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Greetings From the President:

The Midwinter meeting is nearly upon us, to be held in Boston from January 14-19, 2005. If you are attending the conference, please consider stopping by one of the FAFLRT Board meetings, to be held on both Saturday and Sunday from 12:30 to 2:00. One of the ALA presidential candidates has expressed interest in stopping by our Sunday meeting to introduce herself and take questions. We will be discussing plans for activities at the annual meeting in Chicago in June, as well. Also of interest if you are attending Midwinter, there are a number of Institutes being offered on Friday the 14th, including the first Advocacy Institute. For a nominal fee, which includes lunch, attendees will develop tools for promoting the library at the local level. Participants will leave the Institute with a draft advocacy action plan for their library. For information and online registration for this and other Institutes offered in Boston go to <http://www.ala.org/midwinter>, click on Registration Page, and then click on Pre-Midwinter Institutes.

In preparation for the distribution of ballot material for online voting this spring, ALA is in the process of testing members' email addresses. Members changing email addresses

before January 31 should remember to update their information with ALA by sending an email to:

Membership@ala.org (on the Subject Line please state "update my e-mail address"). I urge all members to participate in the selection of officers and council members who will represent us in conducting the Association's business.

Once again I would like to encourage participation from FAFLRT members in the Round Table. The Nominating Committee will soon be seeking candidates for the spring ballot. Information will be forthcoming

on the FAFLRT discussion list. For longer-range consideration, the current Vice President/President-Elect will be looking for committee chairs and committee members to work with her during her term in office, which begins in June at the end of the Annual conference. More information about the Round Table, offices, and committees can be obtained from the current officers and committee chairs whose contact information can be found on the back of the newsletter.

We hope to see you in Boston or Chicago.

Linda Resler

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FAFLRT Board Meeting

Saturday, 1/15/2005 • 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Hynes Convention Center – Room 209

FAFLRT Board Meeting

Sunday, 1/16/2005 • 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Colonnade Boston Hotel – Huntington III

DTIC Annual Users Meeting and Training Conference

April 4 - 6, 2005 • Hilton Alexandria Old Town

DTIC hosts this popular conference each spring for its user community. DTIC serves professionals in technical research and information primarily in the Department of Defense, other federal agencies and their contractors and potential contractors.

- The agenda will squarely address changing information sources and technologies in the federal research, development and acquisition communities.
- There will be training and breakout sessions to keep you up-to-date with rapidly changing Defense needs in the technical information environment.
- Government and commercial exhibitors will be on-hand to demonstrate the latest information technology.
- With a variety of speakers and sessions on topics of current interest and controversy, you will be able to meet the experts, ask

questions, and express opinions. More information will be posted as it becomes available.

- Attendance typically is 350-450 people. Participants have a unique opportunity to enhance their professional development while enjoying learning opportunities and networking with their peers.

The DTIC 2004 Conference was held March 29-April 1, 2004 at the Hilton Old Town, Alexandria, Virginia. An outstanding agenda was presented supporting the theme, Information: Securing Defense through Research and Development

Selected presentations from the DTIC 2004 agenda are available by clicking the links in their session descriptions. The complete conference proceedings were issued as a CD, available to DTIC registered users as ADM001578.

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Fabulous Feds

Congratulations to Susan Tarr, Executive Director of the Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC). Susan was awarded the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Information and Library Science Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Award December 17. She also gave the winter commencement address. In a press release (http://sils.unc.edu/news/releases/2004/11_tarr.html) from UNC, Deanna Marcum, Associate Librarian for Library Services at the Library of Congress, stated: "... Susan has been an extraordinary leader in the federal library community ... It is her leadership in spotting trends and developing mechanisms for coping with change that have been most remarkable." Susan has announced her retirement from Federal service. She will leave FLICC in early February.

Nese DeBruyne and Maria Lanzeritsch were appointed Catalog Librarians in the Congressional Research Service at the Library of Congress on October 4. Before coming to CRS, Nese worked as the lead cataloger at the National Defense University while Maria served as a senior technical services librarian at the Agency for International Development. Tara Ranson began November 15 as a law librarian in CRS. Previously, Tara was a reference librarian in the George Washington University Law School Library. Anne LeVeque was appointed Librarian in Comparative Religion in November. Prior to her CRS appointment, Anne served as li-

brary director at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Mary-Jane Deeb was appointed head of the Near East Section in the African and Middle Eastern Division of the Area Studies Collections Directorate. She and her mystery novel, "A Christmas Mystery in Provence" were featured on December 17 in a program sponsored by the Library of Congress Professional Association Foreign Area Studies Forum

Lillian Woon Gassie joined GPO Information Dissemination (Superintendent of Documents) as Director of Acquisitions and Development on November 15. Lillian was the Senior Systems Librarian at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS), Monterey, California where she managed the Systems Office of the Dudley Knox Library and was Project Manager and later, co-Principal Investigator of the NPS Homeland Security Digital Library. She was recognized as Federal Librarian of the Year by FLICC for her innovative leadership and professionalism in the promotion and development of library and information services during fiscal year 2003.

Victor Monti left his position in the Pentagon Library on November 26 for a position with the Anser Corporation. Victor is the head of the Military Librarians Group of the DC Chapter of Special Libraries Association. Barbara Donnelly is now Collection Development Librarian at the Naval War College. Elena Ignatenko has been promoted from Reference Librarian to Library Manager of Camp Foster Library, USMC, Okinawa, Japan. Holly May



Susan Tarr, FLICC Executive Director, shown receiving the 2004 FAFLRT Achievement Award, will retire February 2005

Pickel has been appointed Reference Librarian.

Rich Hanusey, the U. S Army, Installation Management Agency, Europe Region Librarian died November 21 in Heidelberg Germany, due to complications from an illness. Rich had 32 years of service in Army libraries in Germany, Italy, and the U.S.. Barbara Christine, Chief of the Library Program for the US Army Community & Family Support Center stated that Rich was proud of his recent initiative to bring library kiosks to soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. She also remembered "his sense of humor, his total devotion to Army libraries and, most importantly, his conviction of the importance of MWR libraries in the lives of soldiers and their families." Rich leaves behind his wife, Arlene Luster.

Patsy Loomis, the Community Librarian for the 415th Base Support Battalion in Kaiserslautern, Germany, was killed in a car accident near Landstuhl, Germany on Thursday, November 18. Patsy was laid to rest in Tulsa, Oklahoma. A sister, Ina Nesbitt, is Community Librarian at Hanau, Germany.

Shirley Loo

Joint GAO-ACE InfoFair'04 Held

The joint Government Accountability Office (GAO) and Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) InfoFair'04 was held on Thursday, October 28, 2004, from 10:00 until 1:30. GAO, ACE and 12 outside exhibitors (i.e., Leadership Directories, Dialog, OCLC, ProQuest, Lexis/Nexis, CRS, and CQ) had booths on the 1st. and 3rd. floor main corridors of the GAO headquarters building at 441 G St. where they showed off their products or services. GAO's Knowledge Services Managing Director Catherine Teti opened the InfoFair at 10:00 on the 1st. floor, and her ACE counterpart did the same on the 3rd. floor. Staff from GAO and ACE saw each other's exhibits, and food (candy and pas-

tries) and freebies (pens and magnets) were available.

Thanks to Nancy Faget (one of ACE's librarians), an added attraction at this year's InfoFair was a speaker. GAO and ACE jointly hosted a 2:00 - 3:30 presentation in the GAO Auditorium by Eric Lesser, an Associate Partner at IBM's Institute for Business Value. Mr. Lesser spoke on "Driving Organizational Performance Through Knowledge" to audiences in the auditorium and

throughout the GAO headquarters building over IPTV. GAO staff received 1 Continuing Professional Education credit for attending the talk. A limited number of videotapes are available to borrow from the GAO Technical Library, and the PowerPoint slides from Mr. Lesser's presentation will be available on the Knowledge Services internal website soon, too.

Submitted by Bill Tuceling, GAO Technical Library

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Minutes

**Federal and Armed Forces Libraries
Round Table (FAFLRT)
Annual General Membership
Meeting
ALA Annual Conference, 2004
Renaissance Resort Hotel,
Orlando, FL
Saturday, June 26, 2004**

Attendees: Donna Bailey, Sally Bosken, Michelle Brosins, Carol Bursik, Pam Doffek, Ava J. Everett, Jane Garrison, Patricia Goldman, Arthalene Gordey, Margaret J. Groner, Andrea Gruhl, Georgette Harris, Shirley Loo, Tim Mitchell, Nellie Moffitt, Brian Moher, Marie L. Nelson, Rebecca Pernel, Fran Perros, Maria Pisa, Jewel Player, Linda Resler, Lucille M. Rosa, Reginald Scott, Jane Sessa, Cynthia Shipley, Joan R. Taylor, Susan Tarr, Amos Tookes, Eileen Welch

Welcome and Call to Order.

Margaret Groner, FAFLRT President, called the official portion of the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m., following the breakfast social.

Membership Report.

Joan Taylor reported that as of April 2004, FAFLRT had 351 personal members and 62 Organizational/Corporate members, for a total of 413 members. This is similar to last year's numbers.

Awards Committee Report.

Shirley Loo and Maria Pisa presented the three FAFLRT awards:

Rebecca Pernel, an intern at NIH's National Library, Health Sciences, and a graduate of the Library School at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, was the recipient of the 2004 Adelaide del Frate Conference Sponsorship Award, and received

\$1000 towards ALA Conference expenses.

Carol J. Bursik, U.S. Dept of Justice, received the FAFLRT Distinguished Service Award for 15 years of faithful service to our organization, and for her distinguished career and service to the library profession.

Susan Tarr, Director of FLICC/FEDLINK, received the FAFLRT Achievement Award, recognizing achievement in the promotion of library and information service and the information profession within the Federal and Armed Forces' communities.

Introductions were made by each attendee.

Minutes of the 2003 Annual General Membership Meeting were presented in summary fashion by Marie Nelson. (They had been previously published in the *Federal Librarian*, and approved by the Board at the January 2004 Board Meeting.)

President's Report. Margaret Groner.

Members were encouraged to attend FAFLRT's program at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, "What's In, What's Spin," presented by Leslie Barrett, Vice President of Outsell, Inc, and the joint Reception with GODORT on Sunday evening.

Plans for next year's program need to be determined very soon, along with the submission of the 2005 ALA Annual Conference Meeting Space Request Form. Potential program topics will be discussed at our upcoming Board Meetings. Ideas are welcome.

Jordan Scepanski is the newly

elected ALA Councilor representing our Round Table, as well as six others. He will give us a report at the Saturday FAFLRT Board Meeting.

Newsletter (*Federal Librarian*) Report and Acknowledgment of FAFLRT Supporters for the 2004 ALA activities. Jane Sessa reported that the newsletter needs advertisers and more articles to be submitted. Some of the past newsletter advertisers have been Proquest, ISI, Sirsi, Telesec, and Gale. The next newsletter deadline is August 15, 2004. The FAFLRT program supporters for the 2004 annual conference were also recognized: Proquest (Membership Breakfast), Outsell (Program), and Gale (Sunday co-reception with GODORT).

Treasurer's Report. Carol Bursik reported that FAFLRT is solvent, but is falling behind in receiving vendor advertising revenues, due to ALA billing problems. The June 18, 2004 Financial Statement for FY 2004, based on the Performance Report of April 30, 2004, shows Beginning Net Assets of \$3,271.93, Revenues of \$4,739.15, Expenses of \$6,451.76, for a Net Revenue (Expense) figure of (\$1,712.61) (negative amount) for the year, leaving an Ending Net Asset Balance of (positive) \$1,559.32. The final Balance figure will be higher when we receive the additional advertising revenues due us.

Nominating Committee Report. Jewel Player reported that although it was difficult to find people to volunteer for office, a successful slate was produced. Those elected to FAFLRT offices in ALA's spring elections were:

Cindy Atkins – Federal Director

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Lucille Rosa – Armed Forces
Director

Marie Nelson – Secretary

Georgette Harris – Vice
President/President-Elect

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FLICC Report. Susan Tarr discussed FLICC, which stands for Federal Library and Information Center Committee, and its founding of the FEDLINK service.

FEDLINK issues:

Faxon bankruptcy impacted a number of libraries. Claims reports are being done, and some publishers continue to supply periodical issues despite the bankruptcy. Hopefully claims will be settled by the July/Aug '04 time frame.

BOAs are being extended for one year without competition for FY05. They will, however, be competed in FY06.

There are some new vendors for FY06.

Direct Express is a new version of Direct Pay.

There are some changes to end-of-year dates and a new cycle.

FLICC has twelve Working Groups, which have activities such as:

Intern Program, which recruits through Library Schools, and which currently supports three interns.

Human Resources Working Group, which has its own web page at www.loc.gov/flicc/wghr.html.

Content Management Working Group will have a meeting on September 21. See their web site for information.

Video Library, available from the FLICC home page.

Seven volunteers from the University of Maryland's Masters of Information Management Program are working on a team project to assess the dollar value of FLICC services and operations.

Armed Forces Director. Lucille Rosa, newly elected as one of the Armed Forces Directors, would like to receive news items from the various Armed Services' libraries to re-

port in the Federal Librarian. Also announced was that the Navy Librarian position was abolished, and now has the title of Knowledge Management Team Lead.

Archives. Lucille Rosa requested that any files of an archival nature be sent to her, in order to preserve our organization's history. See the FAFLRT web site for guidelines of what should be submitted.

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Marie L. Nelson
FAFLRT Secretary*

Nominations Sought for FAFLRT Achievement and Distinguished Service Awards

Do you have someone you'd like FAFLRT to recognize for outstanding achievement in the promotion of library and information service and the information profession in the Federal community. The person selected for the FAFLRT Achievement Award will be honored at the ALA annual conference at the FAFLRT membership meeting. Honorees have included Susan Tarr, Dan Clemmer, Anne Heanue, and Patricia Wilson Berger.

Nominations are also open for the Distinguished Service Award. The nominee must be a FAFLRT member who has provided significant

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