



FADIMA NEWS

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President's Message

We had a great conference in Miami on November 12,13, and 14, 2003. I am always amazed at how much I can learn from my colleagues around the state at every FADIMA function. At the Miami Conference, I was inducted as your new FADIMA president. I consider it an honor to serve as your FADIMA President for the 2003-2004 term. My primary goals for this year are to have FADIMA work cooperatively with many other Florida educational professional organizations and to service districts that don't currently participate in our organization.

Within the next few weeks you will be receiving our Membership Directory. Please feel free to contact me or other FADIMA members when you have questions or concerns regarding instructional materials. The print membership directory will also be available as a PDF file on the FADIMA website.

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Our **FADIMA** conference will be held November 17-19th 2004. in Northeast Florida. Details about each event will be sent in upcoming newsletters.



Happy Holidays!

The FADIMA directory will be mailed shortly. Please check the information and if you find an error, contact James Campbell at

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We know you are busy, rushing from one project to another but take the time to read our new FADIMA newsletter.

This newsletter is dedicated to Dr. George Braithwaite (deceased), a long time FADIMA member from Miami-Dade County who created the very first FADIMA newsletter.

Florida School Book Depository Update

Florida School Book Depository is very busy preparing for the 2004 instructional materials adoption. So many bids to review and translate into catalog copy and database entries. So many committees to follow for recommendations. So many new programs to find room for in the warehouse. At least we do not need as much room for reading as it goes into its third year (can you believe it?). Files to move to the storeroom. Lay out the catalog and proof, proof, proof. Print early so everyone can order early and get the new season off to a successful start.

Please let us know if there are any special ways we can help you.

Did You Know?

- ⇒ The state adopted materials have a warranty contact for the life of the adoption. Any materials that fall apart before the end of the contract may be replaced free of charge.
- ⇒ Publishers offered 100 hours of inservice per teacher for the Reading adoption. This might be particularly helpful for new teachers acquired for class size reduction.

Conference Tidbits November 12-14, 2003

FADIMA COST ANALYSIS

Annually the FADIMA group works on projecting the cost of instructional materials for the coming year's legislative session to incorporate in their budgetary formula. This is the first year there has been a list of what textbook costs are not included in the final request amount.

Review this list at
<http://fasa.net/fadima>

The Cost Analysis Committee has created "a list of what textbook costs are not included in the final request amount."

STATE ADOPTION TIMELINE

There was considerable discussion about changing the time schedule for adopting textbooks. Those districts that still participate in the pre-adoption process would like their work to be done over the summer. This means that publishers would need to have their materials available to districts by early June instead of July 15. Also the state is considering having the state adoption committees trained earlier and meet earlier to make their textbook recommendations.

LEVEL PLAYING FIELD FOR PUBLISHERS

Pat LaVergne (Seminole County) has a one page board adopted policies and procedures sheet for dealing with publishers during the district's adoption process. Contact Pat LaVergne for further details -
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EDUCATION FUNDING

Verne Pickup-Crawford (Palm Beach County) stated that this coming legislative session will be another difficult one for funding education.

LOST TEXTBOOKS

Pinellas County took funds allocated to the grade level teams to pay for lost textbooks. One county would not let students who lost textbooks and did not pay for them, attend any extra curricular activities (this is stated in Florida Statutes Chapter 1006 .28 (3) (b)). Also students who lost textbooks could perform community service activities at the school (Florida Statutes Chapter 1006 .28 (3) (b)) @ \$15/hour (one district's choice of price). It had to be monitored by an adult. If the book was found, the district had to pay the student back for the time worked.

FADIMA Legislative Committee Update

The Senate and the Governor's office were most supportive of instructional materials and the battles we had to fight this year were on the House side of the aisle. In the end, Representative Baxley (Marion County) and Representative Jennings (Alachua County) took a stand on behalf of instructional materials when it was not the most popular thing to do politically. Instructional materials positions held by FADIMA prevailed by ONE vote!

Representative Baxley and Representative Jennings were recognized at FADIMA's Annual Conference, recently held in Miami, for their stepping out and being counted for the children in this state when it really counted.

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Cost Analysis Meeting

Please mark your calendars now. Our cost analysis will be held April 29 & 30, 2004. This is a very important event for district level administrators to attend. We use a formula to develop instructional materials cost for each grade for the upcoming year. The cost analysis figures have been used by the Legislature every year when determining funding projections. This is one of our most important tasks and input from many districts is needed for the document to be truly representative of our membership.