

GODORT  
Business Meeting  
Minutes  
June 29, 1998

**GODORT BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Dan Barkley, Presiding**  
**Linda Johnson, Recording**  
**1998 ALA Annual; Washington, DC**  
**June 29, 1998, 8 - 10 PM**  
**Renaissance Washington, Room 8, 9**

Dan Barkley, GODORT Chair called the meeting to order at 8 PM. He welcomed everyone and introduced the head table: Edward Swanson, Parliamentarian; Linda Johnson, Secretary; and Judy Horn, Treasurer.

Approval of the Agenda  
The agenda was approved.

Announcements

The approval of the Midwinter Business Meeting minutes will be delayed. Barkley asked that copies of motions and the attendance sheets be given to the Secretary. The September *DTTP* deadline is July 3.

Andrea Sevetson, GODORT Immediate Past Chair, presented Daniel O'Mahony, Chair Inter-Association Working Group on Government Information Policy (IAWG) with a framed copy of the cover, LC proof slips, and the Table of Contents, of the Congressional hearing at which O'Mahony testified. This was framed by Gary Cornwall.

Barkley thanked Patricia Muir for her work as GODORT liaison, adding that she will be missed. GODORT members concurred.

Treasurers Report

Judy Horn, Treasurer, presented the Year to Date (4/30/98) Budget report. The negative (\$279) in Line #4400 represents the overhead from the Rozkuszka scholarship which will disappear upon receipt of expected donations. Thanks to Grace York for the donation of her CIS award. The \$3,760 in Line #5302 is still being worked out with ALA and should be resolved by the end of this fiscal year. The \$1,712 in Line #5350 should appear in Line #5301 as this was equipment used at Midwinter. At this point Horn does not know if we will end the year with a surplus or a deficit. There are some major expenses such as the reception, the repair of the GODORT computer, and *DTTP* which do not appear here. We will know the situation at Midwinter. The draft budget for 1999 - 2000 will be voted upon at 2nd Steering although there may be some changes made at the meeting. The *DTTP* budget will change but that is not reflected in this budget since we do not know enough about the new system.

## Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Midwinter Business Meeting were approved.

## Action or Discussion Items from Task Forces

### Federal Documents Task Force

Roberta Palen reported on the Public Library Association/IRS Tax Committee meeting of which she is a member. Larry Romans, who was unable to attend, asked her to report. It is no longer called advisory since such meetings need to be announced in the Federal Register. The IRS and librarians are making some progress as they meet for 2- hour sessions at each ALA conference. The IRS is pleased to be able to respond to questions on listservs, is preparing program guides and a Web site to increase communications between IRS and the libraries which distribute the forms, plans to expand their telephone service to 7 days and 24 hours during filing season, is trying to encourage post offices and banks to carry the reproducible forms, and is attempting to establish a Web site to inform libraries of shipment dates. The PLA members urged the IRS to communicate more with libraries; suggested that "lively" publications be sent to librarians to explain what IRS staff do in the areas of volunteer programs, distribution, taxpayer education, etc.; urged them to offer more volunteers to help taxpayers with filing; and reported on a study of the Hennepin County (MN) library system of 25 branches. From January - April 15 the library system spent \$12,000 to distribute forms. There is a meeting of the PLA/IRS committee scheduled for Philadelphia at Midwinter.

Fran Buckley mentioned that when he was on the Legislation Committee he met with the IRS. Since they stopped distributing through banks and increasingly post offices are dropping out of the program, the burden unfairly falls to libraries. Palen said the IRS indicated they were going to the postal forum to encourage post offices to distribute. Palen gave personal examples of different levels of distribution at Chicago post offices. Buckley suggested the committee might want to ask the ALA President to write the Tax Commissioner suggesting they contact the postal service. Sandy Peterson noted that even those post offices that carry forms only have a limited selection. The committee suggested that post offices could purchase the reproducible volume from GPO. Someone mentioned that Internet access seemed less slow this year and the CD-ROM worked well. Palen concluded by saying that progress is being made but very slowly.

Buckley thanked Palen for her report and representation on the committee.

### International Documents Task Force

Mike McCaffrey-Noviss, Coordinator, announced that the pre-conference was very successful and has an operating surplus. He will bring the issue of the publication of the proceedings of the pre-conference to 2nd Steering. There are two action items. The first is that the Task Force requests the GODORT Chair thank the presenters, panelists and organizers for their contribution to the pre-conference. These include Robert W. Schaaf, Chuck Eckman, Donald Ross, Matthew Brosius, Dirk Koehler, Elizabeth Crayford, Robert Johnston, Linda Schieber, Peter J. Hajnal, Barbara Agosin, Helen Sheehy, Jim Church, Andrea Morrison, Sam Dunlap, and Mike McCaffrey-Noviss. The second is that the GODORT Chair extend special thanks to Barbara Sloan and the Delegation of the European Commission for their gracious support of the pre-conference.

### State and Local Documents Task Force

Deborah Hollis reported for Sandra Webber. There were no motions or action items. Since there were no written minutes yet, Hollis gave a summary of the meeting. After discussing the origins and history, they have deferred disbanding the Committee of 8 for one year. She called attention to the "Notable State and Local Documents" in the May 15 issue of *Library Journal*. She thanked Atifa Rawan for her work as the committee's Web master. The minutes will appear on the WEB page. The Center for Research Libraries (CRL) on July 1 will announce the deaccessioning and dispersal of state documents from 1951-1990.

### **Action or Discussion Items from Committees**

#### Awards Committee

No report

#### Budget Committee

No report

#### Bylaws Committee

Linda Kopecky, Chair, said the committee report would be given at 2nd Steering. She gave a brief summary of the issues to be covered which are expansion of the committee charge, committee name change, GODORT councilor, parliamentary authority, and a statement on GODORT's relationship to ALA.

#### Cataloging Committee

Arlene Weible, Chair, reported that the Retrospective Conversion Survey response deadline is July 15 and she encouraged all GODORT members to complete it. She thanked Carolyn Kohler for making it available on the WEB, which increases and eases access. She will bring an action item to Steering suggesting a letter commending GPO for its implementation of PURLs be sent. The committee feels it is important to acknowledge and endorse GPO's efforts to implement PURLs. Given the need to educate the documents community about PURLs, a discussion panel will be organized at the committee's Midwinter meeting.

#### Education Committee

Amy Spare reported for Tricia Cruse. The committee will put out a call for proposals in August under the Continuing Education Fund. Eight grants of \$250 will be awarded for the creation of web based tutorials supporting the management of government information. Mike McCaffrey-Noviss presented an idea to the committee on granting a certificate in government information librarianship. The committee endorsed the idea and looks forward to a proposal outlining the course. Barkley asked if there will be criteria for the awards? The criteria can be approved by Steering before the Midwinter Conference.

### **Action or Discussion Items from Ad Hoc Committees:**

#### Ad Hoc Committee on GODORT Organization

At Barkley's suggestion, Kathy Tezla moved that we take up the agenda item of the discussion of the GODORT/ASCLA/ILERT merger so that we have a full hour. The motion passed.

There had been a lively discussion at the Midwinter Business Meeting of this issue. At the conclusion of that, membership voted to reserve an hour to further discuss at Annual. Barkley asked that comments be limited to 2 minutes initially so that everyone will have an opportunity to speak.

Mike McCaffrey-Noviss asked what needs to be done if we should wish to reconsider the motion that a mail ballot be sent? Barkley indicated that a motion to reconsider would have to be made by someone who voted to approve the motion at Midwinter. Since we record the vote but not individual votes, this would be impossible.

Andrea Sevetson's understanding is that this time had been set aside for the last public debate on the pros and cons of the merger so that everyone can have an opportunity to express their views and persuade others. Jill Moriearty said that since there has been discussion on GOVDOC-L as to when the ballot will come out, many members are waiting for the ballot. Barkley indicated that the mailing of the ballot has already been approved. Michele McKnelly asked what will happen after the voting if the decision is to merge? That will be covered in the Ad Hoc Committee's report.

To clarify the discussion, Ridley Kessler suggested it would be helpful to know what will happen after the voting. Jack Sulzer, Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on GODORT Organization, described the process. If the merger is approved, GODORT would not disappear. The two Bylaws Committees would meet and draw up bylaws for the new ALA division. If we vote no, then nothing happens. McKnelly noted that if the vote is not to merge, we still have organizational issues such as the internal structure of GODORT to resolve. Barkley and Sulzer noted that when this committee was originally formed in 1995 with Steve Hayes as Chair, the intent was to look at the internal structure of GODORT and make recommendations. At that time GODORT was exploring the possibility of becoming a division. Just when the Ad Hoc committee was planning to disband, we received an invitation from ASCLA to merge. At that juncture, the committee charge changed to examine that proposal. Sulzer will ask Steering to disband the Ad Hoc Committee.

Rhonda Marker asked what are the problems with GODORT that merging with ASCLA will be the best solution? There was some discussion if this question deals with the merits of the merger which is the topic under discussion. There was consensus that it does.

Steve Hayes indicated that GODORT was approached by ASCLA to merge so that the committee specifically looked at that proposal. He summarized the pros of divisional status and this merger as: the standards process is better since creating the standards for government information is not open to us now; the full-time staff support given to divisions is better; publications have a greater level of support and reach a wider audience; we would join a group of people with similar interests and commitments who can help us carry our message just as we would carry their message; and GODORT is very successful with communications outside the association while ASCLA is very successful with communications within the organization. This last strength is very important for some of the issues GODORT is currently exploring.

Mike McCaffrey-Noviss is opposed to the merger. He felt that the round table structure gives flexibility and we do not want to add another level of bureaucracy. As a government documents librarian, he would rather have close relationships with government agencies than with ALA. Any problems in the GODORT publications program can be solved through our own efforts. With the added membership cost of a division, many international government documents librarians would not join since they do not come to ALA conferences. Thus we will lose many international documents librarians as they are not interested in federal or state issues, since their libraries are large enough to have other colleagues responsible for those areas.

Bernadine Hoduski agreed with McCaffrey-Noviss. GODORT has the best standards throughout ALA. We have been able to get many standards adopted. She is surprised as to why GODORT would want to dissipate its power when GODORT is a recognized power and respected not just within ALA. It has a unique relationship with the ALA Washington Office. If there are problems, it is in the hearts of GODORT members and we can solve any organizational issues within GODORT. We need to bring in new members. She is opposed to this merger but not to GODORT becoming a division.

Cindi Wolff is opposed to the merger. She is hearing that we will have influence in ALA but we already have influence in ALA. For example, when GPO has problems with cataloging, they do not go to the ALA technical services group but rather to the GODORT cataloging group. The majority of GODORT issues are supported by ALA. If the merger does not go through, she hopes, as McKnelly has mentioned, that we look internally at our structure before we can even think of merging with another group.

Chuck Eckman said that in GODORT he is able to see the connection and continuum among federal, international, and local documents. He comes to GODORT to find a group involved in government documents since the documents in his institution have been merged with non-document materials. As an international documents librarian he would see less of a need to join a division combined with ASCLA. He is not sure how we would get that strength from ASCLA.

James Church is opposed to the merger. He cares about federal documents but got involved in GODORT because of international documents. GODORT actually does things; it has a tremendous reputation and is the appropriate size to accomplish things.

Tim Bryne worked on two different legislative projects involving state librarians. From these, he saw that the combination of documents librarians and state library agencies is not always a good or successful match. In his experience, one working relation was very successful while the other was not. There might be people in ASCLA such as the state librarian Tim encountered who would actually oppose what we try to do.

Jim Veatch said that as someone who has never been a government document librarian he represents a very small part of this organization. He appreciates federal documents and depository libraries, although his main interest is the issues and concepts behind those. He would not want to see GODORT or some future manifestation of it become a type of library organization that he could not join. He has said for years that GODORT members need to reach

out to other ALA groups such as attending the general session where Senator Ford was recently acknowledged.

Cassandra Hartnett is opposed to the merger. She was starting to be swayed by all the time and thought that went into the examination of the issues but all that hard work is not enough of a reason to vote yes. This meeting has become a defining moment for her in that she feels more energized about GODORT. We need to breathe new life into GODORT; for instance, how many library school students are here? There needs to be more involved in GODORT.

John Stevenson said that the *DTTP* publication delays should not be seen as a sign of a major problem with GODORT. Such delays are very typical in publishing and organizations and may be indicative of the state of librarian publications rather than a unique GODORT problem. For instance, MAGERT is behind with *Meridian* and the second issue of 1997 of *RQ* is the most recent. Also we now have a GODORT councilor.

Arlene Weible is opposed to the merger. When she heard the description of the bylaws change process and how much time it would take to merge the two groups, she did not want to be doing this. She would rather spend time on issues such as affecting change, educating, and doing the things that documents librarians need.

Fran Buckley is not in favor of the merger. When first raised as a possibility, it was a very intriguing and interesting idea but several things have changed since then. One is the availability of a GODORT councilor, which deals with the issue of Round Table influence within ALA. GODORT has strength with our focus on government information, which has allowed us to accomplish a great deal. Any organization in ALA is only as strong as the dedication and volunteerism of its members. ALA Division staff only do so much for their units; he does not see a real need for the added help. Certainly GODORT can grow and improve but we can do this internally and not create a new organization. We can become even more influential both within and outside ALA.

Marcia Meister, Chair, Publications Committee, gave an update on *DTTP*. The next issue is September and will be published by ALA.

Jill Moriearty said she had been on the fence but was now opposed to the merger. She is a government documents librarian and wants to be in an organization that represents her interests.

Ridley Kessler is pleased with the depth of thought and understanding as well as the calm, rational discussion here tonight. However, he does not agree with many of the comments. He is concerned with our lack of involvement in state electronic information creation. He sees more cooperation, volunteers, and likes the idea of being in ASCLA. People turn to ALA standards.

Rosemary Little is very opposed to the merger. She has been a member of GODORT since its founding and is active in other ALA organizations and has had much more satisfaction in GODORT. The other groups are not as effective or successful in getting things accomplished.

Andrea Severson said she has tried to make the merger issue an educational opportunity. She said that she learned as GODORT Chair how naive we were about the organization of which we are a part. When an ALA letter goes to 50,000 members it has impact and is important. GODORT does have a good track record. We need to explore how to get GODORT members on ALA committees and educate ourselves about ALA. Whether we merge or not, we need to learn how to make our impact felt no matter where we are in ALA. We need to get out, discover where we think we do not have an impact, and move on or we will never mature as an organization.

Barkley thanked everyone for the comments and returned to the agenda of action or discussion items from committees.

#### Government Information Technology Committee

Barbara Levergood, Chair, said the committee would like to congratulate Grace York upon her winning the CIS/GODORT/ALA Documents to the People award. The committee thanked her for her donation of the money to the CD-ROM project and is looking forward to working with her on this. Membership concurred in this.

Bob Walter moved to extend the meeting to 10:20 PM. The motion passed.

#### Legislation Committee

Bob Walter, Chair, had no resolutions. The committee is recommending that GODORT endorse in principle two resolutions. The first resolution is entitled: RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING SUPPORT OF UNIVERSAL SERVICE & URGING THAT SCHOOL & LIBRARY DISCOUNTS BEGIN WITHOUT FURTHER CUTS OR DELAYS. This was initiated by the ALA Committee on Legislation and has been approved by Council; however, they are asking for endorsements. This is a very important issue to public libraries and all libraries having to access government information.

Walter moved that GODORT endorse:

RESOLVED, that the American Library Association reaffirm its support for the universal service provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, including telecommunications discounts for libraries and schools, so that all students are prepared for 21st century jobs and so that everyone has access in his/her community to electronic information resources; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the American Library Association commend the Congress for enacting the updated and technologically farsighted universal service provisions for libraries and schools, and be it further

RESOLVED, the American Library Association recognize that Congress has continuing concerns about the implementation of the e-rate while supporting discounts for libraries and schools, and that the Federal Communications Commission has taken significant steps to address those concerns, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the American Library Association urge all parties to support the universal service provisions, move the library and school discounts forward without further cuts, restrictions, or delay, and enable libraries, schools, and the public benefit from this program.

No discussion; the motion passed.

The second resolution is entitled: RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE U. S. CONGRESS FOR ENACTING PROVISIONS WHICH PERMITS THE CONTINUANCE OF MILITARY LIBRARIES. This is a motion from the Federal Librarians Round Table (FLRT) and has been acted upon by the ALA Committee on Legislation. Walter moved that:

RESOLVED, That the American Library Association commends the United States Congress, particularly the efforts of the McHugh Special Oversight Panel of the House National Security Committee for Morale, Welfare, and Recreation for their fortitude, wisdom, and courageous act in stopping military library closings as recommended in the 1999 Defense Authorization Bill; and be it

RESOLVED, That the American Library Association expresses its appreciation to the United States Congress for hearing the voices of service members yearning for libraries and in turn acting responsibly to meet their need; and be it

RESOLVED, That the American Library Association urges the United States Congress and the Department of Defense to continue to support military libraries by upgrading military library services through automation and increased funding, so that the quality of life, and readiness of airmen, seamen, marines and soldiers are fulfilled; and be it

RESOLVED, That the American Library Association pledges unequivocally its commitment in ensuring that military libraries remain among the highest factors of military life.

No discussion; the motion passed.

Walter said the committee has been asked to emphasize three legislative issues to GODORT members and ask them to actively lobby their Congress people. These are the Telecommunications Discount Rate and the Copyright Protect Fair Use which also involves the Database Protection Act. The Database Protection Act which has been approved by the House two weeks ago supersedes copyright. There is a great concern that government data collected by a non-government group could come under more restrictive guidelines than copyright.

#### Membership Committee

Karen Russ, Chair, had no action items. She wanted to thank committee members Phyllis Christenson for her work on the hotel arrangements and the New Members lunch, Bill Sudduth for arranging the reception, and Yvonne Wilson for coordinating the staffing of the GODORT booth. In response to a question posed earlier, student membership is at 42, down by 4 from this time last year.



### Nominating Committee

Michele McKnelly, Chair, had no action items. Changes were made in the Depository Library Council (DLC) nomination forms and these have been approved by Steering. They will be available on the Web page. GODORT councilor Larry Romans said the first election will be in the Spring with staggered terms for Round Tables. GODORT's would first be elected for two years and thereafter three years. This plan has not yet been approved. GODORT bylaws changes are being worked on. There are other ways to get on Council and McKnelly can get the petitions if anyone is interested. We can never have too many GODORT members on Council and she hopes that Sulzer and Hayes will keep trying. The committee needs to have some direction for the nomination process for the GODORT councilor. The committee suggested criteria such as five years of GODORT membership and election to a GODORT committee or service as a Chair. Barkley urged the committee to work with Bylaws and Steering so that language is in place by Midwinter so that we are ready to go when ALA passes this.

### Program Committee

Kathy Tezla, Chair, reported that the committee has come up with the working title of *Changes in Organizational Structure: Managing the Integration of Government Information in Library Services* for the 1999 program at Annual. The plan is to have a moderated panel debate the pros and cons of the issue. Speakers will be from library administration, technical services, and reference. Cosponsorship will be sought from LITA, LAMA, and ALCTS. This will go to Steering with further development carried out by the next Program Committee.

### Rare and Endangered Government Publications Committee

No Report.

### Publications Committee

Marcia Meister, Chair, reported that a job description for the official Website Administrator position had been written and the position was advertised. This person will be responsible for developing and maintaining the GODORT web site under the direction of the GODORT Publications Committee and the GODORT Steering Committee. The Website Administrator is a member of the Publications Committee and is included on the Steering Committee reflector. The one application received which is that of Andrea Severson who has been doing this, will be considered at 2nd Steering. The Bylaws will need to be revised to include this position.

The problems with producing *DTTP* on time continued throughout the year and the difficulties of soliciting advertising for late *DTTP* issues have increased. The Publications Committee recommends that in order to restore credibility with the advertisers, we should not charge for ads in these late issues. Meister will bring a motion to 2nd Steering that advertisers who submitted copy for the 1997 and 1998 late issues not be billed. These are the September and December of 1997 and March and June of 1998. Barkley asked how much of a loss would be incurred and the question was deferred to the Treasurer who reported that the amount could be approximately \$4,000 per year.

The *Policy and Procedures Manual* indicates that Steering members receive paper copies of PPM but this is no longer true. Since the most current version is maintained on the Web, the committee wants to amend the PPM to reflect what is currently happening.

## **Actions or Discussion Items from Ad Hoc Committees**

Ad Hoc Committee on GODORT Organization

Jack Sulzer, Chair, had no action items.

## **Reports from Liaisons**

GIS and Legislative Assembly

No report.

Library Education

No report.

Membership Promotion

Karen Russ reported that Membership Promotion is reaching out to all the library schools in the United States. They are also working on a mentoring program by exploring two ways to do it; these are onsite and email. Steve Hayes asked if since the New Members Round Table (NMRT) has a mentoring process, are we reinventing the wheel? Russ indicated that NMRT has been contacted.

ALA International Relations Committee

Rosemary Little reported that everyone was excited that the Gates Library Foundation sent a representative to the meeting. The Foundation has an international focus and has hired Carol Erickson, formerly the International Relations Committee liaison in the ALA Office, to be their International Relations Officer.

Planning & Budget

No report

ALCTS Committee on Cataloging and Classification

Rhonda Marker delivered her report to the Cataloging Committee, which has agreed to post it in its entirety on the Web site. Aimee Quinn will be the new representative following this conference.

MAGERT, GEOTECH Subcommittee on GIS

Cathy Hartman reported on the continuing development of the program idea for Census 2000 brought forth in New Orleans by GODORT, MAGERT, and LITA.

Association of Public Data Users (APDU)

Julia Wallace, said that APDU is another example of the ways in which GODORT must expand its interests to those who use public data. At their last public meeting, APDU had a program on public access, government information, and the reform of Title 44. The panel included among other people Eric Peterson, who reported that the Title 44 reform bill was imminent. Wallace said the meetings are very interesting and she highly recommends them. The next one will be in October in Washington, DC. APDU watches with great interest and technical skills federal data issues such as the Census. She will forward notices about the meeting to GOVDOC-L.

COPAS

No report

CUAC

No report

Freedom to Read

No report

Bob Walter moved to extend the meeting another 15 minutes. The motion passed.

IFLA

Helen Sheehy reported on plans for the August conference in Amsterdam. The Government Information and Official Publications Section will hold a 3-hour program on government information for historical research and 5 papers will be given by U. S. French, and Russian librarians. There will also be a full day hands-on Internet workshop on government information. Work is continuing on the *Directory of Government Information Specialists* which should be published by next spring.

IASSIST

No report.

*Policy and Procedures Manual* Editor

Sevetson said that any policy changes should come before Steering tomorrow for approval. She will accept procedure changes when she returns to her institution. These are due to Sevetson by July 6. The *Policy And Procedures Manual* will be updated and on the Web.

MAGERT

No report.

### **Old Business**

Barkley thinks there is a need for a dues increase but he is willing to either postpone until the results of the merger vote or consider at Steering tomorrow. Since it has to be voted upon at the Annual GODORT Business Meeting, we would have to wait another year. Julia Wallace said that we have talked tonight about a number of things for which a little more money would be helpful. Even if we vote for the merger, it is going to take a couple of years before we are no longer a Round Table, so it is not appropriate to wait. Wallace moved that: We increase the GODORT dues by \$5.00.

Discussion followed. Kessler would rather see the dues increased by \$10 in that \$5 is not enough. Kopecky indicated that she thinks we will lose some people and there is some dissatisfaction with *DTTP* being late. However, since the proposal is based on a recommendation by Steering, according to the Bylaws, this Annual meeting is the only time membership can vote to approve the proposal or revise it. So we can not postpone the vote until Midwinter or the Spring mail ballot.

It was further noted that people who come to meetings will pay while those that do not come may not pay that much and the majority of our members do not come to meetings. Jim Veatch assumed there is some basis for suggesting \$5? Barkley said we had looked at increases in \$5 increments of \$5, \$10, and \$15 in relation to a dues increase with a possible merger. We are trying to fund *DTTP* cost increases and some of the membership dues such as IFLA, COPAS, and APDU from a dues increase rather than from the reserve fund. We have been operating at a deficit for the past several years and the reserves have been covering the overages. Rhonda Marker said that \$5 is reasonable. She felt that anyone not here will not notice the dues increase. Patricia Muir said that every year when the budget is submitted to ALA, they ask her about us operating at a deficit and are concerned about this.

Sevetson clarified that a dues increase would go into affect in January. Veatch asked that Steering investigate just what kind of dues increase is needed to really do the job. Barkley acknowledged this comment but said that suggestion can not be discussed at this time while the current motion is under discussion.

Romans offered an amendment of a \$10 dues increase with a discount for student members.

Walter noted a point of order that the motion can not be amended. Romans withdrew the amendment.

The motion passed.

### **New Business**

Veatch would like to see more work done by the Steering Committee on this issue. We should make some provision for members who are no longer active rather than just students. Does this need to be put into the form of a motion or does the Steering Committee feel this is important and will look into this? Barkley indicated that Steering will discuss this at tomorrows meeting.

Daniel O'Mahony, thanked GODORT and its members for the extraordinary support given to IAWG. He gave a special thanks to GODORT members Barkley, Sevetson, Walter, and others who are also IAWG representatives. He thanked all the GODORT members who have worked so hard for so long to lay the groundwork and for the specific financial support for the bookmarks which brought visibility. He also noted the support of ALA and the Washington Office. The only reason this has been a priority for the last three ALA Presidents and a focus for the other six associations, is because GODORT is making this happen.

Barkley thanked Bill Sudduth and Phyllis Christenson for their hard work on the reception. He thanked all the chairs and coordinators for their work this past year. He thanked the members for being here not only tonight but in everything we have tried to do this year. He appreciated their support, efforts and the opportunity to represent this organization.

The meeting adjourned at 10:33 PM