

Proposed Bylaws 2009 Ballot

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The following changes will be voted on by the GODORT Membership via the Spring ballot. New text is bolded; text to be removed is indicated by ~~strike~~.

Article X Standing Committees
Section 3.

i. **Rare & Endangered Government Publications Committee.** This committee is composed of nine GODORT members appointed to staggered two-year terms. One member per term shall be appointed by each Coordinator of the Federal Documents Task Force, the State and Local Documents Task Force, and the International Documents Task Force with the approval of the GODORT Steering Committee. Six members-at-large shall be appointed in staggered terms by the GODORT Chair. The Committee Chair shall be appointed by the GODORT Chair from among the committee members, with the approval of the Steering Committee.

The committee shall identify rare and endangered government publications; evaluate materials for preservation and conservation; and plan programs or workshops on the preservation of these materials. Two liaisons from each of the following organizations shall be invited to participate as voting members: Map and Geography Round Table (MAGERT), Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS) of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), Library Information Technology Association (LITA), and Preservation **and Reformatting**, ~~Archives and Restoration~~ Section (PARS) of the Association of Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS).

Rationale: This change updates the name of the organization.

1. **Development Committee.**

This Committee is composed of the GODORT Treasurer and ~~four~~ **five** members appointed by the Chair of GODORT to staggered two-year terms, **three in odd years and two in even years**. The Chair is appointed **for a two-year term** by the GODORT Chair with the approval of the Steering Committee from among the appointed members. The Committee chair shall appoint ad hoc, non-voting members with the approval of the Steering Committee, as needed to complete the committee task.

The Development Committee, working with other entities within GODORT, oversees creation and implementation of the Development Plan, with functions to include:

1. Identifying and soliciting funds from external sources of support;
2. Developing a list of potential individual and corporate donors, and private foundations;
3. Researching and developing various fundraising projects for the purpose of support to the scholarship endowment and subsidizing group events, speakers and programs;
4. Planning and implementing fund raisers for GODORT activities;
5. Aiding the Chair with solicitations and contacts as needed;
6. Coordinating with the ALA Development Office, as necessary.

Rationale:

Development initiatives take time to plan and carry out. Continuity is essential for such activities. A two-year term for

the Chair would give the Chair time to develop plans and execute them. Also, the Development Committee believes GODORT would do well to keep an especially motivated Chair for an extended term if the person is willing to continue. Additionally, activities such as carrying out fund drives require a lot of work, and having a Chair plus four members would help accomplish the work more easily than a Chair and only three members.

The Development Committee needs to carry out an annual solicitation fund drive--something GODORT has never done before. The financial security of GODORT depends on developing new sources of funding. Activities such as a fund drive will require a tremendous amount of planning and organization. Accurate, up to date mailing lists of GODORT members and friends of GODORT have to be developed and maintained.

A solicitation letter highlighting why a donation to GODORT is a good idea has to be written each year. To be effective, designing and executing an effective annual mailing must be coordinated with ALA and the GODORT Treasurer. Anyone who has worked in development knows that such activities have to be improved each year. Not only is this a tremendous amount of initial work but also it is a continuous work in process. This work requires a significant amount of coordination and leadership in order to succeed. Too often, when a new Chair is appointed, that person has different priorities than the previous Chair, and fund drives and similar activities may fall by the wayside if continuity is not maintained.

Other Sections Affected:

This change requires no other Bylaws changes.

If the change is passed, the following sections of the Policies and Procedures Manual will need to be updated:

- Chapter 3: Officers: GODORT Assistant Chair/Chair-elect
- Chapter 14: Committees: Development

n. **Conference Committee.** This committee is composed of 5 members appointed to staggered two-year terms. Three members shall be appointed by the GODORT Chair in consultation with the GODORT Steering Committee during even years and two members during odd years. Chair of the committee shall be appointed from among the committee members by the GODORT Chair with the approval of the Steering Committee. The Committee Chair may appoint ex-officio member(s), as needed, for local arrangements.

The Conference Committee plans and coordinates local arrangements for GODORT including relations with ALA and host city information. ~~The Committee coordinates with the GODORT Immediate Past-Chair to ensure equipment is delivered as requested for meetings and programs.~~

Rationale: The Conference Committee no longer performs this function. The Immediate Past-Chair now makes all the arrangements for the equipment for meetings and programs.