

# **Minutes of the Florida Library Association Business Meeting**

***May 6, 2011***

President John Callahan opened the FLA 2011 Annual Meeting at 11:55 A.M and a quorum was established.

President Callahan introduced the members of the head tables: Tim Dorsey, Keynote Speaker; Wendy Breeden, Immediate Past President; Gloria Colvin, President-Elect; Gladys Roberts, Secretary; Susan Dillinger, Treasurer; Bernadette Storck, Parliamentarian; Phyllis Gorshe, Leader of the Youth Services Member Group; Paul Alford , Awards Committee Chair and Faye Roberts, Executive Director.

President Callahan reviewed the accomplishments and changes of the Association over the past year. He announced that \$3,416 was raised for the Scholarship Committee with the silent auction at last night's event.

On behalf of the Youth Services Member group, Phyllis Gorshe presented the Betty Davis Miller Youth Services Award to Clearwater Public Library for their "Girls Gone Glam" teen program that provides new or gently used formal gowns and accessories to Pinellas County students for prom. Jen Obermaier, Youth Services Manager, accepted the award.

Paul Alford, Chair of the Awards Committee, announced the winner of the 2011 Best Booth Award as Backstage Library Works; the award will be presented at the beginning of the 2012 annual conference. Alford then presented the following winners of this year's FLA Awards to a backdrop of photo montages of each winner:

Lifetime Achievement Award – Presented to Dr. Richard Madaus for a 40 year-long career dedicated to the improvement and advancement of library services; and to Loretta Flowers, who has been a part of the State Division of Library and Information Services since 1982.

Library Leader of the Year – Presented to Diana Silveira, Chair of the FLA 2011 Conference Committee.

Librarian of the Year Award – Presented to Paul Clark with a standing ovation. Affectionately known as "The Library Guy," Clark's advocacy efforts are the stuff of legend.

Library of the Year Award – Presented to Parkland Public Library for initiating a series of unique programs that focused on serving older adults. Accepting the award for Parkland Public Library was Edenia Hernandez.

Maria Chavez-Hernandez Libraries Change People's Lives Award – Presented to the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative's Deaf Literacy Center, a library-based literacy program for Deaf individuals and their family members who need basic literacy and life skills. Accepting the award was Rosa Rodriguez.

Friends, Foundations & Boards Outstanding Member Award –Presented to Evelyn Grooms, Broward County Library.

Public Library Web Site Award – Presented to the Lee County Library System for their innovatively redesigned website that provides a rich and deep user experience. Accepting the award was Marilyn Graham.

Exemplary Learning Design Award – Presented to Jacalyn Bryan and Elana Karshmer, Saint Leo University for creating an engaging and motivational library orientation session as part of a three credit course for all first-year and transfer students.

Library Innovation Award – Presented to the Orange County Library System for their *Right Service at the Right Time* Web Service. Accepting the award was Library Director Mary Anne Hodel.

Outstanding Business/Media Partner Award – Presented to the Miami Dolphin Foundation who has provided funding, game tickets, and prizes to support the Miami-Dade Public Library System's Summer Reading Program for more than 10 years. Accepting the award was Iona Wolpin, Senior Director of Community Relations, Miami Dolphins.

Libraries Mean Business Award (a new FLA Award for 2011) – Presented to the Alachua County Library District for their collaboration with the Florida Works One Stop Career Center to bring job searching and resume writing programs to its branches. Accepting the award was Shaney Livingston.

President John Callahan then took the podium to present Danny Hales with Lifetime Membership in the Association. The membership enthusiastically applauded Hales' selection.

Additional awards presented on May 5, 2011 by the Friends, Foundations and Boards Member's Group included:

- Friends Newsletter Award – Friends of the Fort Myers Library for their "Palm Reader News"
- Outstanding Program Award – Friends of the Library of Collier County – Red, White and Roulette Casino Night
- Special Projects Award – Friends of the Columbia County Public Library – Adult Team Spelling Bee
- Web Site Award – Friends of the Fort Lauderdale Libraries
- Outstanding Program Honorable Mention – Friends of the Library, Ponte Vedra – Antique Appraisal Showcase
- Special Projects Honorable Mention – Friends of the Broward County Library – Advocacy Committee

Additional awards were presented on May 5, 2011 at the First General Session: Best Booth Award from FLA 2010 Conference – Presented to Combined Book Exhibit; award was accepted by Dara Touma.

President Callahan noted that the April 9, 2010 Annual Business Meeting Minutes were approved by a Reading Committee on July 16, 2010 and posted on the FLA website.

Susan Dillinger presented the annual Treasurer's Report for January – December, 2010, proudly announcing that we finished 2010 in the black with our income exceeding our expenditures! As of December 31, 2010 our net income was \$49,498.63. President Callahan announced that the report

would be filed for audit. There was no unfinished business and no new business to put before the membership.

The 2010 - 2011 Board Members, Committee Chairs, and Member Group Leaders were recognized by President Callahan for their service.

Wendy Breeden installed the 2011-2012 FLA officers and voting members of the Board, and presented outgoing President John Callahan with a gift on behalf of the Board and Membership.

Incoming President Gloria Colvin announced the theme for her presidential year, "Florida Libraries, Vibrant and Vital." Colvin invited everyone to attend the 2012 Conference to be held April 18 – 20, 2012 at the Wyndham Orlando Resort.

Colvin adjourned the meeting at 12:30 P.M.

Gladys F. Roberts  
FLA Secretary

**Note: These minutes were approved as of June 15, 2011 by a Reading Committee comprised of Linda McCarthy, Carol Russo and Barbara Stites.**