

**Florida Library Association  
Business Meeting  
Friday, April 25, 2003  
Wyndham Palace Resort  
Buena Vista, Florida**

The General Session and Business Meeting of the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Florida Library Association was called to order by FLA president Marta Westall at 11:10 a.m.

Westall introduced the members at the head table and asked Secretary Lenholt if there was a quorum present; Lenholt declared that a quorum had been achieved. Westall recognized the chairs of committees, interest groups, and sections, and thanked them for all their efforts during the past year. She gave special thanks to the local arrangements committee for setting up this year's conference and remarked that she had received many positive comments about the Wyndham and the conference programs.

Westall then introduced Stephanie Race, chair of the Citations and Awards Committee, who would announce the winners of this year's awards. Race thanked those on her committee and remarked that making award choices was difficult as there were so many deserving nominees. Race made the following presentations:

2003 Betty Davis Miller Youth Services Award: Franklin County Library System  
"TIGERS"

2003 Friends and Trustees Certificate Awards:

Newsletter Award: Friends of the Selby Public Library

Membership Drive Award: Friends of the Clearwater Public Library

Special Project Award: Friends of the North Miami Public Library

Special Event Award: The Friends of the Fruitville Library

The Friends of the Library of Flagler County, Inc.

2003 Friends and Trustees Citation Award # I: Katherine Dvornick

2003 Friends and Trustees Citation Award # II. Elizabeth "Betty" Geentiens

2003 Outstanding Citizen Award: Sue Rexford

2003 Corporate Award: Orlando Magic

2002 Exhibit Award: Multitype Library Cooperatives Booth

2003 Exhibit Award: Florida Reading & Vision Technology Booth

Upon completion of the awards, Westall moved to the next item on the agenda, the approval of the minutes from the 2002 General Session and Business Meeting. After no corrections or additions were added to the minutes, the membership voted that the minutes be approved as posted.

Westall called on Charlie Parker to give the Treasurer's report. Parker referred the membership to the Financial Comparison handout included in the program and asked for questions. He noted the increase in the Fund balance achieved during the fiscal year ending 12-31-2002; the Fund balance for the year ending 12-31-2001 was \$94,436 and increased to \$112,443 for the year ending 12-31-2003.

Westall then called on Betty Johnson, chair of the Nominating Committee, to announce the results for the recent election of Board members. Johnson thanked the members of her committee for the many hours of hard work involved in putting together a slate of qualified candidates who agreed to run and to serve, if elected. Johnson announced the following FLA members chosen to serve on the Board of Directors:

Friends and Trustees Chair: Gemmy Brown

Director: Sol Hirsch

Director: Laurence Miller

Secretary: Faye Roberts

Vice-President/President Elect: Derrie Perez

Westall then asked Johnson to recognize outgoing Board Members. Johnson called forward and presented plaques as tokens of appreciation from FLA to the following Board Members:

Susan Dillinger, outgoing Director

Vicky Gregory, outgoing Director

Rob Lenholt, outgoing Secretary

Ina Schnell, outgoing Chair of Friends and Trustees (not in attendance)

Johnson then asked the entire incoming Board to come forward for an installation ceremony. Westall presented the President's gavel to incoming President, John Szabo. Szabo then called Westall to the podium to present her with a plaque as outgoing President. He noted how pleased he was with the "coming together" of librarians of all types, as well as Friends groups throughout the state, to support the Save the State Library campaign. Szabo asked for volunteers to participate in committees and interest groups in the year ahead and thanked everyone who had volunteered during the past year. He adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rob Lenholt, FLA Secretary