

FEDLINK Advisory Council Meeting  
**Library of Congress Adams Building**  
**LA218 (FLICC Meeting Room)**  
**Thursday, March 4, 2004**  
**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm**

<u>FAC Present</u>	<u>FLICC/FEDLINK Present</u>
Judy Bullwinkle	Lynn McDonald
Vicky Crone	Susan Tarr
MaryBeth Dowdell	Joe Banks
Bob Mohrman	
Carla Pomager	
Jane Sessa	
Sally Sinn	
Wynne Tysdal	
Paula Vincent	

<u>FAC Absent</u>	<u>FLICC/FEDLINK Absent</u>
Cheryl Thomas	

1. Review agenda – Wynne Tysdal, Chair, conducted meeting
2. FAC Issues and Topics

Introduction and welcome to Jane Sessa  
Review minutes – accepted with no corrections.

3. FLICC Update – Tarr
  - Competitive Sourcing working group met yesterday. Are reviewing chapter on outsourcing in the Federal Librarian’s handbook and developing a web presence.
  - March 17 is the first meeting for the newly formed Sciences “working group”, whose purpose is to negotiate with publishers over licensing issues. This may not end up being a long-term working group.
  - SIIA meeting attended by Tarr; presented many issues raised by the FAC. Most of the focus was on content vendors.
  - April 6 Brown Bag on Topic Mapping, 12 p.m. – 3 p.m., is under development.
4. FEDLINK Update – Susan Tarr, Lynn McDonald, Joe Banks
  - a. FNO Update – McDonald
    - OCLC Member’s Council meeting notes are posted on the OCLC website. OCLC has been working on the OCLC Institute web page to provide distance learning. They already provide access to the Mindleaders distance learning opportunities, particularly in information technology. Sally Sinn said that the environmental scan OCLC published is very interesting.

- OCLC will probably raise prices ca 3-5% this year, as their budget projections were “too optimistic”
  - ILL is migrating into FirstSearch; will have a great effect on how to pay for ILL. There will be some overlap time before traditional ILL is discontinued. Subscription billing will become an option for ILL as for cataloging, hoping that it is priced right for small federal libraries.
  - The National Transportation Library has contracted to do a group catalog like MERLN with other state transportation libraries.
  - Contracts Update: Many proposals received on the Preservation RPF, but not all may qualify. Hope to award it this fiscal year.
  - Serials RFP has not yet been put on the street; looking more likely that current agreements will need to be extended for another year.
  - GAO says FEDLINK bears the losses to the transfer pay libraries for the FAXON bankruptcy.
- b. Performance Plan 2004 – McDonald and Tarr
- Not a lot of developments since last discussion; will be sent forward tomorrow. Still trying for no-year spending authority for customer accounts.
  - Want to improve the IAG amendment process and online registration process. Still dependent on getting the new financial management system in place.
  - Still deciding between Oracle financial management system or buying into the LC contract system.
  - Working toward accepting credit cards for training.
  - Discussions with CAPCON regarding training partnerships are on hold while CapCon’s new leadership considers their overall approach to training. They would lose money by accepting FEDLINK members into their classes at FEDLINK rates.
- c. Fiscal Update – Banks
- More than solvent; is this a trend?
  - Transfer pay is very strong.
  - Direct pay is down, but partially due to moving to Direct Express.
5. FY05 Budget – Carla Pomager, Liaison to Budget WG, + Banks, McDonald, Tarr
- Feb 23 meeting established schedule and discussed issues for the budget process. Need to evaluate and possibly modify fees.
  - A major issue for FAC consideration is whether FEDLINK should modify the IAG to put the burden of any future bankruptcies on the libraries, or else plan for covering any future bankruptcies.
  - FEDLINK program cost analysis is preliminary; need to review it with managers. Need to add more funds to the equipment ADP category for certain.
  - There may be a net reduction in the FY05 budget regardless of some increases in certain areas.
  - The budget committee will be interviewing the 50 largest centers for additional inputs.
  - GAO decision considers the FAXON bankruptcy a business expense for FEDLINK since this was not specified in the original IAG’s. They do extend the possibility of modifying the IAG for future use. The FAC has a sense that FEDLINK should provide this security, even if it causes an increase in fees, because they are better equipped and funded (with multi-year funds) to handle this situation. Libraries may expect this service regardless of cost as a part of FEDLINK’s obligation to the contract, even if it wasn’t stated. It could

be a selling point; FEDLINK protects the library's investment in serials. (This only applies to transfer pay accounts.)

6. Committee Reports – n/a

7. Old Business

- FLICC Forum is March 25
- General Counsels Forum – answers to questions that were raised will be put out on the listserv. There was a good mix of librarians and attorneys in the audience.

8. New Business – need to think of a speaker and topic for the Spring membership meeting! ASAP!! (OCLC Environmental Scan suggested and accepted soon after the meeting.)

9. Next Meetings:

March 25	FLICC Forum	
April 22	FAC (budget vote)	9:00 a.m.
May 4	FEDLINK Spring Membership Meeting	
May 5	OCLC Users Group Meeting	

10. Meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.