being analyzed and a plan to re-organize and improve accessibility are still forthcoming. Committee chairs who have information on the website as well as the NDLA Executive board were informed that these changes are forthcoming and are being asked to help with their pages on the website.

Committee Chair Joshua Pikka also served on an ad-hoc committee to form and revise our communication policy. He also attended the 2023 MPLA Leadership Conference in Estes Park, Colorado.

Committee member Will Martin took over the task of creating the registration for the 2023 NDLA Conference, while Pikka created the Vendor registration for the conference.

As we look forward to the 2023-2024 year, the website committee continues to look forward to work on our website. We hope that work on the website will start in the new year , and that the redesigned pages will be easier for everyone to use. The committee chair would like to extend appreciation to all who helped work on the website in the past year.

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The Membership committee for the 2022-2023 NDLA term were: Liz Mason, Chair, Brittany Fischer and Lori West. Brittany Fischer stepped down from the committee in late July.

The primary purpose of the membership committee is to promote membership in NDLA to prospective members.

This year will be the first year we are sponsoring a free membership drawing during the annual conference.

Other things we have accomplished this year:

- We reviewed and updated the committee policy manual
- We wrote guidelines for the [Honorary NDLA Membership](#) which were approved by the Executive Board in June.
- We reviewed and updated the Membership webpages.
- Proposed the elimination of the institutional level of membership to the executive board, since this membership level did not have voting rights or a discount for the conference, and just seemed to cause confusion for members. This proposal went to a vote by the membership and was approved.
- Prepared a report of years of service for the NDLA president.

In July, Amanda Welch and Liz discussed merging the New Members committee with the Membership committee. We found that the goals of supporting members and growing the membership aligned. We shared the idea with our respective committees and the executive board. The executive board agreed, and the two committees merged under the name of Membership committee in August, with Liz and Amanda serving as co-chairs.

2023 Annual Report TECHSERT/GODORT Committee
Brian Garrison, Susanne Caro (until March 2023) - Chairs

Post-Conference Notable Documents 2022:

- E-mailed publishers to inform if their publications placed in the top three
- Asked publishers if they wanted copies returned
- Sent the list of Notable Documents winners and nominees to the NDLA web editor for inclusion on site
- Sent list of nominated books to ALA Notable Documents Chair

Pre-Conference Notable Documents 2023:

- Requested nomination for 2023 Notable Documents
- Compiled list of 2023 Notable Document Nominees
- Gathered Copies of Documents for NDLA Annual 2023

Wrote and submitted articles/ On the DOcket for The Good Stuff:

- March 2023
- June 2023
- September 2023