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*Current and past members of FAFLRT gathered at Susan Tarr's retirement reception in January. From left to right: Shirley Loo, Jane Sessa, Sami Klein, Laurie Stackpole, Carol Bursik, Maria Pisa, Mary Boone, Lynn MacDonald, Fran Perros, Jewel Player, Ann Parham. Seated in front: Susan Tarr.*



## Greetings From the President:

The Midwinter meeting is over and we are looking forward to Chicago in June. Boston was a bit cold and snowy, but fortunately the big snowstorm waited until the weekend after we were all safely back at home. FAFLRT is planning several events for the annual meeting in Chicago. This year we are holding an evening membership reception and awards ceremony on Friday, in the tradition of the former Armed Forces Libraries Round Table. The Pritzker Military Library will be our host for the reception, and we are looking forward to seeing many of you there. The FAFLRT membership meeting and two FAFLRT Board meetings are on the schedule. Meeting dates and

times will soon appear on the FAFLRT Web page. A program is also in the planning stages for a panel discussing an issue very close to many federal libraries and information centers these days: competitive sourcing, and its effect on federal libraries and their patrons. FAFLRT is interested in hearing from you in the federal library and information center community if you have tales of high adventure with competitive sourcing of library functions or of the library or information center itself. Please contact the Federal Directors, the Annual Program Chair, or any of the FAFLRT officers, with any experiences you may have had or are having with competitive

sourcing. Contact information appears on the back of the newsletter.

The annual ALA elections are approaching. Please remember to vote for your choices for FAFLRT Office, as FAFLRT strives to fulfill its mission to represent the interests of the federal and armed forces library and information center communities. While voting or planning your activities in Chicago, I urge each FAFLRT member to consider contributing time and skills to the Round Table in any way possible. We certainly hope to see you in Chicago at the Pritzker Military Library on Friday, June 24th at 6:00 p.m. Additional details concerning the event and its location will be forthcoming.

# The Dudley Knox FLICC Award

The Dudley Knox Library at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey California, has been selected from among the more than 2,000 libraries and information centers operated by the federal government to receive the 2004 Federal Library/Information Center of the Year award in the large library/information center category.

In acknowledging receipt of the award, Dr. Maxine Reneker, Associate Provost for Library and Information Resources, cites the work of each member of the Library staff, in enabling the Library to be recognized nationally as a leader in the delivery of government and defense information. The mission of the Dudley Knox Library is to provide the Naval Postgraduate School and the broader defense and security communities with an information rich environment supporting academic and re-

search pursuits. The Library is commended for looking forward and taking initiatives that bring a critical mass of content directly to the center of Navy work. One of the initiatives undertaken by the Library with funds from the Office for Domestic Preparedness is the development of the Homeland Security Digital Library, an authoritative collection of digital resources in the broad spectrum of homeland security.

The expertise of the Library's 34 staff members has been recognized nationally. They are regularly consulted on technical and research needs, give presentations on subjects such as searching for defense information, creating digital libraries, and building taxonomies, and they provide up-to-the minute news of newly released documents and information on security and defense topics.

## 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 contributions to FAFLRT over a number of years. Honorees have included Carol Bursik, Jane Sessa, and Arlene Luster.

For either award, use the nomination form on our website and submit it by March 1, 2005 <http://archive.ala.org/alaorg/rtables/faflrt/awards.html>

For questions, contact Awards Committee Co-chairs Shirley Loo ([sloo@crs.loc.gov](mailto:sloo@crs.loc.gov)) or Maria Pisa ([mpisa@usda.nal.gov](mailto:mpisa@usda.nal.gov)).

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# Fabulous Feds

Kudos to Judy Russell, Davenport “Dav” Robertson, Susan Tarr and the information professionals at the Defense Technical Information Center for their exemplary service. All will be honored at the Special Libraries Association (SLA) annual conference in Toronto. Judy Russell will receive the SLA Professional Award for her outstanding work in the government, corporate, and academic arenas. Judy is the 22nd Superintendent of Documents at the Government Printing Office. Dav Robertson of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina will become a Fellow of SLA. Susan Tarr will become an honorary member of SLA. Susan retired as Director of the Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC) in February 2005. The SLA Innovations in Technology Award will go to the information professionals at DTIC for their consistent innovation through the use of technology to efficiently serve the needs of their clients in the American defense community.

Lyle Minter joined CRS at the Library of Congress on January 9, as head, Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade Consulting Section in the Knowledge Services Group (KSG). Before coming to CRS, Lyle worked as head, Newspaper and Current Periodical Room in the Serial and Government Publications Division of the Library of Congress. He holds a Master’s Degree in Library and Information Services from the University of Maryland and his Bachelor’s Degree in History and

Soviet Studies is from the University of Virginia. Lyle is a Fellow of the Special Libraries Association.

The new KSG, which officially began Feb. 27, 2005, is headed by Director Stephanie Williams and Deputy Director Lynne McCay. Other section heads are Heidi Yacker, Domestic Social Policy Consulting Section, Tangela Roe, Government and Finance Consulting Section, and Jim Riehl, Foreign Affairs and National Defense Consulting Section.

Mike Bernier joined CRS on January 10, 2005, as head of the Electronic Research Products Office. Before coming to CRS Mike worked at the Bureau of National Affairs where he held positions as manager of law school relations, managing editor in the health care division, and manager of indexing services. Mike holds a bachelor’s degree from Williams College, a Master’s in Library and Information Science from Catholic University, and a JD from the University of Maine School of Law. He is a member of the American Association of Law Libraries.

Michael J. White, librarian in the Patent and Trademark Depository Library Program at the U.S. Patent Office, left his position in January to become the new librarian for research services in the Engineering and Science Library at Queen’s University in Kingston, Ontario.

Michael also has a position as Corresponding Secretary for the DC Chapter of SLA.

Former FLRT President and “Federal Librarian” Editor Andrea Gruhl is the 2005-2006 President of the Iota Chapter of Beta Phi Mu International Library and Information Studies Honor Society. Some FAFLRT members attended the Iota Chapter’s annual meeting and initiation on February 10 at National Public Radio in Washington, D.C.

Richard D. Hanusey was awarded the Order of the White Plume posthumously. The award is the highest award for civilians given by Morale, Welfare and Recreation in the U.S. Army and this is the first time it has been awarded to a librarian. His wife, Arlene Luster, received the award on his behalf on Jan. 6 in Heidelberg at Army Command Headquarters.

Robert W. Severance, one of the founders of the Federal Librarians Round Table (FLRT) in the early 1970s, and President of the Armed Forces Libraries section of PLA (1971-1972) died January 12 at the age of 97. He retired in 1974 as Director of the US Air Force Air University Library after earlier positions in public, academic, and government libraries.

*by Shirley Loo*

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# 70th General Conference of IFLA a Hit in Buenos Aires

As hoped, the decision of the Board of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions to hold the first IFLA Conference in Latin America did have the desired effect. A reinvigorated library culture in Latin America and higher awareness of this continent's contributions to the library world are assured.

The 70th IFLA General Conference and Council was in Buenos Aires, Argentina from August 22-27, 2004. The theme was "Libraries: Tools for Education and Development." The emphasis was on the importance of libraries for developing communities.

Of the 3835 participants from 121 countries at the conference most came from Latin America. Argentina had the largest representation of any country at IFLA with 618 participants. The next five countries with the most representatives were USA, 355; Brazil, 117; China, 110; Chile, 109; and the Russian Federation with 102. Generous grants from governments, corporations, and individuals enabled attendance by 446 grantee participants.

There were 409 speakers and presenters at 222 meetings. Simultaneous interpretation in IFLA five official languages, English, Spanish, French, German, and Russian, occurred at 40 of these meetings. Eighty of the meetings were actually poster sessions, a popular feature of IFLA conferences in recent years.

Scholarly papers, always the staple of European conferences, were abun-

dant at this IFLA Conference. The multi-lingualism of the international conference was evident in the numerous translations of papers. There were a total of 189 papers presented and most were in English (161) with papers in Spanish numbering 121 and French, 75, German, 15, and Russian 12 papers. Translations from original papers numbered 195.

In 2005 the 71st IFLA Conference will be held in Oslo, Norway from August 14-18. The theme will be "Libraries—a voyage of discovery." Although Oslo is the only Nordic capital urbanized by the 10th century during Viking times, it is just this year that Norway is celebrating its centennial as a country independent from Sweden. The Norwegian government will provide activities to enlighten conference attendees about Norway's history and future plans.

*By Andrea Morris Gruhl,  
IFLA Liaison*

# FAFLRT Bylaws Change Needed

The FAFLRT Board at its Business Meeting of June 28 at the 2004 ALA Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida observed that a change is needed in Article IV. Governance, Section 3. Duties, c. Vice-President/President-Elect. To reflect the real way FAFLRT has always operated, the word "shall" in the first clause needs to be changed to the word "may." The wording of the first clause would then be:

"The vice-president/president-elect may be responsible for chairing the Round Table Program Committee for the annual ALA conference..." This change to the FAFLRT Bylaws will be voted on by the FAFLRT membership in the 2005 ALA Elections.

*By Andrea Morris Gruhl, Chair,  
Bylaws and Constitution Committee*

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**FRIDAY, JUNE 24TH**  
**at ALA Chicago for the**  
**FAFLRT RECEPTION &**  
**AWARDS CEREMONY**



**Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Round Table (FAFLRT) Board Meeting  
ALA Midwinter Meeting, 2005  
Hynes Convention Center,  
Boston, MA  
Saturday, January 15, 2005**

**Attendees:** Carol Bursik, Georgette Harris, Lynn McDonald, Marie L. Nelson, Maria Pisa, Donna Ramsey, Linda M. Resler, Lucille M. Rosa, Reginald Scott, Jane Sessa, Joan Taylor

The meeting was called to order at 12:36 p.m. by FAFLRT President Linda Resler.

The minutes of the June 26, 2004 Annual Membership Meeting were amended to correct the spelling of Cindy Etkin in item 9. a. With that correction, the minutes of that meeting, as well as the Board Meetings held on June 26 and June 28, 2004, were accepted as written.

**Membership Report.** Joan Taylor reported that ALA only showed 50 FAFLRT members, which is an error that ALA has somehow made in confusing the merger of the two prior organizations, FLRT and AFLRT. A more accurate figure would be approximately 350 members, which includes the corporate members. This number is down from the approximately 400 members we showed at the 2004 Annual Meeting.

**Treasurer's Report and Budget Report.** Carol Bursik distributed: 1). "Financial Statement for FY2004, Based on Final Performance Report of October 13, 2004." It showed Beginning Net Assets (9/01/03) of \$3,271.93, Revenues for the Year of \$4,770.07, and Expenses

for the Year of \$11,651.10, therefore leaving a Net Revenue (Expense) of (\$4,266.93), and Ending Net Asset Balance of (\$995.00). There was an Ending Net Asset Balance in the AFLRT Account of \$431.25, leaving a Final Ending Net Asset Balance deficit of (\$563.75). Part of our deficit problem is that ALA has erred in not crediting dues from members of our previous organizations (AFLRT and FLRT) to FAFLRT. 2). "Financial Statement for FY2005, Based on the Performance Report of January 3, 2005" shows Beginning Net Assets (9/01/04) of (\$995.07), Revenues for the Year of \$3,026.74, Expenses for the Year of \$11,651.10, for Net Revenue (Expense) of \$831.00, Ending Net Asset Balance of \$200.87, Ending Net Asset Balance in AFLRT Account of \$432.25, for a Final Ending Net Asset Balance of \$633.12. 3). The original projected FY 2005 budget was also distributed, indicating planned revenues and expenses of \$16,260.00, as a tool for discussing the FY2006 budget projection. Discussion took place regarding ways to decrease expenses. The newsletter costs approximately \$7000/year, of which \$5400 alone is for typesetting. Reggie Scott suggested we investigate using the printer that ALA uses for possible savings. Based on these discussions, Carol will prepare a FY2006 Budget shortly and email it to the Board for approval before it is submitted to ALA. Also, in relation to the budget, it was reported that Margaret Groner will be contacting a vendor regarding sponsorship of our Scholarship Award. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

**Newsletter Report.** Jane Sessa re-

ported that February 15 is the next newsletter deadline, and suggested items be submitted to her at jses-sa4@comcast.net. The Board accepted the motion that vendor advertising be included in the online version of the newsletter, published on the ALA FAFLRT web site, after it was determined that there are no legal ramifications regarding the ads being published online, in addition to being in the print edition. Additional vendor support for the newsletter will also be sought.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Archives Report, and Armed Forces Director Report.** Lucille Rosa states that archival material is still being sought from FLRT, AFLRT, and the current body, FAFLRT. Also, in her role as Armed Forces Director, she distributed the Air Force and Army Reports. Some highlights: The Air Force Libraries now have a presence on the Air Force Portal; establishing a "Central Standardized Integrated Library System" for all the Air Force Libraries remains a hot topic; and an online AF Group Catalog is being discussed. The Army Libraries report having central training funds for ACTEDS development, and the development of a new statistical reporting system called METRICS (Measurement, Tracking, Information & Collection System), which replaces the old ALMRS system.

**Annual Program.** Donna Ramsey, Annual Program Chair, distributed the information regarding FAFLRT's 2005 meeting in Chicago, to be held on Saturday, June 25, 2005 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The Board decided on a program title change from

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“Outsourcing, the Federal Experience, and What it Means for Citizens,” to “Competitive Sourcing: How it Affects Access to Information; The Federal Experience.” The program will consist of a four-person panel discussing pros and cons of outsourcing, with reference to their own experiences. Donna has already lined up three panelists, and has possibilities for the fourth.

**FAFLRT Web Site.** Linda Resler reported that James King remedied some web site problems, and is ready to load any missing meeting minutes.

**Awards Committee.** Maria Pisa, co-chair, reported that FAFLRT is soliciting nominations for the three awards that FAFLRT will present at ALA in June. Suggestions should be sent to her by March/April.

**Booth Coordinator.** No report.  
Federal Personnel. Georgette Harris reported that there was a meeting with OPM representatives, but results weren't particularly significant.

**Nominating Committee.** Linda Resler reported that we are soliciting for suggested nominations for the ALA spring election FAFLRT ballot. She does have two possibilities for the Armed Forces Director. Names mentioned were Bobbie Carr and Cindy Shipley. Paula Vincent was named as a possibility for Federal Director. Carol Bursik agreed to again run for Treasurer. February 4 is the ALA deadline for ballot submissions.

## LIAISON REPORTS

**ALA Planning and Budget Assembly.** No report.

**Coalition for Effective Change.** Jane Sessa reported that their focus has been personnel issues, but has nothing further to report.

**Public Employees Round Table (PER).** Jane Sessa, reporting for Fran Perros, stated that PER is disbanding, but may merge with another organization.

**FLICC.** Lynn McDonald reported that: 1). Susan Tarr is retiring on February 3, 2005, and Kathryn Mendenhall will be the interim head; 2). The Content Management Working Group is working on their home page; 3). A future FLICC program on Open Access and Constraints to Access is scheduled for Thursday, March 24, 2005; 4). FEDLINK will be reimbursing those who lost money (\$455,000 total) in the Faxon bankruptcy. However, there may only be a 20 cent on the dollar return from Faxon, with the remaining balance coming out of FEDLINK reserves; 5). FEDLINK will soon be implementing a new financial system, which is the same one that LC implemented; 6). FEDLINK is working on the wording of the new serials' contracts, and hopes to announce vendors by the end of January; 7). There will shortly be a new Request For Proposal book out for the new FY.

## OLD BUSINESS.

Linda reported that one of the ALA Presidential candidates plans to visit Sunday's FAFLRT Board Meeting. (Note: She did not show up.)

Annual Meeting discussion took place:

1). If FAFLRT were to hold a Friday evening reception on June 24,

2005 in Chicago, the use of the Pritzker Military History Library has been offered to us at no cost. It is a 10 minute taxi ride away from the Convention Center, and perhaps Gale might fund buses to it. It was decided that it would be desirable to revert back to holding a separate Friday FAFLRT reception, instead of co-sponsoring one with GODORT. Reggie Scott volunteered his ALA office to prepare the flyer to advertise the reception, but we would need to pay for the mailing labels. Also, we need to publicize it in our newsletter.

2). Whether or not to have a FAFLRT Breakfast at the Saturday morning General Membership Meeting on Saturday, 25 June, 2005, was discussed, due to budget issues. We would need a sponsor to fund the breakfast in order to have one.

3). FAFLRT also needs a sponsor for the FAFLRT ALA Scholarship.

4). Mr. Scepanski, our round table representative (represents 12 of the smaller round tables) to the ALA Council, visited our meeting, and reported that he will represent our views and will supply us with reports of the ALA Council meetings, such as information on a Strategic Plan on which ALA is working. He also reported that ALA is discussing considerations for changing the dues structure, such as making it salary-based.

The meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

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

**Federal and Armed Forces  
Libraries Round Table (FAFLRT)  
Board Meeting  
ALA Midwinter Meeting, 2005  
Colonnade Hotel, Boston, MA  
Sunday, January 16, 2005**

**Attendees:** Mary Boone, Carol Bursik, Georgette Harris, Marie L. Nelson, Maria Pisa, Linda M. Resler, Lucille M. Rosa, Reginald Scott, Joan Taylor

The meeting was called to order at 12:33 p.m. by FAFLRT President Linda Resler.

**Old Business** (*continued*). Linda Resler is retyping the SOPs from FAFLRT's prior two organizations into a computer file, so the information will be easier to manipulate in the production of a new FAFLRT policy and procedures manual.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The FAFLRT Brochure needs to be reprinted soon, as there are only 200 left. The New Members Round Table asks for 150 annually, and we also put them in our ALA Booth. Vendor sponsorship will again be sought. (Proquest sponsored the previous printing in 2002.) It was felt we should continue to produce a color brochure, as it presents a more professional image for FAFLRT. The dues' amounts need to be corrected before it is reprinted. A suggestion was made to produce it on a color printer and we fold, or have Kinkos print and fold. Reggie Scott will check with the printer that his ALA office uses, as it might be more reasonable.



*The FAFLRT Board, ALA 2005 Midwinter Meeting, Boston, MA.*

**Membership Dues.** Linda Resler reported that there is a current discussion with GODORT regarding giving a \$5.00 dues discount to those who join all three round tables: FAFLRT, GODORT and a Maps division one.

**2006 Budget.** Carol reported that the 2006 budget is due to ALA by February 3, 2005. She will estimate membership at 300 Personal and 50 Institutional to project the budget revenue, and prepare a balanced 2006 Budget submission which will be sent via email to the FAFLRT Board Members for approval. A budget concern that was mentioned is that we are charged very expensive equipment use fees at our annual ALA programs (\$2000 fee for our 2004 program). Also, we will continue to seek vendor sponsorship for our organization and events, but it was pointed out that we must coordinate any new vendor sponsorships with the ALA Development Office.

**2005 ALA Annual Conference was further discussed.**

1). Friday Awards Reception will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, June 24, 2005, at the Pritzker Military History Library in Chicago. The facility will be made available to us at no charge, but we will need to hire a caterer, at an estimated cost of \$1700 for 100 attendees. Vendor sponsorship will be sought.

2). General Membership Meeting will be held from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 25, 2005, followed by our panel program on "Competitive Sourcing" from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

3). Board Meetings will be held Saturday afternoon, June 25, 2005, and again on Monday, June 27, 2005.

**2006 Annual Conference Program ideas were discussed.** A program on Copyright Issues was suggested, with 90 minutes for speaker(s) and 30

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minutes for Q & A. Reggie Scott mentioned that ALA has a Copyright Lawyer and a Representative, who could perhaps participate.

It was mentioned that there are rumors that ALA is considering discontinuing the Midwinter Conference as a cost-saving measure.

Reginald Scott reported that his ALA office in Washington is relocating in August 2005.

The meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Marie L. Nelson  
Secretary*

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