

Executive Committee
Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Interest Group (FAFLIG)
Reference and User Services Association (RUSA)

American Library Association (ALA)

Annual Business Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2024

Location: Virtual (Zoom)

Attendees: Chair Ben Leubsdorf, Immediate Past Chair Ashley Evans, Chair-Elect Adria Olmi, Secretary Christina Dominique-Pierre, Programming Committee Chair Gabby Amorelli, Edward McClure, Roxanne Owens, and Heather Goyette.

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. ET.

Chair Ben Leubsdorf welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Ben shared highlights of 2023-2024, which included:

- RUSA webinar
 - "How to Get a Federal Library Job" with 50 attendees on 3/19/2024.
- FAFLIG Speaker Series Webinars
 - Lucy Maziar, Library Director at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy on 11/1/2023
 - Elán Marae Birkeland, Library Program Director at HQ Marine Corps on 1/10/2024
 - Dennis Wilson, Library Director of the Navy Department Library on 4/10/2024
- Award Winners
 - Paula Laurita (Federal Achievement Award)
 - D. Lynne Rickard (Federal Achievement Award)
 - Elán Marae Birkeland (Federal Rising Stars Award)
 - Max Gonzalez Burdick (Federal Rising Stars Award)
 - Lori Ann Mullooly (Federal Rising Stars Award)

Immediate Past Chair, Ashley Evans, announced the Election of Officers, reading their statement of purpose before voting for each candidate. For Chair-Elect, Elán Marae Birkeland was nominated and appointed with a unanimous vote. For Federal Representative, Heather Goyette was nominated and appointed with a unanimous vote. All around congratulations and welcome to our new officers by all those in attendance.

After the celebration of new officers, Ben announced the departure of the Communication Chair, Ebony McDonald, and shared gratitude for her many years of service to FAFLIG. Ben asked if any volunteers wanted to serve as the next chair.

Jackie asked for a brief overview of the Communications Committee's duties. Ben provided the details of the role including clarity that the role can be expanded in ways that a person feels could increase communication and build relationships with other community members. Jackie Evans requested to be nominated for this position and was appointed by Ben with favor from those in attendance.

Programming Committee Chair, Gabby Amorelli, highlighted some key accomplishments of Jackie recently, including lining up a speaker, David Ganz from The Department of Transportation, for July 24th.

Ben reminded everyone of the in-person "Meetup for Federal and Military Librarians" at the ALA annual conference this summer in San Diego. Our scheduled slot is 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 29 in the Marriott Marquis Carlsbad Room. Ben said he would be there with specialty FAFLIG stickers, a bingo board created by Jackie, and a presentation about San Diego's USS

Midway Research Library. For those who are unable to be in attendance, Ben will attempt to record, it so it can be shared at a later date.

Ben thanked all FAFLIG'S hardworking volunteers, past and present, who make this a vibrant and active community. Ashley 2nd the gratitude naming the importance of the community.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m. ET. The Executive Committee's next meeting has not yet been scheduled. The Executive Committee schedule for 2024-2025 is TBD, please continue to keep an eye on ALA Connect for agendas and Zoom registration links.