

**November 14, 2024 Minutes of the  
North Dakota Library Coordinating Council (NDLCC)  
Regular Quarterly Meeting  
via TEAMS**

**Council Members Present:** Michele Seil, Sally Dockter, Vice Chair Joe Camisa, Maddie Cummings, Traci Lund, Will Martin, Austin Lafferty, Andrea Placher and Mary Soucie. Recorder Cheryl Pollert of the ND State Library attended as well, all online.

**Council Members Not Present:** Angie Nagle

**Introductions:** Attendees introduced themselves to the group and welcomed new member Tressa Graves.

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Camisa at 11:35 A.M. Central Time with a quorum established. There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

**Approval of August 8, 2024 minutes:** Vice Chair Camisa asked for additions or corrections to the minutes. There were no additions or corrections noted, so the minutes were accepted as presented.

**State Library report:** Soucie asked for questions to her State Librarian report. There were no questions. Soucie announced that the State Library has hired Bethany Rant to fill the Academic, Tribal, and Special Library Specialist position to start December 23<sup>rd</sup>. After review of this position, Rant will also do outreach to unserved communities as well. Soucie asked the Council to please think about what quick grant could be offered as there are funds still available to spend. Soucie was asked about her visit with the Roosevelt Presidential Library staff. No other discussion was held.

**Old and New Business:**

**a. School Libraries:**

- i. Discussion was held regarding the cancellation of the recent Today's Skills for Tomorrow's Libraries workshop due to lack of interest. This one was geared towards school librarians, and it has been difficult to time it right for them to attend. With Paras becoming a fixture in the libraries, are they receiving the message? Who at schools should receive the message? It was promoted by email, Flickertale newsletter, and the State Library's NDLA conference report at NDLA. There seems to be a disconnect with the information not being received.

- b. **Library Vision Strategic Plan:** After sending this document to the library community via a survey, we received 11 responses. The survey had also been promoted through the Flickertale, emailed directly to library directors, and published in the NDLA report. The feedback was good though low. The responses to what could be improved were: trainings on how to fill out the grant

application; what is meant by support; and to give examples for each goal. Martin moved to approve the Library Vision Strategic Plan, seconded by Lund. There was no discussion. Roll call vote taken. Martin AYE, Lafferty AYE, Graves AYE, Seil Aye, Camisa AYE, Cummings AYE, Dockter AYE, Lund AYE. There were no NAYS. Motion passed.

- c. **Library Guidelines:** The Council reviewed the Library Vision Grant Guidelines Equitable Access. After much discussion, the Council simplified the Grant Guidelines for a basic grant of \$1,000. The applicants will have to come up with their grant per the parameters of the guidelines. This grant will open in December, award in January, close in April with four months to spend the awarded amount. The Council will modify the grant award amount based on the applications received.

**Announcements:** The next NDLC quarterly meeting will be held on Friday February 7, 2025, via Teams only.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 3:40 P.M. Central Time