

Florida Library Association Annual Business Meeting
Friday, April 25, 2008
Tradewinds Beach Resort and Conference Center, St. Pete Beach, Florida

The General Session and Business Meeting of the 85th Annual Conference of the Florida Library Association was called to order by President Charlie Parker at 12:00 p.m. following lunch.

President Parker asked Secretary Pro Tem Faye Roberts if there was a quorum present; there was.

President Parker welcomed attendees, thanked the Conference and Local Arrangement Committees for a successful conference and introduced those seated at the head table. Parker presented Ruth O'Donnell, outgoing Executive Director, with a Lifetime Membership in FLA and an orchid in appreciation for her efforts on behalf of the Association over the past three years.

Harold George, Chair of the Awards Committee, presented the following awards:

- The Friends, Foundations and Boards Library Award was presented to Bettye Stevens Coney of the Leesburg Friends of the Library.
- FLA's newest award, the Maria Chavez-Hernandez "Libraries Change Peoples' Lives" Award was given to Kathy Mayo of the Lee County Library System and accepted by Diane Lettieri who read a statement from Ms. Mayo.
- The Public Library Web Site Award was given to Osceola County Library System and was accepted by Library Director Ed Kilroy.
- The FLA Leader of the Year Award was presented to Bradley Ward, Executive Director of the Northeast Florida Library Information Network.
- The Library of the Year Award was given to the Pasco County Library System and accepted by Library Director Linda Allen and Pasco County Assistant Administrator for Public Services, Dan Johnson.

Mr. George recognized and thanked members of the Awards Committee.

Kathy Graw, Chair of the Library Services to Youth Member Group presented the Betty Davis Miller Youth Services Award for children's services to Clearwater Public Libraries Director Barbara Pickell and Youth Services Librarian JoAnne Howard.

After photographs of the award recipients, President Parker took up other business. He noted that the minutes of the April 13, 2007 annual meeting were approved by the reading committee on January 20, 2008.

Carol Russo presented the Treasurer's Report.

There was no unfinished business and no new business. Attendees were provided an opportunity to speak. Cheryl Turner asked about conference attendance. Ruth O'Donnell reported that total attendance was around 600.

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President Parker recognized those who served as volunteers on the Executive Board, as Committee Chairs and as leaders of Member Groups. He asked voting members of the Executive Board to come forward. Outgoing board members were given tokens of appreciation for their service. Non-voting and ex officio members of the Executive Board were recognized.

Committee Chairs and members were recognized, thanked and given certificates of appreciation. Member Group leaders were recognized as a group.

Past President Sol Hirsch asked members of the 2008-2009 Executive Board to stand and charged them to accept the responsibilities of their positions. Hirsch thanked Charlie Parker for his service as 2007-2008 President and presented a gift on behalf of the Association. Legislative Committee Chair Wendy Breeden made a special presentation in honor of Parker's advocacy efforts on the organization's behalf.

President Parker adjourned the business meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Kathy Arsenault, Dean of the University of South Florida Poynter Library, introduced the closing speaker, Dr. Gary Mormino, History Professor and author of *Land of Sunshine, State of Dreams: A Social History of Modern Florida*.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye Roberts
FLA Secretary Pro Tem