Minutes of the Florida Library Association Business Meeting

April 20, 2012

President Gloria Colvin opened the FLA 2013 Annual Meeting at 12:09 PM. Presence of a quorum was established by Secretary Ruth O’Donnell. President Colvin introduced those sitting at the head table, including Kee Malesky, Keynote Speaker.

President Colvin summarized the Association’s busy and productive year and recognized member Rebecca Trammel for her service to the Association. Rebecca developed and presented the 2012 Friends, Foundations and Boards annual workshops, providing valuable and much needed information on tax and legal issues for non-profit organizations.

Annual Awards
Phyllis Gorshe, leader of the Youth Services Member Group presented the Betty Davis Miller Youth Services Award and plaque to the Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative, Homeschool Programs/Education Plus. President Colvin announced that Unique Books was awarded the 2012 Best Booth Award. Sandra O. Newell, Awards Committee Chair, announced the remaining 2012 awards as President Colvin presented plaques to each award recipient. The awards and recipients were:

- FLA Leader of the Year – Mercedes Clement, Daytona State College
- Library of the Year – Sarasota County Library System
- Maria Chavez-Hernandez “Libraries Change Peoples’ Lives” (awarded twice) – Sharon Jaskula, Jacksonville Public Library Center for Adult Learning, and Staff of the Elisabeth Lahti Library, Martin County Library System
- Exemplary Learning Design, Norman “Trip” Wyckoff, Florida State University
- Special Library Website, Florida Memory Website: www.FloridaMemory.com
- Friends, Foundations and Boards Outstanding Member, William F. (Bill) Flynn Jr., Nassau County Public Library System Advisory Board Chairperson
- Library Innovation, Luis Flores, Jacksonville Public Library
- Public Library Website, Broward County Public Library Website: www.broward.org/library
- Libraries Mean Business Award, Seminole County Public Library System, Business Matters Program
- Outstanding Citizen Award, Judy L. Davis, Riviera Beach City Council Chairwoman
- Librarian of the Year Award, Jim Morris, Florida Gateway College
- Lifetime Achievement Award, James (Jim) F. Corey, Florida Center for Library Automation

President Colvin announced that other awards were presented at the Friends, Foundations and Boards Member Group Lunch during this conference. They were: Membership Development Award - Friends of Minneola Schoolhouse Library; Newsletter Award - Friends of the Fort Myers Library, Inc.; Outstanding Program Award - Friends of the Ocala Public Library; Special Projects Award - Friends of the Dania Beach Paul DeMaio Library.
Charlie Parker received a Lifetime membership to FLA in recognition of his many years of service to the Association on the Executive Board and a number of committees. His work with the Legislative Committee was particularly noted and he was thanked on behalf of all Florida public libraries for his long-time and committed leadership in legislative advocacy.

**Approval of May 6, 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes**
President Colvin announced that the minutes from last year’s annual meeting were read and approved by a Reading Committee. They are available on the FLA website.

**Treasurer’s Report**
Treasurer Susan Dillinger opened her report for January – December, 2011 by noting that scholarship fundraising activities held this week earned $4,605. She noted that while other some other state library associations are struggling financially and have had to reduce activities, FLA has been able to increase programs and services. She reported that at the end of 2011 FLA had $203,156 in reserves which equates to about seventy-four percent of our annual operating costs, well over the approximately forty percent recommended.

Susan reported income of $267,813.17 in 2011 and expenditures of $234,526.50, leaving a positive difference of $33,286.67 for the year. She also reported that the 2010 financial audit shows an increase in total assets that year of $45,624. The 2011 audit has not yet been conducted.

**New and Unfinished Business**
There was no unfinished business and no new business to put before the membership.

**Executive Board Installation**
The 2011 - 2012 Board Members, Committee Chairs, and Member Group Leaders were recognized by President Colvin for their service. Immediate Past President John Callahan installed the members of the 2012-2013 FLA Executive Board and presented outgoing President Gloria Colvin with a gift on behalf of the Board and membership.

**Announcements**
Barbara Stites, 2012-13 President, accepted the gavel to begin her presidential duties by announcing that the 2013 annual conference will be May 1-3 at the Hilton Orlando and Library Day at the Florida Legislature will be March 12, 2014. The President’s theme for 2013 is “New Possibilities and Partnerships.”

President Stites adjourned the meeting at 1:00 P.M.

Ruth O’Donnell
FLA Secretary

These Minutes were approved on June 4, 2012 by a Reading Committee comprised of Gladys Roberts, Linda McCarthy and Sandra Newell.