

GODORT Steering Committee
Thursday, April 26, 2018
2:00 PM EDT/1:00 PM CDT/noon MDT/11:00 AM PDT
Virtual Meeting

Shari Laster, Chair
Renée Bosman, Secretary

Welcome & Introductions

Present: Renée Bosman, Andrea Craley, Katie Cuyler, Sarah Erekson, Julia Frankosky, Samantha Hager, Bernadine Abbott Hoduski, Rebecca Hyde, Shari Laster, Rick Mikulski, Andrea Morrison, Lucia Orlando, David Ownby, Hallie Pritchett, Aimee Quinn, Laura Sare, Andrea Sevetson, Gwen Sinclair, Robbie Sittel, Bill Sudduth, Vicki Tate, Sinai Wood

There were no additions to the agenda.

Announcements

Sarah: Membership committee is planning an orientation session and happy hour for Annual and is also collecting “members say it best” quotations. Andrea M. asked about meeting locations for the conference and Sarah said they haven’t been disseminated yet. Bernadine said they were just published, and all GODORT meetings are at the convention center.

Hallie: Everyone who ran for an elected position won. Now there is a call for nominations for appointed positions. For the incoming chairs, it is ideal if they come from within the committee. If the committee doesn’t have a current member who is able to step up to chair, the chair should tell Hallie. All nominations should be given to Hallie by May 4th, after which she will put out a call for people interested in serving on committees,

Task Force/Committee Reports (action items only)

Bylaws PPM Update:

We made changes to the elections slate, reducing the number of elected positions by converting them to appointed positions. Vicki stated that these changes to the elections process will need to be made in the bylaws before the PPM can be changed. She will try to have the new wording ready to share with Membership if the GODORT listserv is working, since the ALA Connect roll out is delayed.

Other PPM Updates: There is a list of chapters that have been assigned to members for review, with the goal of having updated by Annual.

Publications Committee Proposal:

The proposal to sunset the Occasional Papers Series was developed, discussed, and approved by the committee at Midwinter. Now the proposal is being brought to Steering for discussion. Discussion started on the reflector, but there was some concern from Steering members, so it was decided that we move discussion to the meeting.

Andrea M. teaches a library science course and would like a venue for publications that are longer than those accepted by DttP. However, if DttP now has greater flexibility with content length due to its electronic-only format, could it perhaps expand publication of student papers beyond solely the 4th quarter issue? [Shari noted that it does]. In the past, she has sent these papers to the DttP editor and suggested OPS as another venue if they weren't accepted. Otherwise, she did not know how to submit to OPS directly, as there is little guidance on the Wiki.

Gwen said that perhaps we have not utilized all avenues of promotion and that GODORT should have a venue for longer publications. OPS is particularly nice because not everyone is necessarily looking or needing to publish in peer-reviewed journals. Bernadine suggested promoting OPS with cards at ALA and DLC.

Robbie noted that we will still need an editorial board as long as OPS is offered as a publication option, so this still creates work for people, even if there are no submissions; nothing has been published since 2013. Hallie asked if the DttP editorial board could assume responsibility for OPS and if we can trial a single board. Robbie said this could be feasible but Andrea S. cautioned against a shared board, as DttP is already a large time commitment.

Returning to the idea of greater flexibility with an electronic-only DttP, Shari asked if there are barriers to now accepting longer-form publications. Perhaps a challenge for editing? Andrea S. said that we will have to ask if there is also a size limit in the online environment and Bernadine pointed out that authors will follow any work limit imposed by the editorial board. This could help with Andrea M.'s request that the editors provide more guidance.

Sarah stated that we may need more information before Steering can come to a decision, tabling this until after Publications Committee meets. Shari asked Robbie to take the thoughts from this discussion back to the Publications Committee and possibly revise the proposal.

Old Business

Title 44:

ALA has posted an action alert that we can sign to bring awareness of this bill to our Congressional representatives. Shari will share the alert later today and will share the revised version of the bill with all members when available.

Website Redesign: (updates from Hallie)

The redesign group is migrating content from the wiki, which will sunset before Annual. The group is looking at how minutes will be formatted and housed, with a central location and uniform naming convention. GIC and Cataloging are two committees that have guides and toolboxes that can be moved to the GODORT guides; committees will be responsible for moving this content. The group has received input from ALA, which should help it be able to unveil the new site at Annual. It will also include a style guide to help with future iterations of the site. Question from Vicki: will there be efforts to find missing information (such as unpublished minutes) and publish it on the new site? Answer from Hallie: yes, but first the group is focusing on migrating the content that we do have. The current website was published by ALA, and the redesign group is working to make it better.

New Business

Emerging Leaders Update & Discussion:

Kenya Flash is GODORT's emerging leader. She met with Shari at Midwinter and they discuss the idea of developing a program proposal for the juried review process, co-sponsored with SRRT, on 2020 Census data. It will need a high-profile speaker, so if anyone has leads on distinguished speakers, let Shari know.

Kenya applied to be an emerging leader because of the possible project work; one idea is an electronic toolkit for community work and government information, similar to one the University of Memphis has developed. Given the interest in developing and sponsoring this project, what is the best way to proceed? By committee? Question from Sarah: what is the deadline for the process? Answer: an intent to sponsor must be submitted fairly soon, that that may just be the routine paperwork, initially. Andrea S. noted that we'll need to know what is required before we start. Hallie thinks the deadline is this fall, and we'll need a regular point of contact; this could be a natural fit for the Education Committee, as it may be difficult to convene a separate group. Or that perhaps Education Committee can oversee the project, as Shari noted that the Education Committee already has many commitments, but that she, Kenya, and Rachel Dobkin are interested. Sarah asked about assessment: what has worked well with previous Emerging Leader projects? There may be a disconnect between what is chosen and what is actually good to work on; what kinds of things can we do to make sure that our organization gets the most out of this project? The fact that Kenya is involved with the proposal development will help ensure its usefulness for GODORT. Part of the sponsorship is to simply get these Emerging Leaders interested in the different roundtables, especially as some know little or nothing about GODORT.

Project proposal from Bill: Where does government information fit into a 21st century ALA? He also suggested Chuck Todd from Meet the Press or Charlie Cook of the Cook Report as two high-profile speaker possibilities for the 2020 Census program. Gwen will confer with the Education Committee members to ask about involvement with the Emerging Leaders project.

Question from Shari: do we need to vote on sponsoring the project, if it is in our budget?
Hallie said no, as long as we have the money, this is an important program and we should be involved ever year. Rebecca also noted that it is written in the PPM that we sponsor an Emerging Leader every year.

Last new business: Congratulations to Hallie, who will be starting her new position at NDSU at the end of June!