Education Committee Meeting Minutes from ALA Seattle, January 2007

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GODORT Education Committee
ALA Midwinter Meeting
Seattle, WA
Sunday, January 21, 2007
1:30-3:30 pm
Washington State Convention & Trade Center: Room 203
Committee members in attendance: Linda Spiro, Nancy Reinhold, Alita Pierson, Hui Hua Chua, Valery King, Bill Olbrich, Nancy Kolenbrander, Jennie Burroughs, Suzanne Sears, Heather Tompkins, Jim Church, Judith Downie (Chair)

Visitors: Aimee Quinn, Larry Romans, Barbara Miller, Karen Hogenboom, Esther Crawford, Diane Campbell, Rebecca Troy-Horton, Lynne Beck, Jian Xiong, Kathy Brazee (GPO), Linda Resler (GPO)

I. Welcome and Introductions
Changes: Two resignations (Theresa Hebner-Babb and Sarah Santos). Linda Spiro is taking the place of Santos. Bill Olbrich is replacing Hebner-Babb.

II. Approval of Agenda
The committee suggested no additions to the agenda.

III. Minutes from 2006 Annual meeting as posted on GODORT site are approved.

IV. Liaison Reports

A. FDTF (Hui Hua Chua) - Judy Russell from GPO gave the main presentation. She discussed the web harvesting project and focused on what was in scope and out of scope. GPO is looking for volunteers to help with the project. A program proposal with GITCO was also discussed.
B. SLDTF (Diane Campbell) - Talked about surveying PLA and SLA to figure out how to draw in people who are not members of GODORT. Under consideration is the possibility of starting a WIKI. Daniel Cornwall has a document linking to the Blue Books of all 50 states. Committee members mentioned the Committee of Eight and linking to state depositories. Also discussed were ideas for future programs.
C. IDTF (Jim Church)- ALA has a WIKI set up by James Jacobs and is looking at creating an outreach project on the WIKI. Jim mentioned a pre-conference on international documents in the electronic age aimed at document and non-document people.
D. Literacy Assembly (Bill Olbrich) - Described the assembly as part of Literacy and Outreach Services. Discussed interest in ELL (English Language Learners) and Federal government involvement in LEP (Limited English Proficient). Since about 40 government agencies look at literacy and citizenship, the Literacy Assembly wants to make GPO more understandable.
E. Education Assembly (Karen Hogenboom) - Discussed surveys of varied groups. Indicated job descriptions and competencies are common interests with the Education Committee.
F. Forum on Education for Librarianship (Nancy Kolenbrander) - Focused on the question, "What do students need to learn when they are being educated as librarians?" Is there a core curriculum? A discussion of these points revealed some controversy. Some attendees identified specific aspects of education to include while others felt a core curriculum and proper library education are best achieved through accreditation. Leslie Berger will form a task

force on library education. One suggestion was to start a web database to collect opportunities for field experience and internships. Some felt that librarian training programs should be at the master's level. New librarians tend to feel technology should be rated high with history and philosophy last. Some attendees felt that certification is particularly important in regard to public libraries. Google "COE Education Forum" to see pertinent papers.

V. Announcements

A. Steering is examining means to memorialize Ridley Kessler. An online memory book is available at www.newsobserver.com.

B. The Federal Document Library Program manual and instructions are being consolidated into the FDLP Handbook. GPO is asking for comments quickly.

C. GODORT Elected Positions: Slots need to be filled on the ballot for elected positions. Please volunteer.

D. "Government Information in the 21st Century" (Tim Byrne) - Tim Byrne won an IMLS grant covering a 5 state area. His group will bring in all depository librarians who want "train the trainer" instruction. In preparation they are creating subject modules on Web Junction with lists of resources, guides to material, exercises, games, etc. Those who receive the training will be able to go back to their states and customize the presentations to their areas by picking and choosing what they need. They can also develop their own material and upload the information to Web Junction. Tim is looking for people who want to help write modules. If interested, please contact him.

E. E Gov and Public Libraries meeting - Attended by Aimee Quinn. At one point the government offered various services such as help with filling out Medicare Pt. D forms, etc. Public librarians are being impacted by helping the public with these forms. This could impact our work in deciding competencies for public librarians. Tim Byrne commented his grant goes to remote areas and also pays for people coming to the training. Since public libraries sometimes have small staffs and budgets, this program should help overcome those problems.

F. Room registration for Annual - Register early for Embassy Suites because reservations will be announced on GovDoc-L in about a week

VI. Old Business

A. Handout Exchange and Clearinghouse (Heather Tompkins) - Expressed some concern over the merging of the two pages. Is it possible to get to the new updated page from the old page? Searching for the old names gets many hits that are outdated pages. It is probably impossible to eliminate the problem with old pages. One suggestion was to put metadata in the current page to make it more likely that the new version will appear at the top of the results.

i. Maintenance - Should we archive older pages not on ALA? Some pages have been archived if the original author could not be contacted. There should be a policy about archiving. Esther Crawford will ask at the web managers meeting about an overarching archive policy. She will also check about whether it is feasible to add metadata. To keep the history, pages should not be deleted without being examined for possible archiving. We need to come up with a rationale for archival decisions. Judith will look to see if she can find the rationale discussed during the start of the cleanup project. We have an archivist who does have the GODORT archives (Vickie).

Action Item: Judith will look for the statement and work with Heather to write a formalized statement about archiving.

ii. Promotion - Should we wait before promoting the new site? Should we promote it to GovDoc-L to let them know where the most up-to-date information is located? Aimee mentioned that GODORT will be looking at a regular marketing plan. A cleaned-up page would be perfect for this plan. A suggestion was made to bring this up at Steering and Membership to see where to go next. Heather suggested the possibility of putting a feed for what's new. Esther will ask at the web managers meeting about RSS. Larry will work with Grace on a call for new materials through GovDocL.

B. Government Information @your library - (Part of the larger @ your library campaign). ALA has asked us to develop a program for @your library. The big problem is lack of necessary money. A proposal at a prior ALA was made to look at partnerships.

C. Talking Points document (Jennie Burroughs) - Jennie drafted talking points to approach other groups to show that government information has bearing on everyone in order to develop @yourlibrary partnerships. Other groups have money while GODORT has the contributions listed on the talking points. A number of suggestions were made and it appears the document needs to be both more general (audience) and more specific (examples of advantages

to a particular group.)

D. Competencies for Government Information Specialists (Valery King) - Valery felt that identifying milestones with dates will get the ball rolling. She asked if the timeline is realistic. She requested input on the suggested tiers and process as well as for a few more volunteers. The overall plan met with approval and the committee felt the process should take a year rather than 6 months. In order to work out the kinks, one suggestion was to trial a small-scale poll before sending a survey to the full target groups. The ALA Office does have money to help Roundtables to conduct surveys. Judith offered to share raw data about job descriptions and has seen trends in her findings.

E. Discussion Groups (Jennie Burroughs) - Jennie drafted ideas about discussion groups for committee reaction. Judith looked at the schedule to find times that are available. Aimee suggested we get business done at midwinter and use the regular meeting for programs. Another possibility is virtual discussion groups. A concern was expressed that Midwinter to Midwinter is a long time to go without business. Some suggested topics for discussion pertained to reference and collection development.

Barbara Miller made a motion that was seconded by Valery King to continue past 3:30 in order to finish business. The motion passed.

E. Continued--We will consider trying out a discussion topic for the first hour of the Education Committee Meeting at ALA 2007.

Action Item: Jennie will draw up discussion ideas. Arrangements need to be made by the end of week with a descriptive statement for submission to ALA.

VII. New Business

A. Education Committee Webmaster - Judith acknowledged Esther's hard work to move the web site to the ALA site. Esther has asked to step down and will help Linda Spiro assume the responsibility.

B. GPO's OPAL (Kathryn Brazee, GPO representative - kbrazee@gpo.gov; accompanying web archive of discussion on BETA product athttp://www.opal-online.org/archiveopal.htm) - GPO has purchased OPAL and wants feedback. This program is designed not to duplicate the work of existing sources. Users can sit at their desktops and participate in a session that is live or archived using a variety of technologies. Implementation plan: GPO staff will have sessions first to make sure they know how to use OPAL. Kathryn mentioned possible topics included new handbook chapters such as the one on virtual depositories. OPAL training will then extend to the depository community. Depository librarians will be able to train as a moderator and GPO will archive our presentations. OPAL has experienced some technology problems with Mac users. OPAL is an inexpensive piece of software that has a lot of potential.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Downie

Chair

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