Florida Library Association
Business Meeting
Thursday, April 14, 2005
Adam’s Mark Hotel
Jacksonville, Florida

The General Session and Business Meeting of the 82\textsuperscript{nd} Annual Conference of the Florida Library Association was called to order by FLA president Derrie Perez at 8:35 a.m.

Perez introduced the members at the head table, the Executive Board, and all committee, sections and interest group chairpersons. On behalf of the Association, Perez thanked Tricia Egbert, Shannon Bennett-Manross and members of the Local Arrangements Committee and Conference Planning Committee for their efforts in arranging this year’s conference. Perez also noted that \textit{Common Threads}, a festschrift in commemoration of this conference, will be mailed to FLA members.

President Perez introduced ALA Presidential Candidate Leslie Berger who spoke about ALA and her goals for the organization.

The Paxton School for Advanced Studies Honors Chorus presented a short musical program under the direction of Deborah McDuffie.

President Perez asked Secretary Faye Roberts if there was a quorum present; there was.

Perez introduced keynote speaker Tim Dorsey, author of “Torpedo Juice,” “Cadillac Beach,” and many other screwball mysteries set in Florida who spoke of his life and his work.

Past FLA President Danny Hales read a Resolution honoring retiring FLA Advocate Jody Fitzgerald and recognizing highlights of her long service to the Florida library community.

Perez then introduced Suzanne Lynch Johnson and Meg Scharf, co-chairs of the Citations and Awards Committee, who announced the winners of this year’s awards. Johnson and Scharf thanked those on their committee and made the following presentations:

- Exhibits Award: State Library and Archives of Florida
- Betty Davis Miller Youth Services Award: “Reading Buddies,” Citrus County
- Friends and Trustees Citation Award: Karen McClure, Tampa-Hillsborough Libraries
- Outstanding Citizen Award: Leon Slatin, Broward County Library
- Friends and Trustees Certificate Awards:
  - Special Event Award: Alachua County and Neptune Beach
  - Special Project Award: Ocala
  - Membership Drive Award: Punta Gorda
  - Newsletter Award: Punta Gorda

Upon completion of the awards, Perez moved to the next item on the agenda, the approval of the minutes from the 2003 and 2004 General Sessions and Business
Meetings. After no corrections or additions were added to the minutes, she announced that the minutes were approved as posted.

Perez called on Shannon Bennett-Manross to give the Treasurer’s report. Bennett-Manross referred the membership to the Financial Comparison handout included in the program packet and asked for questions. She urged members to thank vendors who brought exhibits to the conference despite the scaled-down agenda. The Treasurer’s report will be filed for audit.

Perez gave the report from the Nominating Committee in the absence of John Szabo, chair of the Nominating Committee, to announce the results for the recent election of Board members. Perez announced the following FLA members chosen to serve on the Board of Directors:

- **Vice President/President Elect**: Sol Hirsch
- **Secretary**: Lisa Manners
- **Director at Large**: Betty Ann Frederick
- **Director at Large**: Cynthia Kisby
- **ALA Counselor**: Dr. Vickie Gregory
- **Friends & Trustees Section Chair**: Bernadette Storck

Perez asked for any further unfinished business or any new business; there was none.

Perez then recognized outgoing Board Members. Perez called forward the following Board Members:

- Barbara Sherwood, outgoing Chair of Friends and Trustees
- Sol Hirsch, outgoing Director
- Laurence Miller, outgoing Director
- Faye Roberts, outgoing Secretary
- Althea Jenkins, outgoing ALA Counselor

Perez then asked the entire 2005-2006 Board to come forward for an installation ceremony. Perez presented the President’s gavel to incoming President, Nancy Pike. Pike presented Perez with a plaque in recognition of his leadership as President during the past year.

Pike introduced 2006 conference chair Mary Brown and local arrangements chair Kelly Pepo and announced that the conferences would be held April 18-21 in Orlando. Its theme will be “Better Together.”

Dr. Carmine Bell, Professor of English at Pasco Hernando Community College introduced the closing speaker, Dr. David Carr, Associate Professor from the School of Information and Library Science at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, who spoke about cultural institutions as spaces where ordinary people can go to explore society's past and to create visions of the future through individual contemplation.

Pike adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Lisa Manners
FLA Secretary