



DSLMA Annual Report 2008-09

Officers for 2008-09 were:

Barbara FitzPatrick, President
Sharon Lyons, Vice President/President Elect
Pat Bartoshesky, Secretary
Shawn Snyder, Treasurer
Jane Stewart, Past President

This has been a busy year for DSLMA. The list below includes some of our activities and projects.

- We have held seven meetings this year. Five of these meetings were held via video conference which allowed us to gather in two places yet all meet together. This was a time saving and energy saving method and will be continued next year. Additionally, during our March meeting we utilized Elluminate as another method of communication.
- Topics of discussion during meetings included: Sharing goals we used for DPAS II; The usefulness of and methods for video conferencing; The state handling of blocked internet sites; The possibility and functionality of a state vendor list for ordering library materials; Best Practices from our school libraries; Advocacy of school library media centers and programs; Exploration of the updated DOE website and the resources available for our use; and Plans for next year.
- DSLMA members attended the Advocacy Training workshop in November (this was our November meeting).
- DSLMA members attended the Library Summit in December, as well as Legislative Action Day.
- We had representation on the following committees: The DLA Executive Board, The DLA By-Laws Revision Committee, The DLA Conference Planning Committee, and the Governor's Task Force on School Libraries.
- DSLMA assisted DSRA with the cost of an author who presented at their Conference this fall. We also assisted in deferring the cost of books for the annual Teachers as Readers Program. Both programs are utilized by our members.
- We reinstated the DSLMA Mini-Grant to help enable a member to create a love of reading among their students. This year's mini-grant of \$200 was awarded to Sue McKone at Sussex Central H.S.
- The winner of the 2008-09 DSLMA Administrator of the Year was Dr. Mark Holodick from Concord High School.

Future goals:

- Continue partnership with the Governor's Task Force on School Libraries and the DLA Executive Board.
- Update and better maintain the DSMA webpage (we did not manage to keep current this year)
- Continue use of video conferencing and Elluminate to enable more participation in meetings.

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