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FAFLRT Board in Orlando

Greetings From the President:

Another ALA annual conference has come and gone. The Midwinter Meeting is fast approaching, to be held in Boston from January 14-19, 2005. The new officers of the Round Table have assumed their duties and are busy planning for Midwinter and for the annual conference in Chicago. Nominations for a new slate of officers will soon be sought for the annual ballot and the membership's vote. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage the membership of the Round Table to get involved. The nominating committee will be searching for members interested in serving in the following offices as voting members of the Round Table governing board: Vice President/President Elect, Treasurer, Federal Director, and Armed Forces Director. Additionally, there are opportunities to serve as a committee member or chair. Contact

information for current officers and committee chairs can be found on the back of this newsletter. Let us hear from you.

The Round Table has two communication vehicles in addition to this newsletter, the FAFLRT Web page and the FAFLRT discussion list. The Web page is found at http://www.ala.org/ala/ourassociation/roundtables/Round_Tables.htm. Information on the discussion list appears on the Web page. If you have not already, consider subscribing to the discussion list for information about the Round Table, including deadlines for nominations for office and for awards, as well as to engage in communication with colleagues in the Federal and Armed Forces library and information center community. Under consideration is the migration of this newsletter to an electronic-

only format. We are interested in hearing opinions on this issue from the membership.

It has been four years since the membership of the Armed Forces Libraries Round Table (AFLRT) and the Federal Librarians' Round Table (FLRT) voted to merge into the Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Round Table (FAFLRT), to provide a single forum for the discussion of issues of common interest to employees in all Federal libraries and information centers. At each ALA annual conference, the Round Table presents a program designed to address issues of interest to the membership. At Orlando this past June, for example, Leslie Barrett of Outsell, Inc., talked about winning strategies for library marketing. The program follows a traditional breakfast for the member-

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Adelaide del Frate Conference Sponsorship Awarded to Rebecca Pernell

Rebecca Pernell, a second year Library Science graduate student at the School of Information and Library Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and an intern at the Library of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) in the Research Triangle Park, North Carolina is the recipient of the 2004 Adelaide del Frate Conference Sponsorship Award. The Award "supports the attendance at an ALA annual meeting of a library school student with demonstrated interest in Federal Librarianship."

Rebecca will receive her MSLS in August 2004. Her coursework concentration has included classes in Managing Serials in an Electronic Environment; Government Documents, Information Retrieval Strategies; and Information Resource Selection & Evaluation. Her Master's paper will investigate the very timely issue of government researchers' knowledge of and attitudes toward open access publishing. Rebecca holds a bachelor's degree, with honors, in German studies from the University of Florida, Gainesville. She was also the recipient of the US Congress-Bundestag Student Exchange Scholarship to Germany, 1991-1992.

According to Davenport (Dav) Robertson, Chief of the Library and Information Services Branch of the NIEHS Library, "Ms. Pernell has been one of the highest achievers of any of the interns in our almost twenty-year history...we thought so much of her, we extended her internship for another six months." In addition to her technical excellence and outgoing personality, Mr. Robertson points out that "one of Ms. Pernell's strongest attributes is her interest in taking part in opportunities as they come along." Picking up on Rebecca's interest in association work, Mr. Robertson has

mentored her and has seen her thrive in the association environment. Her professional memberships include: ALA; SLA; IFLA; and SAA.

Rebecca has had a range of work experience in libraries and elsewhere. Some of these include: Assistant Cataloger for the Division of Literary and Historical Manuscripts at the Pierpoint Morgan Library; a consultant for the John Sprunt Hill Estate and the Nora Sayre Literary Estate where she worked on several private collections; and as an event organizer for a safari lodge in Namibia.

It is not difficult to see why Rebecca was chosen as this year's award recipient. However, Rebecca says it best in explaining why she is interested in federal library work. She writes: "I've had a chance to see first hand what federal librarianship is about in my position as library Intern at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. Since joining the library as a contractor in January 2003, I've had a chance to rotate through different library roles: Reference, Serials, and Cataloging and work closely with federal librarians at each turn. Finding work in a federal library appeals to me for a variety of reasons: 1) Federal libraries are tied closely to research and agency missions. Not only do I have an appreciation for the mission of government agencies, but also the level of service their libraries provide researchers and members of the public who visit. 2) I know that my subject interests (natural, biomedical, and environmental sciences) could be utilized and developed in a large number of federal libraries. 3) I appreciate the standards federal libraries set for other libraries in our country and other nations' federal libraries."

Maria G. Pisa,
Co-Chair, Awards Committee

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The *Federal Librarian* newsletter, is the quarterly journal of the American Library Association's Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Round Table (FAFLRT). It presents recent developments and events of interest to the Federal and Armed Forces library community, including news and reports on international, federal, state, and local government issues. The *Federal Librarian* subscription base is approximately 600.

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FAFLRT President Linda Resler is now Supervisory Librarian (Team Supervisor for Bibliographic Support) within the Office of Bibliographic Services, Information Dissemination (Superintendent of Documents). She was formerly a Depository Library Inspector. She spent ten years in Navy and Marine Corps libraries prior to coming to GPO, at the Naval Postgraduate in Monterey, CA and at the Marine Corps Research Center in Quantico.

Department of Defense librarians Gretchen Schlag and Janet Scheitle have recently been selected for management positions at the U.S. Government Printing Office. Gretchen Schlag, from the Department of the Navy, Office of the Chief Information Officer (CIO), is now the Director, Program Planning and Coordination Service. She served as Enterprise Knowledge Team Lead and Librarian of the Navy (LON) prior to this appointment. Janet Scheitle, from the Department of the Army's Office of the CIO, is now the Director of the Office of Library Program Planning, within Program Planning and Coordination. She had been a strategic planner for Army Knowledge Management and Army Knowledge Online prior to joining GPO.

Former FLRT President Nancy Davenport is the new head of the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) as of July 6. She had previously served as Director for Acquisitions at the Library of Congress. In leaving LC, Nancy asked that instead of a farewell party, colleagues consider contributing to the Library of Congress Professional Association Continuing Education Fund for the benefit of staff who would like to take courses or travel to better position themselves. She herself made a very generous donation of \$5,000 to the fund. Nancy had

served as President of the Library of Congress Professional Association in 1978. She has just completed a term on the ALA Executive Board.

In July, Donna Scheeder, CRS Deputy Assistant Director of Information Research, was appointed Director of Law Library Services for the Law Library of the Library of Congress. Donna has served as President of Special Libraries Association and has been active in the Parliamentary Research Libraries Section of the International Federation of Library Associations and the Legislative Library Staff Section of the National Conference of State Legislatures. Sarah Aderholdt joined the staff of CRS on Aug. 31 as an Information Systems Specialist. Nese DeBruyne began her appointment as Librarian (Cataloger) in CRS on Oct. 4; Nese transferred to CRS from the National Defense University Library where she was the Lead Cataloger. Previous to her NDU position, Nese was a cataloger at the Marine Corps University Library.

Sybil Moses, a reference librarian at the Library of Congress was selected as a 2004 award winner by the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH). The AASLH Awards Program recognizes achievement in local, state, and regional history. Her book, *African American Women Writers in New Jersey, 1836 - 2000: A Biographical Dictionary and Bibliographical Guide*, received an AASLH commendation at their September awards banquet.

Lee Hadden is now an Information Specialist for the Geo-spatial Information Library (GIL) of the Topographic Engineering Center (TEC) at Fort Belvoir, VA. The Engineering Research and Development Center (ERDC) is part of the US Army Corps of Engineers. Lee had previously been with the US Geological Survey in Reston, VA.

Cynthia Shipley was promoted from Library Manager of Camp Foster Library, USMC, Okinawa, Japan to Library Program Manager for all Marine Corps Community Services Libraries on Okinawa, Japan and Camp Fuji, Japan. The Camp Foster Library recently received the very first Department of Defense Premier Library Award. The award was presented in August to Steve Pauli, Chief of Marine Corps Community Services on Okinawa, at the MWR Expo in Denver. Cynthia stated, "We are very excited to receive this award from the Department of Defense. The Marine Corps support for libraries on Okinawa is first rate."

Neta Cox has joined Ann Parham in the Army Library Program. Neta has experience in medical and academic libraries. She comes from the Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas where she did reference and cataloging and maintained the library's website. Prior to that she spent 3 years at Southeastern Oklahoma State University as a Reference and Government Documents Librarian.

Meg Tulloch has returned as Reference Librarian to the European Regional Library and Support Center. Meg comes from Rohrbach Library at Kutztown University of Pennsylvania. Pat Knuth, formerly of CARL, has joined the staff of the ERL-SC (formerly USAREUR Library and Resource Center) as Systems Librarian. Christine Carmichael is an experienced fed who just received her MS LIS degree in May 2004! She is Records Manager for the US Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District. Her degree comes from the the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's Graduate School of Library and Information Science via their world-renowned LEEP distance education program.

Mary Ellen Marshall, cataloger in

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the Naval War College Classified Library, retired at the end of September after 32 years of service. Doris Ottaviano retired from her position as Head of Reference at the Naval War College after 34 years of service. Wayne Rowe, Collection Development Librarian, at the Naval War College succeeded Doris.

James Knight, longtime librarian at the US Army Center of Military History, retired in July after 31 years of federal service. He headed for Oregon to join his wife, Dolores, who is already working at the public library in Coos Bay, Oregon.

Terri Newsome, librarian of the US Army Chaplain's School, Ft. Jackson,

SC. Terri passed away peacefully on Friday, August 20, after a long illness. She will be sadly missed by her colleagues, friends and family. Cards and messages of condolence may be sent to Rev. Lamonte Newsome, POB 10253, Columbia, SC 29207.

Samuel Bourke passed away on Aug. 15 at the age of 51. Before coming to the Army Technical Library (ARL) to exercise his re-employment rights in August 2003, Sam was the Library Program Manager, Korea Region Office, a change in place from Command Librarian, Eighth U.S. Army. Prior to that he was in ARL from 1997-1998; Librarian, at Camp Walker, Korea, 1998-1999, and

Library Director, Youngs Library 2000. Louise LeTendre said that Sam's mother, Eleanor Bourke, in Illinois was concerned that his entire staff, and former staffs, be notified of his passing. He spoke of them often and with great pleasure. If you could contact them, she would take great comfort from it. Her address is: 246 Gettysburg Drive, Canton, IL 61520 (Rosie725@winco.net).

Shirley Loo

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AIR FORCE LIBRARIES UPDATE

1. The Air Force Library Program Office developed a multiple module web-based system, Air Force Library and Information System (AFLIS), to streamline reporting process, standardize statistics, improve analysis capabilities, and provide analytical reports for individual libraries, major commands, and the Air Force Library Program Office. It is used to purchase materials; to collect data, and statistics, track trends, and produce reports; to track general libraries compliance with Air Force and DoD standards; to measure; to track fund allocations and expenditures, etc. Common use data flows directly from one program to another, eliminating the requirement to input data more than once.

2. The 2nd Joint Air Force/Navy Librarians Conference, was held in Nashville TN, 2-4 June 2004, in conjunction with the Special Libraries Association Conference. Attendees included 15 Navy and 108 Air Force librarians and other staff members.

The first 4- and 5- Star Library Program recognition awards were presented on 2 June 2004 at the Conference. The Air Force Libraries 5-Star recognitions program is an annual recognition of superior achievement for those libraries that have demonstrated excellence in the areas of operations, programs, training, facilities, and customer service. The 4-Star level recognition was awarded to Barksdale AFB LA, Edwards AFB CA, Eglin AFB FL, Hickam AFB HI, Tyndall AFB FL, and Vandenberg AFB

CA. 5-Star recognition was awarded to Holloman AFB NM, Misawa AB JA, and Randolph AFB TX.

3. The Central Standardized Integrated Library System (ILS) remains a hot topic of high-level interest. Even though it has been proven there are considerable costs savings with centralized systems, the Air Force climate is not very favorable for centrally managed programs. The current philosophy favors decentralized programs managed by the major commands and installations, which would fragment the program and increase the costs.

Barbara Wrinkle provided most of the info for the Air Force Libraries Update.

ARMY LIBRARIES UPDATE

1. The US Army Community and Family Support Center (USACFSC) Library Program received Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) money for three projects. The first project is called "Read to the Kids" and is developed in partnership with the Army Arts and Crafts program manager. The project films individual soldiers reading a children's book to their children while deployed or during pre-deployment. (Permission was obtained from publishers to use their materials.) The resulting video or DVD is mailed home and helps alleviate the stress children feel of having a deployed parent. The second project is to send more paperback books to deployed units, and to renew books on CD, music CDs, and magazine and Army Times subscriptions for deployed units. The third project is to create web based library services for the soldiers deployed from the Power Projection Platform installations. The web based services include a central-

ized integrated library system, federated searching and possibly PC management software.

2. Uniform Funding and Management (UFM) will be implemented at pilot sites in

the Army on 1 October 04 and will go Army-wide on 1 October 05. UFM merges

APF and NAF for the purpose of providing MWR services under NAF rules. The U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center is one of the pilot sites to start in October 2004.

3. The DOD Business Initiatives Council (BIC) E-Content Licensing Steering Group has revised its initiative. The purpose of the initiative is to implement an e-content enterprise-wide purchase and licensing process within the DOD that reduces the cost of acquiring and maintaining commercial e-content. Ms. Ann Parham, Army Librarian, and Ms. Gretchen Schlag, then the KM Team Lead for

the DON CIO worked together on this. The sponsor for this initiative is Mr. Dave Wennergren, Department of Navy Chief Information Officer (DON CIO). POC: M. Ann Parham, Technology and Infrastructure Management, 703-324-8440.

4. Army users can now browse or search 8,000 magazine and newspaper titles on the Digital Army Library Service (DALs) homepage at (<http://www.libraries.army.mil>). The Journal Titles A-Z section of the new Library Reference Center on DALs makes it easy for users to find out if a specific magazine or newspaper is available online in full-text. Many of the titles are available in one of the 21 commercial databases funded by the US Army Community and Family Support Center (USACFSC). These 21 commercial databases, funded with FY 03 year end dollars, are made available only to Department of the

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Army military and civilians via Army Knowledge Online (AKO). Periscope is also available. Ms. Jo Ann Soriano, Librarian Intern, designed the new page. Users who don't find what they are looking for may Ask A Librarian, a 24/7 digital reference service staffed by the Defense Digital Research Library Service (DDLRS) member libraries, of which 17 are Army.

5. Plans are underway to add Army library systems to the G-1 System of Systems Architecture (SOSA). Ms. Ann Parham met with the SOSA team on 3 May 2004 to discuss the requirements for this project. Since the SOSA data will be uploaded to the Army Information Technology

Registry (AITR), duplication must be avoided. As of 3 May, only 5 library applications were found in AITR. However, to avoid any future duplication, Army libraries must be contacted to determine whether the libraries have plans to enter their systems in AITR. Those libraries with no plans for entering data in AITR will be included in the SOSA project.

6. Did you know that there is an Army post in Brooklyn? Librarian Michael Plumley reports that the Fort Hamilton Post is an Army base founded in 1825 in Brooklyn, New York. The post has a general library whose library building dates back to 1960 and is 3120 sq ft in size. Total

number of items is around 20,000 (15,000 adult and 5,000 children's titles). Future plans include an ILS and OPAC. Population served is approximately 3900. They have been on the BRAC list in the past and there's nothing definite on what the future holds. The base measures about 1/2 mi. on each side.

Information for the Army Libraries Report was provided by Ann Parham, Barbara Christine, and Michael Plumley.

Submitted by Lucille M. Rosa, Armed Forces Director, who is already looking for items for the next newsletter.

Susan Tarr Recipient of FAFLRT Achievement Award

Susan Tarr, Executive Director of the Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC) is this year's recipient of the Round Table's highest accolade. FAFLRT annually recognizes an individual for "achievement in the promotion of library and information service and the information profession in the Federal and Armed Forces communities" with the FAFLRT Achievement Award. In receiving the award, Susan joins a renowned list of fifteen recipients who have been previously honored for their vision and leadership in advancing federal and armed forces libraries and librarianship.

Susan Tarr has served as Executive Director of the Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC) and as Director of FEDLINK (the Federal Library and Information Network) since 1994. The mission of FLICC is "to foster excellence in federal library and information services through interagency cooperation, and to provide guidance and direction for the Federal Library and Information

Network (FEDLINK)." The mission of FEDLINK is "to serve federal libraries and information centers as their purchasing, training and resource-sharing consortium." Both programs are headquartered at the Library of Congress and serve all three branches of the federal government.

In presenting Susan Tarr with the award, Shirley Loo, Co-Chair of the FAFLRT Awards Committee, selected a few highlights from Susan's impressive accomplishments as Executive Director:

- In 1998, you initiated a government-wide awards program to recognize outstanding federal librarians, library technicians, and libraries/information centers. Since the program began, 16 individuals and 10 libraries have been recognized. The awards program has brought increased visibility and recognition to outstanding federal library staff and centers.

- You directed the expansion of education programs ranging from the Library Technician Institute, cataloging workshops offered by LC

staff, and American Management Association classes. There are now close to 40 programs a year. To allow remote access to educational programs for those unable to attend due to distance, time, or lack of training funds, you initiated the FLICC web video library. Now anyone worldwide may enjoy the benefits of an educational program at a PC through the web videos.

- You inaugurated the FLICC website and oversaw two subsequent redesign efforts. The website and the establishment of several listservs have enhanced substantially communication among members.

- You developed justification and documentation for and achieved passage of the FEDLINK revolving fund as part of the Library of Congress Fiscal Operations Improvement Act of 2000. Based on revolving fund opportunities, you streamlined and enhanced FEDLINK practices such as the use of Direct Express for online database services.

Susan Tarr is well-known and

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highly respected among librarians and information specialists in federal and armed forces libraries throughout the world. She has many fans including, Bonnie Klein of the Defense Technical Information Center, who in commenting on what Susan's leadership has meant to federal and armed forces libraries said, "I have the highest regard for Susan Tarr. I had the privilege of working with Susan Tarr during my 1997-2002 tenure on the FEDLINK Advisory Council (FAC). Then and now, I find she listens closely to the FLICC/FEDLINK membership. By drawing on membership input and being actively engaged in the information community and with government information decision-makers, Susan continues to chart a visionary course for FLICC and to foster fiscally responsible, customer-service operations at FEDLINK. In addition to developing FLICC/FEDLINK mission statements and business plans, her outstanding achievements include establishing FEDLINK revolving fund authority and helping to launch and bring visibility to library/information services at the Department of Homeland Security."

NIH Library Director Suzanne Grefsheim is especially appreciative of Susan's proactive and creative approaches to raising awareness of the key role played by librarians and information specialists in the federal government. "Susan has led FLICC through some incredibly difficult times for federal librarians. Through it all she has demonstrated her commitment to promoting the concept that access to quality information is critical to the success of every government agency and that federal information specialists/librarians are the best source of quality, credible information. Recognizing the need for broad support and understanding of

the roles librarians play within their agencies, Susan has established fora for communication with the general counsels and CIOs that have benefited us all. We are very fortunate to have someone with Susan's insight and vision leading FLICC."

Susan received her B.A. degree from Westminster College in Pennsylvania, her M.L.S. from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and her M.A. in political science from the George Washington University in Washington, D.C. She began her tenure at the Library of Congress as a special recruit in the LC Intern Program 1974-75; at LC, she has worked in the Congressional Research Service, the former Processing Services department, and the former Constituent Services department. Susan became Executive Officer of the Processing Services department in 1983; and from 1986 to 1994, she served as the Chief of the Cataloging Distribution Service of the Library of Congress, a cost-recovery program that distributes LC cataloging records and systems worldwide.

In accepting her award, Susan reflected on the importance of teamwork in achieving success, "I'm very grateful to be recognized in this way, particularly by this group. I really hadn't thought about receiving an award for what I do; the combined jobs of FLICC Executive Director and FEDLINK Director are so varied and engaging that for the past 10 years it's been a pleasure going to work—most days....What accomplishments we've made can be half-credited to the FLICC/FEDLINK staff—and for the other half, to all of you, who have volunteered your time on working groups, boards, councils, as presenters or trainers, and in so many other roles, generously sharing your precious time and expertise with your colleagues. So I'm delighted to receive this award on your behalf and on behalf of the FLICC/FEDLINK staff—and on behalf of the Library of Congress."

Congratulations Susan, our hats are off to you!

Maria G. Pisa,
Co-chair Awards Committee

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Carol J. Bursik Recognized for Distinguished Service to FALFRT



Fellow FAFLRT members applauded the announcement of Carol J. Bursik, Assistant Director for Access and Organization, Department of Justice, as the 2004 recipient of the Round Table's Distinguished Service

Award recognizing outstanding and sustained contributions by a FAFLRT member.

For many of Carol's colleagues, the phrase "quiet competence" comes to mind when they think of her. One of her nominators vividly captures her steadfast and unassuming manner writing: "Some individuals burst on the scene of an organization but then come and go like a comet passing in the night. Others are more like steadily shining stars that burn every night without fail. Bursik is like one of those steadily shining stars."

Carol began her service to what is now FAFLRT almost 15 years ago,

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having been an active member of FLRT and AFLRT. She is presently serving a three-year term as Treasurer. Carol's 20 years of experience in planning organizational budgets and fiscal management have positioned her well to serve as Treasurer. The position of FAFLRT Treasurer carries with it a high level of responsibility and trust. It is time consuming not only in terms of the management of Round Table resources but, as is sometimes the case, managing the lack of adequate Round Table resources. FAFLRT members will recall that Carol willingly ran for Treasurer at a time when our new Round Table was being formed and, as the only candidate for Treasurer, will fill that role through 2005. Yet, where others might have limited their Round Table activities to this one job, Carol has had an impressive track record of participation in other aspects of the Round Table, in ALA, and in FLICC. Some of these include: FLRT, Secretary/ Treasurer, 1990-92; AFLRT Secretary/ Treasurer 2001-2003;

FLICC liaison to FLRT, 1999-present; Liaison to ALA's Planning and Budget Assembly; FLICC Executive Board Liaison to the FLICC/FEDLINK Budget and Finance Working Group, 1997-98; Working Group Chair, 1999- present where she assisted with development of the first FLICC/FEDLINK budget under the revolving fund; and FEDLINK Advisory Council member, 1994-96. In addition, Carol has served as membership secretary and board member of DCLA (1993-95) and has represented the federal library community as delegate to the OCLC Members Council since 2001.

Carol's professional career spans several government agencies in addition to her current position at the Department of Justice. These include: HQ US Army Europe; Natick Labs; Pentagon Library; and the US Geological Survey. Carol is the recipient of several Special Act and STAR awards. She holds a master's degree in Library Science from the University of Kentucky.

I could certainly go on, but I think you get the picture of an individual who has given of herself repeatedly and without reserve. Carol's "Statement of Concern" wherein she describes why she wishes to run for office in FALRT is a compelling reminder of the value of being actively engaged in an organization such as ours. She writes, "Federal libraries are faced with a number of critical challenges to continuation of service to their agencies...In fact, in the next 3-5 years the very existence of federal libraries may be threatened...In turbulent times, professional organizations can be a source of support to libraries and librarians by offering a forum for exchange of information and creative ideas and for representing the contributions of libraries to constituent groups. FAFLRT can play an important role in helping to sustain and advance the position of federal libraries...I would like to participate in efforts to keep federal libraries in the forefront by serving."

Maria G. Pisa,
Co-chair, Awards Committee

Minutes

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

Attendees: Mary Boone, Carol Bursik, Margaret Groner, Andrea Gruhl, Georgette Harris, Marie L. Nelson, Fran Perros, Jewel Player, Donna E. Ramsey, Linda Resler, Lucille M. Rosa, Jordan Scepaniski, Reginald Scott, Joan R. Taylor, Eileen Welch

The meeting was called to order by Margaret Groner, FAFLRT President, at 2:10 p.m.

Minutes of the January 2004 Midwinter Board meetings were approved.

The Membership Report had already been given by Joan Taylor at that morning's General Membership meeting.

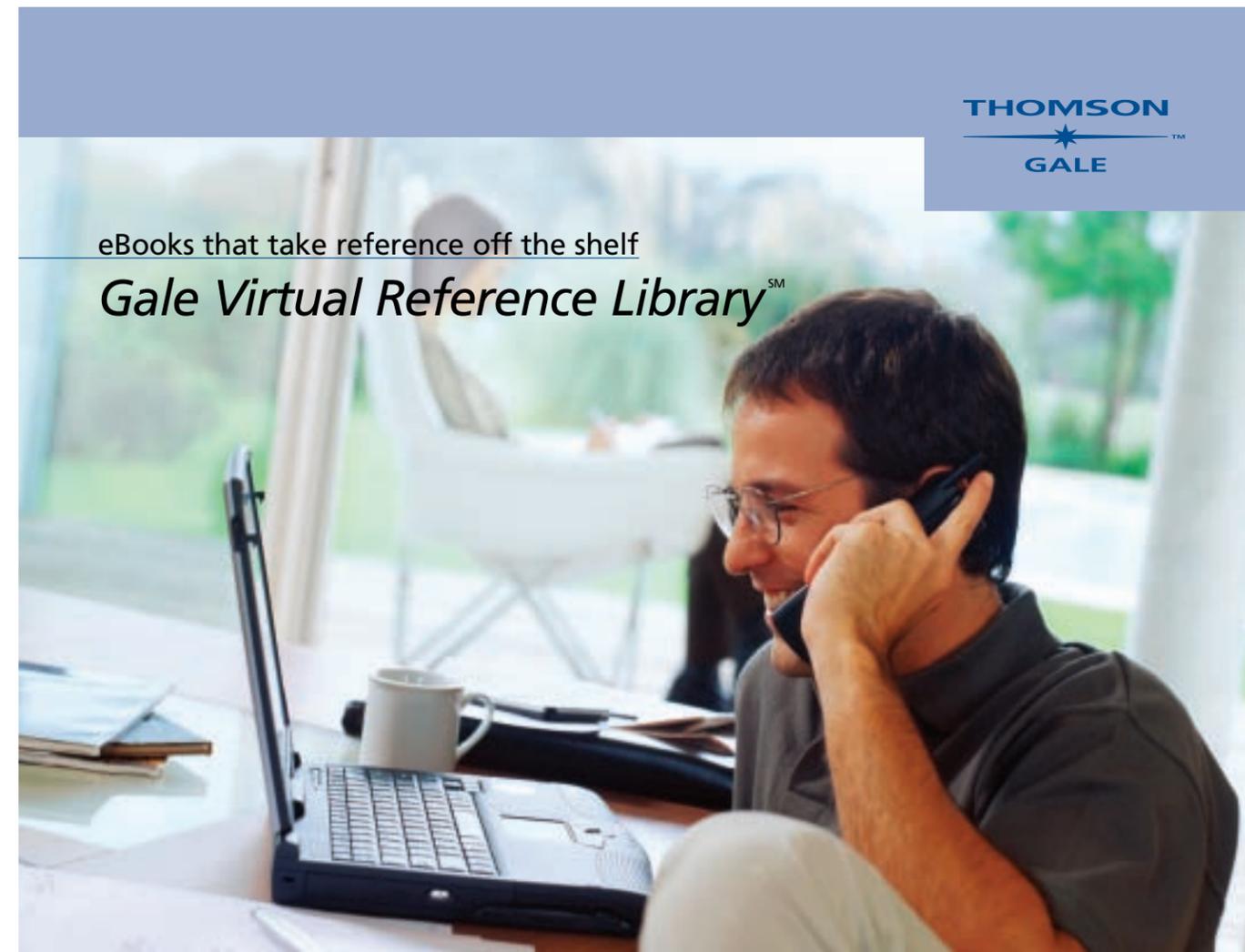
The Treasurer's Report, was distributed by Carol Bursik and approved. As we no longer have the financial cushion we had before, discussion took place on ways to improve our revenues, such as getting the advertising revenues due us from ALA, as it is ALA that sends the invoices to the vendors. Another future budget remedy will be the dues increase in 2005. Regarding expenses,

publishing and mailing a print newsletter is costly, and the possibility of distributing it electronically was suggested for future consideration. A number of ALA's other Round Tables publish theirs electronically, but it was pointed out that we do not have email addresses for all of our members.

Committee and Liaison Reports

ALA Councilor. Jordan Scepaniski, our newly-elected councilor, introduced himself, and stated he would like to present our issues to the ALA Council, as well as report to us about Council meetings and activities. To facilitate communication, he will send Margaret Groner a summary of

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the Council meeting, as well as attempt to meet with us at least once a year. A couple of items that were given to him to take to the ALA Council meetings were "competitive sourcing" and "wireless access" security issues that affect security of classified data.

Annual Program. Donna Ramsey will be the coordinator for our 2005 annual program. Further discussion was postponed until the June 28 Board Meeting. The deadline for the ALA form submission is June 29 to Reggie Scott.

ALA Round Table Coordinating Committee. Margaret Groner wasn't able to attend their meeting, but stated it would be desirable to have a representative at their future meetings, which are always held at noon on the Friday of ALA. Jewel Player suggested that a recommendation be put forward to this committee that in future elections the councilor nomination should be rotated between the round tables, so that the same round table wouldn't be able to nominate someone sequentially, and that this should be a future agenda item to go forward to the ALA Council.

Awards Committee. No report. Linda Resler reported that there is an additional member interested in serving on this committee. Also, Reginald Scott requested that he or Pat May be notified of future awards that involve funds, such as the Conference Scholarship, so that they will be prompted to issue the necessary check.

Booth Coordinator. Eileen Welch reported that we are in booth 226, and anyone wishing to help can go and sit at the booth. Also, in the future, she would like to get more materials from the Armed Forces libraries to distribute. In addition, we should consider bringing our own FAFLRT

banner to future conferences.

Bylaws and Constitution. Andrea Gruhl stated that there were no actions this past year.

Federal Personnel. A volunteer is needed to head this committee. It was also mentioned that the FLICC web page has links related to the librarian profession in the federal government. FLICC also has a new Competitive Sourcing Group, whose goal is to provide helpful information to libraries facing outsourcing. Carol Bursik will be a liaison to this group. Also, there is an Army initiative affecting personnel in the post libraries, whose GS 12 through 15 level librarians will have to sign a Mobility Agreement, and lower level positions will be converted to NAF. Also, Air Force Base Libraries are being converted to NAF.

Archives. Lucille Rosa requested that she be sent any archival materials related to our organization or its two former components, and stated that descriptive information about requested submissions is on the FAFLRT web page.

IFLA Liaison. Andrea Gruhl reported that the 69th General Conference was held in Berlin in August, 2003. The World Summit on the Information Society, Phase I, was held in Geneva, Switzerland during December, 2003. IFLA had a very eventful year, and will be meeting in August, 2004 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

ALA Education Assembly. A liaison representative is needed.

ALA Liaison. Reggie Scott, reporting for Pat May, requested names of our new chairs and reps by July 2.

ALA Planning and Budget Assembly. Carol Bursik was unable to attend their meeting.

Coalition for Effective Change. No report.

FLICC. Susan Tarr gave the report at the General Membership meeting that morning.

Public Employees Round Table Liaison. Fran Perros reported that their directors are senior employees from federal agencies. They will join a larger organization, Partnership for Public Service or Council for Excellence in Government.

Further discussion was tabled until the Monday Board Meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Marie L. Nelson, FAFLRT Secretary*

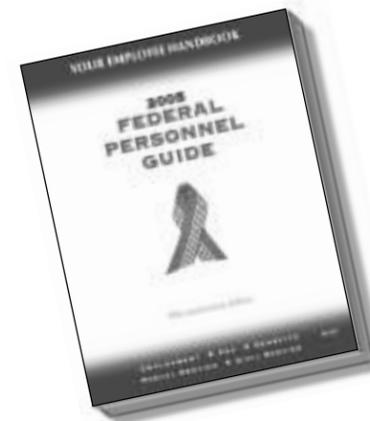
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ship and the membership meeting. Please consider joining us in Chicago for a program currently being planned on the topic of outsourcing and its effect on Federal libraries and information centers.

The Round Table is here to serve as a voice and a forum for the Federal and Armed Forces library and information center and librarian community. Once again, I encourage you to let us hear from you: with ideas for programs, concerning issues of importance to you, to volunteer for office or for a committee or committee chair, or just to let us know how things are going in your particular library or information center. Stop in at Midwinter at a board meeting or join us at the annual conference for breakfast and a program. Watch the Web page or the discussion list or this newsletter for meeting times and places. Hope to see you in Boston or Chicago.

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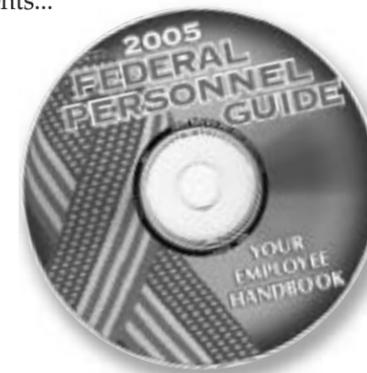


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ALA Annual Conference, 2004
Renaissance Resort Hotel,
Orlando, FL
Monday, June 28, 2004**

Attendees: Mary Boone, Margaret Groner, Andrea Gruhl, Georgette Harris, Shirley Loo, Gloritha Mercer, Marie L. Nelson, Fran Perros, Maria Pisa, Jewel Player, Donna E. Ramsey, Linda Resler, Lucille M. Rosa, Reginald Scott, Jane Sessa, Joan R. Taylor, Eileen Welch

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Margaret Groner, FAFLRT President.

Old Business. Regarding the writing of Standard Operating Procedures for FAFLRT, it was proposed and approved that a committee be formed to study the SOPs of the two previous organizations that merged to form FAFLRT, and write a new SOP. Margaret Groner, Jewel Player, and Jane Sessa will work on this committee.

New Business

Andrea Gruhl proposed that FAFLRT nominate Ross Shimmon, Secretary General of IFLA, for ALA Honorary Member status. The Board voted and approved. Andrea will compile the ALA nomination package and submit it before the September 1 deadline.

It was suggested that a committee be established to be in charge of vendor advertising contacts, including contacts regarding the annual program, newsletter, scholarships, receptions, breakfasts, etc.

It was suggested that it would be beneficial to have a Conference Arrangements person, in charge of all conference activities, such as sponsors, reception, etc.

For future consideration, it was

questioned whether or not to do a joint reception with GODORT; and if so, on which evening?

It was suggested that we consider alternating an evening reception and the breakfast, in order to keep costs down.

Since program planning had been removed from the President's duties, a revision of the Bylaws is required. The Board voted on and approved that the following change to the Bylaws be placed on the ballot: In Article 4, Governance, Section 3, Duties of the V.P./President Elect, change the word "shall" to "may" be responsible for chairing the FAFLRT Program Committee for the Annual ALA Conference.

Discussion regarding our newsletter, Federal Librarian, took place. Items brought up were:

Possibility of simultaneously publishing it in print and electronically via email as a trial.

Print has advantages, because not everyone is online or reads their email, and it gives us visibility, announcing the upcoming meetings in a more prominent manner.

Perhaps have three issues instead of the current quarterly ones. However, vendors have paid for four issues, so any changes would need to be made in a new volume year. Also, the timing of the issues would be critical in promoting our meetings at the ALA conventions, i.e.: the summer issues have been published shortly before the Annual ALA conferences.

Some people's emails aren't capable of receiving large attachments.

We need to find out if the advertising revenue has been credited to FAFLRT's account yet.

Jane Sessa will have a discussion meeting about the newsletter with the Washington ALA office.

Any decisions about the newsletter

have been postponed until FAFLRT's Midwinter Board Meetings, at which time the budget for the next year must be submitted.

Jane Sessa proposed that FAFLRT join GODORT in co-endorsing the resolution to have ALA reinstate its affirmation of support for accountability in government and to reinstate whistle-blower protection. This was voted upon and approved by the FAFLRT Board.

The FAFLRT Board also voted to support the resolution on reinstatement of support for the ALA Administrative Conference.

Donna Ramsey is the program chair for the 2005 Annual Program. Discussion on topic suggestions took place. The Board decided on the topic "Outsourcing; The Federal Experience and What It Means to the Citizen." It will probably consist of four panelists from diverse sectors of federal libraries affected by outsourcing. (The other topic suggestion that was suggested is how federal and armed forces libraries and services support American objectives and efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan. However, library service for these areas is primarily handled by contractors, such as Brown and Root. Also LC is working with the Iraqi National Library in conservation and restoration efforts.)

Mary Boone announced that FLICC has a new Human Resources Working Group website: <http://www.loc.gov/flicc/wghr.html>

The gavel was passed to the incoming President, Linda Resler, and the meeting adjourned at 11:17 am.

**Respectfully submitted,
Marie L. Nelson, FAFLRT Secretary**

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