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North Dakota Council on the Arts Announces Appointment of Board Vice Chairman

The North Dakota Council on the Arts is delighted to announce the appointment of Dr. Lana Schlecht of Ellendale as Vice Chairman of its Board. Schlecht has been serving on NDCA's board of directors since August 2012.

Dr. Lana Schlecht was an art major at UND before veering off into dentistry. Lana and her husband, Warren, farmed near Gackle for a time until Lana graduated from dental school. She is a graduate of CM Russell High School in Great Falls, Montana, Jamestown College and University of Nebraska Medical Center. Lana has been active in many arts activities through life. She has taught various community classes in weaving, water color and embroidery and had a design chosen by Governor and Mrs. Link for the Governor's residence dining chairs. She has had her paintings displayed in the Capitol building twice. She currently serves as Vice-president of the Ellendale Area Arts Council. The council sponsors community events, concerts, brings in art shows and children's theater.

Lana practiced dentistry at Dakota Dental Care for 30 years and still does some charity dental projects. She is also on the Board of Directors for Dickey Rural Networks, on the Board for Economic Development in Ellendale, serves as City Health Officer, is past president of the North Dakota Dental Association and is active in Christ the King Lutheran church. Warren has retired from teaching English and Science at Trinity Bible College in Ellendale. They have three children: Kristina, Lincoln and Ryun and six exceptional grandchildren. Lana enjoys unusual travel experiences, reading and gardening.

The NDCA's board consists of nine members - one from each of the state's regions, and one member-at-large, each of whom is appointed by the governor for a five-year term. Additional information on each of the board members, as well as the regions they represent, is available on the NDCA's web site at <http://www.nd.gov/arts/about-us/board-of-directors>.

*Photo available upon request.

Counties served by Dr. Lana Schlecht (figures taken from 2000 census): Wells County, population 5,102; Foster County, population 3,759; Stutsman County, population 21,908; Logan County, population 2,308; McIntosh County, population 3,390; LaMoure County, population 4,701; Dickey County, population 5,757; Griggs County, population 2,754; Barnes County, population 11,775.

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