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## President's Message

We are all looking forward to our "Drive-In" meeting and Cost Analysis on April 29th and 30th. We will begin the meeting on Thursday, April 29th at 9:00 AM in Tallahassee. We will be meeting at the Leon County District Media Center at 3955 W. Pensacola Street in Tallahassee. Our conference hotel will be the Cabot Lodge North at 2735 N. Monroe Street right off of I-10 at Exit 199. You can call 1-800-223-1964 for reservations. The room rate is \$66.00 a night.

This is one of the most important events for our organization. The FADIMA Cost Analysis has historically been used by the Florida Legislature to determine the instructional materials categorical budget. FADIMA is proud of the cost analysis document. However, there are a few people in the Florida Legislature who question the validity of this document. It is my hope that we will have many districts represented at this year's Cost Analysis. The Cost Analysis document is edited annually using current adopted instructional materials and prices. The input of our membership makes this a living and valid document that the Florida Legislature can trust.

We want the input of as many districts as possible.

We have studied the data and determined that we should have the meeting in Tallahassee. This gives an opportunity for the panhandle and Big Bend districts to be better represented.

Please encourage your colleagues from districts that don't normally attend to join us. We have set an agenda for Thursday that will benefit experienced as well as

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Happy Spring!

## FADIMA DIRECTORY

You should have received your 2003-2004 FADIMA Directory by mail. If you have not received your directory please call Acina Wilson at (904) 819-7902. Also please notify us of any corrections.

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**Best wishes** to Maria Radinson, FADIMA treasurer who has recently accepted a new position in the Charlotte-Mecklenberg (NC) School District

We miss you Maria! Special thanks to Pat Evans of Miami-Dade who has agreed to finish out Maria's term as treasurer.

## FADIMA Legislative Update

Pat LaVergne, Pat Evans, and Lou Greco represented FADIMA at the FASA Legislative Days March 15-17 in Tallahassee.

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Education has tentatively recommended a 15 % cut from the Governor's Budget for Instructional Materials. However, we visited with most of the members of that subcommittee and were reasonably assured that the funding cut would be restored before the end of the session. We were not able to meet with Rep. Simmons, chair of the subcommittee; however the members with whom we met were most receptive to our message. We were fortunate to have had the opportunity to meet with many legislators.

The Senate renewed legislation for the used book pilot project in Hernando and Pasco counties on March 16. The bill will be sent to the House where it is anticipated that it will also pass. There is an indication that there was some cost savings.

Some of you may be interested in a bill Rep.Arza of Miami-Dade County has proposed. It is the Terminal Sick Leave bill which will restore sick leave benefits to match those of teachers. During Senator

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Our **FADIMA conference** will be held November 17, 18, and 19<sup>th</sup> 2004. in Northeast Florida. Details about upcoming FADIMA events can be found at

[www.fasa.net/fadima](http://www.fasa.net/fadima)  
and in future newsletters.



**President's Message  
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new participants. I am amazed that I learn something new everytime I participate in a FADIMA event.

I look forward to seeing you in Tallahassee soon.  
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***Plan to attend the  
FADIMA Cost  
Analysis meeting  
April 29-30 in  
Tallahassee***

**Did You Know?**

When you order new materials from the FSBD for a new school or for newly established classrooms you are eligible for the free materials which were offered during the first year of adoption.

**Legislative Update  
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McKay's tenure as President of the Senate, those benefits were taken from school administrators.

We found that there are no dollars in the Middle School Reform Act for additional reading materials. We would like for you to speak to your legislators to educate them on this fact.

**Report from Florida  
School Book  
Depository**

As spring quickly approaches, it is a time for reflection as well as a time for looking ahead. In the past year we have implemented several steps to ensure more accurate delivery of orders. The biggest change, in partnership with our truck line Saia, has been using yellow shrink wrap on our pallets. As many of you have seen, this involves using a distinctive yellow wrap, of which no other Florida customer of Saia's uses, to contain each shipment so it moves through Saia's system as one bulk piece versus many individual boxes. This has been in an effort to reduce loss of boxes in transit. We are pleased to say this change has been able to reduce the loss of boxes by almost one third, meaning more complete and accurate shipments.

Our commitment to continuous improvement has lead us to implement some new procedures to ensure even more accurate handling of orders. We will be including an insert with each order detailing proper receiving and return methods. This is in an effort to help reduce errors in receiving and to expedite the processing of returns.

The new 2004-2005 catalogs are available on our website at [www.fsbdc.com](http://www.fsbdc.com).

our website also includes ordering information and order forms, as well as forms for all of your customer service needs. Please contact us with any questions at 1-800-447-7957 or at [customerservice@fsbd.com](mailto:customerservice@fsbd.com), this address is also available on our website. We are looking for to an exciting year and the upcoming season.

**FADIMA Changes**

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Donna Skibo, Pinellas, retired  
Tom Stanton, Pinellas

Dr. Peggy Smith, Monroe, moved to Superintendent of Volusia Co.  
Kathleen Grevre, Monroe

Gene Pickler, Orange, retired  
Dr. Jackie Hughes, Orange

Maria Radinson, Broward, moved to Charlotte, NC.  
Barbara Correll, Broward

Doug Whittaker, Lee, moved to Elem. Director, Charlotte Co.

Phyllis Edwards, Flagler, moved to Superintendent, NC

Paul Dykstra, Volusia, retiring in June, 2004

***Did you remember to  
report your estimated  
purchases to  
[www.fimweb.com](http://www.fimweb.com) ?***

**Social Studies Adoption**

Next year the adoption cycle will include K-12 Social Studies. Many districts adopted K-5 Social Studies during school year 2001 . FADIMA would like to poll all districts to see if they will be purchasing K-5 textbooks next year. Please send your **response by April 23rd** to Lou Greco via email - [grecol@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:grecol@stjohns.k12.fl.us).

We will report the results at the Cost Analysis Meeting.

If your district will **NOT** be purchasing K-5 social studies, will your district be using those dollars for adding additional leveled reading materials or other needed materials for instruction?