Greetings From the President:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to introduce myself. I have been a librarian for over 20 years, the last 14 working for the Library of Congress in Washington, DC. I have served in various positions, starting as a Systems Librarian implementing integrated library systems, a Library Product and Services Specialist for the Cataloging Distribution Service, all of which have led to my current position as a Fedlink Network Program Specialist for the Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC).

2006 will be a year of many important discussions. The most urgent of these include

- Competitive Sourcing,
- Core Competencies,
- Hiring, Retaining and Recruiting Qualified Professionals,
- Personnel Reform, and
- Pay Banding.

While this is an ambitious agenda for all of us, I remain confident that we can tackle such a broad spectrum of issues facing our field. I am confident because no librarians are more impressive than the dedicated core of federal librarians who are the backbone of the FAFLRT Round Table.

We federal librarians are a special breed - strong, knowledgeable, determined but mostly persistent. These qualities are what we need to bring the critical federal library issues to the forefront of ALA’s agenda.

Individually, we cannot achieve what needs to be done. But together, we can fulfill our mission to keep the nation’s federal librarians informed. We encourage members to be active and to bring new, diverse, and enthusiastic ideas to the table. The FEDERAL LIBRARIAN Round Table will only be as strong as you and I make it; our leadership will only empower the field of federal librarianship when our voices are both strong and united. Join with me as we set goals and achieve the objectives needed to refine our nation’s information services.

Georgette Harris

Gil Baldwin of GPO Wins GODORT Award

WASHINGTON, DC- U.S. Government Printing Office’s Gil Baldwin is this year’s winner of the prestigious James Bennett Childs Award. The American Library Association’s Government Documents Round Table presented the annual award to Baldwin on Sunday for his lifetime achievements and significant contributions to the library field.

Baldwin serves as Director of National Bibliography Planning at the GPO. “I am honored to receive this award and to be recognized by such a tremendous, dedicated group of my peers in the library community. I look forward to continuing the important work of contributing to the growth and essential development of government documents dissemination,” Baldwin said.

Baldwin, who began his GPO career as a cataloger, is also part of the Office of Innovation and New Technology, which is planning and designing GPO’s Future Digital System, FDsys. FDsys will be a world class information life-cycle management system. Additionally, he is co-convening his efforts on the development of the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) Electronic Collecting management concept and other permanent public access initiatives. Baldwin was presented with a plaque at the 2005 ALA Government Documents Round Table Receptions on Sunday at the Chicago-Kent College of Law in Illinois. Bruce James, Public Printer of the United States, and Judy Russell, Superintendent of Documents were on hand to watch as Baldwin received his award. This isn’t the first time the prestigious award has been presented to a GPO employee. Virginia F. Saunders, Program Operations and Evaluation Specialist, and former Superintendent of Documents Francis J. Buckley Jr. have been honored in past years. The award is named for continued on page 4
Fabulous Feds

Robert I. Shaffer began as executive director of the Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC) and the Federal Library and Information Network (FEDLINK) at the Library of Congress on Aug. 29. She comes to the Library from the University of Maryland where she served as director of External Relations and Program Development in the College of Information Studies and where she developed a new master’s of information management degree program. Roberta was also dean of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Texas at Austin. Roberta succeeds Susan Ta rr who retired earlier this year.

Jane Sanchez was appointed Assistant Director for Reference and Research at the Department of Justice Library in July. For the past 3 1/2 years she had been the Department Head for History and Culture Libraries at the Smithsonian Institution. Jane holds a B.A. in English from the University of New Mexico and an MLS from Simmons College, and a J.D. from American University.

Vicky Crone joined CRS at the Library of Congress on May 16 as an acquisitions librarian in the Knowledge Services Group (KSG). Before coming to CRS, Vi cky was a librarian in the Air Force Historical Studies Office, where she served as a solo librarian for approximately 30 historians and was responsible for acquisition, cataloging, circulation, documents, and online research assistance. An acquisitions librarian for law collections join ed the staff on July 11. Julia Leggett brings to CRS her experience as an acquisitions specialist in the Library’s Copyright Office, where she focused on acquiring published works in law, business and international studies.

Audrey Fenner, who was hired as a KSG acquisitions librarian May 31, was appointed section head for the Acquisitions Section on Aug. 22. Before coming to CRS, Audrey worked as Head of the Acquisitions Department at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Previous positions have included work as Acquisitions/Serials Management Librarian at Missouri Western State College, as well as a cataloger at the National Library of Canada.

Yuan Yao joined KSG on June 6 as the head of the Access Management Section. Yuan was the head of cataloging at Georgetown University Library, where he formulated cataloging policy, directed the cataloging of library resources, and implemented technologies to support the organization of and access to electronic information.

David Mao became the section head of the KSG American Law Consulting Section on June 20. David had served as an assistant librarian for conflicts and research services at Covington & Burling. Currently, he serves as the chair of the Bylaws Committee of the American Association of Law Librarians and is a member of the Law Librarians’ Society of Washington, D.C. David holds a bachelor’s degree from George Washington University, a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center, and a Master of Science in Library Science from the Catholic University of America.

Diane R. Schurrpusch was recently promoted from Defense Technical Information Center.

Reference and Retrieval Program Analyst for DTIC’s Marketing Team. Diane is also the chair of the Military Librarians Group for the DC Chapter of Special Libraries Association for 2005 to 2006.

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Sirsi and Dynix are merging. (We thought you'd like to know; since information is what you're all about, right?) Coming together will give you better products, enhanced services, and more choices. (And who doesn't love choice?) Both companies are dedicated to supporting libraries and consortia across the globe. So by joining resources, we can give you more of what you need — while keeping you in the know. Visit www.sirsidynix.com to find out how we're working to make libraries better than ever.
Valerie Pisani, a Navy reservist, was promoted to the rank of Commander. As a civilian, Valerie is a Technical Information Specialist for the U.S. Department of Labor/OSHA where she maintains a small library in the OSHA Region 2 office in New York. She recently completed two weeks of Annual Training in the Technical Services Division of the Naval War College Library. Ron Bryant, also a Navy reservist, was hired as an Archivist for the Ships History Branch, Washington Navy Yard.

Shirley Loo is the President of the DC Chapter of Special Libraries Association for 2005-2006. The chapter is the second largest in SLA with close to 1,000 members. Shirley has also served as President of the District of Columbia Library Association (1989-1990).

Robyn Frank, Director of Library and Research Services, retired Sept. 2 from the Executive Office of the President after 34 years of federal service. Robyn had previously worked at the Congressional Research Service and the National Agricultural Library. She plans to remain active professionally and she will be doing library consulting in the future.

Mary Margaret Wolfskill, head of the Reference and Reader Services Section in the Manuscript Reading Room and a specialist on anthropologist Margaret Mead at LC, passed away on May 23 after a lengthy battle with cancer. She had retired on April 30 after decades of government service. A grant in her memory was established with the Library of Congress Professional Association on Continuing Education Fund for archives or manuscript-related professional development for LC staff.

Shirley Loo

Gil Baldwin

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James Bennett Child, a longtime documents bibliographer for the Library of Congress.

The GPO’s core mission is to ensure that the American public has access to government information. The GPO is the Federal Government’s primary centralized resource for gathering, cataloging, producing, providing, authenticating, and preserving published U.S. Government information in all its forms. GPO is responsible for the production and distribution of information products and services for all three branches of the Federal Government. In addition to publications sales, GPO makes government information available at no cost to the public through GPO Access (www.gpoaccess.gov), and through partnerships with more than 1,250 libraries participating in the Federal Depository Library Program.
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Jewel Armstrong Player Recognized for Distinguished Service to FAFLRT

This year, FAFLRT presented its Distinguished Service Award to longtime member, Jewel Armstrong Player, Division Chief, Copyright Acquisitions Division, Library of Congress, U.S. Copyright Office. This recognition is awarded by the Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Round Table in recognition of outstanding and sustained contributions by a FAFLRT member.

Many will remember that Jewel served as Vice President/President-elect, President, and Immediate Past President of the Federal Libraries Round Table (FLRT). Her past memberships in both FLRT and Armed Forces Libraries Round Table (AFLRT) proved especially valuable during discussions concerning the merger of the two roundtables. With her knowledge, experience, energy and commitment, Jewel was able to play a key leadership role in the planning and the merger of AFLRT and FLRT.

Jewel went on to serve as FAFLRT’s first President from 2001-2002. Reflecting on her earlier tenure as President of FLRT, 1998-1999, Jewel said, “I was then and remain a strong supporter for bringing the two roundtables together. Having been a member, for several years, of both roundtables, having worked 18 years as an Army Librarian and now as a Librarian with the Legislative branch of government, I fully believe that the problems and the concerns of the two groups have more in common than not.” How right she was!

In addition to her elected Board service, Jewel has reliably and consistently supported AFLRT, FLRT and FAFLRT activities in many other ways. She served as chair of the Nominating Committee for FLRT for 1998-1999 and as chair of the Nominating Committee for FAFLRT for 2003-2004. She has represented the Roundtable before the ALA Outsourcing Taskforce, sharing the federal experience in the outsourcing of the total management and operations of libraries. She also served as Program Chair for the highly acclaimed 1997 AFLRT/FLRT ALA Annual Conference Program when Jose-Maria Griffiths spoke on SLA competencies for information professionals. She remains active and is currently serving as the program chair for the 2006 conference. Jewel has been an active member of ALA since 1978. In addition to her work with FAFLRT, FLRT, and AFLRT she has served on the Executive Board of the Black Caucus of ALA (BCALA), 1996-1998 and 2000-2002.

Other past activities related to overall federal or military libraries include: OCLC User’s Council, FEDLINK Representative, 1990-1992; Chair of the FLICC Bookbinding Contract Committee; Chair, Army Library Steering Group, 1995-1998; Chair, FLICC/FEDLINK Internet Planning Committee, 1995; and Elected, Rotating member to the FLICC, 1997-1999.

In addition to her current position at the Library of Congress which she has held since 1998, Jewel’s Federal service experience includes: Command Librarian, U.S. Army Materiel Command; Chief of the Cataloging Branch at the Pentagon Library; Technical Services Librarian at Ft. McPherson, GA, and overseas positions with the Army Library Program in Seoul, Korea and Heidelberg, Germany.

Jewel received her B.A. degree in Library Science, Business, and Education from Prairie View A&M University, an M.S. degree in Library Science and Education Administration from the University of Illinois, and a Masters degree in Education (M.ED) from the University of Miami. In 1994, she earned an Information Resources Management (IRM) graduate certificate from George Washington University and the U.S. General Services Administration. She also completed a special program for “Leadership for the 21st Century” at the IRM College of the National Defense University.

In summarizing Jewel’s many contributions, one of her nominators aptly stated, “Jewel has faithfully served the aims of FLRT, AFLRT and FAFLRT over a number of years of service and merits this recognition. She is a worthy recipient of the FAFLRT Distinguished Service Award.” Congratulations Jewel!

Maria Pisa and Shirley Loo, Co-chairs, Awards Committee

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Federal and Armed Forces Libraries
Round Table (FAFLRT)
Board Meeting
ALA Annual Conference, 2005
Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, IL
Saturday, June 25, 2005

Attendees: Mary Boone, Sally Bosken, Carol Bursik, Margaret J. Groner, Georgette Harris, Marie L. Nelson, Fran Perros, Donna E. Ramsey, Linda Resler, Lucille M. Rosa, Jane Sessa, Cynthia Shipley, Joan R. Taylor, Eileen Welch

Welcome and Call to Order. Linda Resler, FAFLRT President, called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

The minutes of the January 2005 Midwinter Board Meetings were accepted as written.

The President’s Report was given at this morning’s General Membership Meeting.

Membership Report. Joan Taylor’s report was given at this morning’s General Membership Meeting. The Board suggested ways to increase membership, such as those presented in Mark Levin’s ALA presentation on “How to Grow Your Membership,” stressing value obtained for the cost of the membership. Another consideration is whether or not everything that membership would offer is already available to prospective members online. A suggestion was made to contact those that don’t renew FAFLRT membership, to determine if they are just dropping ALA membership, or drifting to other organizations. We should also establish contact with any new members. It was decided that membership recruitment/retention should be an action item at every meeting, and that we should all have further email discussions in preparation for this being an agenda item at the upcoming Midwinter Board Meetings.

Treasurer’s Report. Carol Bursik distributed FAFLRT’s June 14, 2005 Financial Statement for FY 2005 at this morning’s General Membership meeting. She also stated that two mysterious food items for $166 and $322 had been charged to FAFLRT, which will be further investigated.

Newsletter (Federal Librarian) Report. Jane Sessa reported that Margaret Groner has been making initial contacts with vendors, but a need still remains for additional vendors. The next newsletter deadline will be August 15, 2005.

Committee Reports. (Reports not presented at this Board Meeting were given at this morning’s General Membership Meeting.)

Archives. Lucille Rosa requested that we ask anyone that was a former board member of our organization(s) to submit past materials to her.

Federal Personnel. Georgette Harris reported that the Human Resources Working Group would like the MLS degree to be the fundamental requirement for obtaining a Librarian position. Another personnel issue is that new federal personnel systems, such as NSPS, will be structured with pay-banding. It was suggested that FLICC host a brown-bag discussion about pay-banding.

Nominating Committee. Linda Resler reported that it has been a struggle to get nominees for board and committee positions. Linda will remain on Georgette’s Nominating Committee.

Armed Forces Director. Lucille Rosa reported:

The Navy is taking a two-pronged approach to all software in use at all Navy and Marine Corps installations.

In the process of migrating to the Navy Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI), the Navy and Marine Corps completed an initial study of various ILS systems, and approved the use of SIRSI, Follett, and Winnebago for their libraries which are part of the NMCI implementation. These libraries will be required to migrate to one of these ILS systems in late September, although that deadline has thus far been a moving deadline.

Aside from NMCI, the Navy is committed to reducing the number of software packages in use. As a result, whether moving to NMCI or not, migration to an approved ILS is expected. Beyond the initial approval of the three ILS systems already mentioned, a Business Case Analysis of all the Library Systems in use is being conducted. The results of this study will determine who must migrate to another system, and migration plans will be formulated.

Two years ago the Navy Librarian position was abolished. A new position within the Dept of the Navy was created, called Knowledge Management Team Lead. This new position did not equate to the old Librarian of the Navy position, and the change has been sorely felt throughout the Navy libraries ever since.

OLD BUSINESS

Linda Resler reported that she is still creating Word documents with our prior organizations’ procedures manuals, to facilitate the creation of a FAFLRT Procedures Manual, for which the Board feels there is still a need.

2006 Annual Meeting.

TeleSec is interested in sponsoring the Breakfast at next year’s General Membership Meeting.

Jewel Player is handling the 2006 Program.

Reception: ProQuest sponsored this year’s reception with $1700, but next year’s reception will also have to consider facility rental costs. (This year’s use of Pritzker Military Library was at no cost to us.)
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Meeting times were discussed, with the suggestion that we book a longer block of time, to include our membership meeting, a possible meal, and our annual ALA program. This should avoid the problem we encountered this year with ALA locating consecutive meetings in widely-separated locations. The program could be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon, as it was this year. The time block we request must, however, fit into ALA’s block scheduling plan.

Meeting suggestions were made, such as a continental breakfast combined with the membership meeting and program, or a luncheon banquet and awards ceremony for which attendees buy tickets, which has been successful in the past.

The decision was made to have the Annual Program first, 10:30 a.m. to noon, and then an Awards/Membership Luncheon from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m., hopefully subsidized by a vendor, with tickets sold, if needed.

The ALA program request form will be available in September. Generally ALA grants the day/time that was requested, but assigns the location.

Board Meeting times were discussed. One suggestion was to have a late Friday afternoon Board Meeting, such as 4:00 – 5:30 p.m., followed by the group going out to dinner, and the second Board Meeting on Monday morning at 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

The appropriate ALA “Track” for our Copyright Program was discussed and the “Information Policy” Track was chosen.

Georgette Harris, the incoming President, will be determining the times for the 2006 Midwinter Board Meetings.

Donna Ramsey was thanked for coordinating an excellent panel program on Outsourcing, presented this morning. An article about it was even printed in the ALA Conference Cognotes.

NEW BUSINESS

Several FAFLRT members have recently passed away, which raised the question of whether or not sympathy cards should be sent to the family, and if so, should it be the Secretary who sends them.

The Board Meeting scheduled for Monday, June 27, 2005 was cancelled, as all business was concluded at today’s meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m. with the passing of the gavel to the incoming President, Georgette Harris.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie L. Nelson
FAFLRT Secretary

DTIC Receives
SLA Technology Award

As reported in the Fabulous Feds column of this publication (spring 2005) the Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC) was a recipient of the Special Libraries Association’s (SLA) 2005 Innovations in Technology Award, given for “innovative use and application of technology in a special library setting.”

Mr. R. Paul Ryan, DTIC’s Acting Administrator, accepted the award at SLA’s annual conference held in Toronto, June 5-8, 2005. Ryan said, “I am pleased that the efforts of the DTIC staff have been recognized. For 60 years, DTIC has supported the Department of Defense’s research mission, and we never lose sight of the fact that our efforts support the men and women in uniform around the globe who are protecting America’s freedom.”

SLA’s District of Columbia Chapter nominated DTIC for this award because of its “...sustained contribution to the application of technology to more efficiently serve the needs of their clients, the U.S. Defense community. This contribution is especially worthy of recognition in this critical time for our armed forces as they face the challenges of combat in Iraq. Through the application of technology and a commitment to knowledge management, DTIC has insured that the billions of dollars of taxpayers money invested in research for the Department of Defense are invested wisely and that use of the results can be maximized.”

In endorsing this award, SLA’s Military Libraries Division noted: “Although DTIC’s primary mission has always been to support the research and engineering information needs of the Department of Defense, its contractor and academic partners, and other federal agencies as they relate to Defense issues, the organization has made numerous contributions to the special library community.” DTIC is the premier source of Department of Defense scientific, research and engineering information and primary provider of Web services for other defense programs. (www.dtic.mil)
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Federal and Armed Forces Libraries
Round Table (FAFLRT)
Annual General Membership Meeting
ALA Annual Conference, 2005
McCormick Conference Center, Chicago, IL
Saturday, June 25, 2005

Attendees: Sally Bosken, Michelle Brosius, Carol Bursik, Bobbie Carr, Patricia Goldman, Arthalene Gordey, Margaret J. Groner, Georgete Harris, Shirley Loo, Marie L. Nelson, Fran Perros, Holly May Pickel, Linda Resler, Lu cille M. Rosa, Reginald Scott, Jane Sessa, Cynthia Shipley, Joan R. Taylor, Ellen Welch

Welcome and Call to Order. Linda Resler, FAFLRT President, called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

The minutes of the previous General Membership Meeting of June 26, 2004, previously published in the Federal Librarian, were presented in summary fashion by Marie Nelson, Secretary. The minutes were accepted as written.

President’s Report. Linda Resler reported on the following items:

A. A LA News:

1. ALA membership:
   - 66,622 members, a 2% increase since May 2004
   - 756 Library Support Staff (new membership category added in 2004)
   - 13,778 Round Table members, an increase of 4.624%
   - LSIR has grown by 60% and has 710 mem bers
   - SRRT is largest with 1,803 mem bers
   - NMRT has 1,778 mem bers
   - IFRT has 1,750 mem bers

2. Chicago Conference
   - pre-registration is 13,407, as opposed to 10,127 pre-registered last year in Orlando

3. Hot topics
   - USA Patriot Act: On

Monday, ALA President Carol Brey - Casiano arranged for a screening of “Unconstitutional,” a feature-length documentary about the USA Patriot Act by filmmaker Robert Greenwald, followed by a panel discussion.

- SAFE Act: “Privacy,” a presentation on protecting anonymity on the Internet

- ALA Code of Ethics: a series of discussion forums

- A draft statement on “Inclusiveness and Mutual Respect” is to be presented to Council for adoption.

Feed back to council members is requested prior to Tuesday. It had been distributed on the FAFLRT discussion list.

B. FAFLRT News

1. Election results: There was a very low response (not quite 18% of the membership voted). Those elected are:
   - Bobbie Carr, VP/Pres Elect
   - Carol Bursik, Treasurer
   - Cynthia Shipley, AF Director
   - Sally Bosken, Fed Director

2. A change in by-laws will appear on the 2006 ballot, as follows: “the vice-president/president-elect may be responsible for chairing the Round Table Program Committee for the Annual Conference,” as this reflects current practice.
   (Change: The form er word “shall” would be replaced by “may”)  

3. Members interested in participating in FAFLRT should contact any of the Board members or Committee chairs, which are listed on the back of the Federal Librarian news letter or on the FAFLRT Website.

4. ProQuest volunteered to fund the Adelaide Elde Frate Conference Sponsorship Award in future years. This award is given to a library school student interested in federal librarianship. There was no nominee/award for 2005.

5. Friday Night Reception. This was the first Friday reception held since the Armed Forces Librarians’ Round Table (AFLRT) and the Federal Librarians’ Round Table (FLRT) were separate entities. It was hosted by the Pritzker Military Library at no facility cost to us, and they generously donated the wines. ProQuest sponsored the food and setup costs.

6. At the 2004 Annual Conference in Orlando, FAFLRT nominated Ross Shimom (IFLA) for ALA Honorary Member status, but ALA did not select him as one of the recipients.

C. A LA Round Tables.

Margaret Groner, past-president, attended their luncheon and reported their concern about diminishing round table membership numbers. She and Linda Resler have a graph depicting membership figures. Margaret also strongly recommended that the FAFLRT President and incoming President should attend the Friday ALA Round Table Coordinating Committee meeting at future conferences.

Membership Report. Joan Taylor reported that as of June 21, 2005, ALA figures showed that FAFLRT had 299 personal mem bers and 60 Organizational/Corporate members, for a total of 359 members. This is a decrease from last year’s numbers, but ALA may still not be correct ly
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cred i ting the previous two organizations’ members to us, i.e. still showing that AFLRT (dissolved) has 141 members. Reggie Scott indicated that ALA has a new ALA Membership Coordinator, who will attempt to reconcile all the membership numbers by mid-July ’05.

Treasurer’s Report. Carol Bursik distributed FAFLRT’s June 14, 2005 Financial Statement for FY 2005, based on the Performance Report of April 30, 2005, which shows:

- Beginning Net Assets (9/01/04) of ($564.07)
- Revenues of $5,815.07
- Expenses of $6,023.00
- Net Revenue (Ex pense) figure of ($ 207.93) (negative amount) for the year
- Ending Net Asset Balance of ($772.00) (negative amount)

However, as of June 14, 2005, there were un-posted revenues of $765 from SIRSI and $1700 from ProQuest, for a total of $2,465. Also, in the future, newsletter printing will be less costly, as Baldwin Graphics will only charge approximately $400 per newsletter, a saving of $800 per quarter. In addition, the dues increase which became effective this year will provide higher future revenues.

Newsletter (Federal Librarian) Report. Jane Sessa reported that the newsletter needs advertisers and more article submissions. Also, she would like to relinquish the newsletter editor duties sometime in the future, and is seeking a replacement. The next newsletter deadline is August 15, 2005.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Annual Program. Donna Ramsey coordinated the 2005 Annual Program on Outsourcing, which will be presented at 10:30 a.m., right after this meeting. Jewel Player will coordinate the 2006 Program, which will be on copyright. The 2007 Program is still seeking suggestions for a program topic and volunteer coordinator(s).

Awards Committee. Shirley Loo reported that Jewel Player received the FAFLRTD’s distinguished Service Award. There were no nominations for the FAFLRT Achievement Award, and the Adelaide del Frate Conference Sponsorship Award was not published. ProQuest has indicated that they will sponsor the Adelaide del Frate Award in the future.

Booth Coordinator. Eileen Welch reported that there are handouts available at FAFLRT’s booth, and anyone is welcome to sit at the booth if they have free time.

FAFLRT Web page. James King continues to be our webmaster and was thanked, in absentia, for his fine work maintaining FAFLRT’s ALA web page.

LIAISON REPORTS

ALA Planning and Budget Assembly. Carol Bursik atten ded ther meeting, where several discussed ALAs Strategic Plan. Michael Gorman presented six goals, and discussed other issues such as recruitment and retention of young librarians, who appear to be attending other associations’ meetings, rather than ALAs. ALA is also considering raising conference registration fees, as ALAs are lower than other organizations’ fees.

Coalition for Effective Change. Jane Sessa reported that the Excellent in Government Conference, to be held in July, is seeking suggested means of promoting federal libraries. We will provide them with our FAFLRT brochure, as well as issues of the Federal Librarian, along with a handout on how to apply for federal library jobs. (FLICC already has this information prepared.)

Public Employees Round Table. Fran Perros’ report was published recently in the Federal Librarian newsletter.

FLICC. Carol Bursik stated that there is no report.

IFLA. Andrea Gruhl’s report was in the last Federal Librarian newsletter.

OTHER BUSINESS

A suggestion was made to have additional FAFLRT Board meetings in Washington, D.C., as the currently scheduled semi-annual meetings may not be frequent enough to sufficiently maintain interest and continuity of business. Another suggestion was to plan a joint meeting with another agency, such as DTIC, next spring.

Reggie Scott stated that ALA’s new Washington office has nice meeting rooms, and our meetings/programs could be held there.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie L. Nelson, FAFLRT Secretary

Annual 2006 FAFLRT Program

The Copyright Office Comes to ALA

Mary Rensberger, a legal advisor with the U.S. Copyright Office addresses real life copyright issues as they apply to libraries. Issues discussed will include fair use, copyright term extension, Digital Millennium Act and others as appropriate. This will be an opportunity to have these critical issues addressed by the source.

Although we hope to have time allotted for questions and answers, we would like the basic presentation to address as many of your real life issues and concerns as possible. To assist in preparing the presentation, please send your questions to Jewel Player at jpla@loc.gov. — Jewel Player, 2006 Program Chair
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