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GODORT Steering Committee I
Friday, January 11, 2008,
1:30-3:30 pm
Bill Sleeman, Chair
Jill Vassilakos-Long, Secretary

PRESENT = Bill Sleeman (Chair), Cass Hartnett, Jill Moriearty, Jill Vassilakos-Long, John Stevenson, Mary Mallory, Barb Mann, Justin Otto, Marcy Allen, Crenetha Brunson, Stephen Woods, Valerie Glenn, Mary Horton, Yvonne Wilson, Charles Malone, Jennie Burroughs, Lora Amsberryaugier, Gretchen Gould (reporting for Kevin McClure), Beth Clausen, Karen Hogenboom.

ABSENT = Aimée Quinn, Esther Crawford.

GUESTS =

REPORT = Meeting called to order by Bill Sleeman at 1:37pm.

Bill called for a moment of silence to honor the memory of Vivian Moorhouse, who died on December 7th, 2007, after a brief illness.

He read this statement into the record:
Upon her retirement from the Government Printing Office in July 2007, Vi was recognized for her forty years of service to GPO and the Library Programs Service.

When she received the ALA Map and Geography Round Table's Honors Award in 1998, her work as a map cataloger was described as "legendary." In an article describing her work, she was credited with having "contributed well over 100,000 bibliographic records to the Catalog of United States Government Publications and initiated many geographic name authority records in the Library of Congress authority database, providing a deep contribution to the field of geophysical data."

Today, we also want to recognize her service to the American Library Associations' Government Documents Round Table. Vi was active in GODORT and served as GODORT Membership Chairperson from 1976-1978.

In 1979-1981, she was Liaison to State and Local Affiliates, facilitating information sharing between affiliate organizations and ALA GODORT. In July 1981, it was noted in DttP that "Vi Moorhouse has completed her maximum two year term as Liaison to State and Local Affiliates... Thanks to Vi for a job well done!" Later in 1981, she became Secretary of the Machine Readable Data Files Task Force. She also served as a member of the Constitution Committee for 1982/1983.

Librarians who met Vi at meetings in the Washington area appreciated her commitment to the profession. Although her career was in technical services, Vi created records and classification

with the end user in mind. Even in her later years, she regularly attended depository library related meetings in the DC area. Vi inspired many others sharing with them her interest in documents, maps and cataloging, and we will miss her.

Agenda was adopted by voice vote. (m:Bill Sleeman; s:Valerie Glenn).

Bill Sleeman sent around the minutes from Annual Conference (as published on the website) to be reviewed and adopted at Steering II.

Chair's Report: Bill Sleeman has been reporting on his activities as Chair via the reflector. He will put those reports up on the wiki.

Treasurer's Report (Jill Moriearty): Jill Moriearty will work on posting the summary report from ALA on the GODORT website. Basically, GODORT is moving in the right direction but still needs to build up the endowment.

Councilor's Report (Mary Mallory): So far there are five resolutions that pertain to GODORT. (Two were written by GODORT's Legislation Committee):
• Resolution on full funding for GPO
• Resolution on tribal college libraries
• Resolution on member access to elists of ALA
• Resolution opposing postal rate increases for low circulation publications.
• Memorial resolution for Robert Oakley

Task Force Reports: (summary): In Fall 2007 FDTF wrote a letter regarding the responsibilities of the Superintendent of Documents. IDTF is redesigning the IDTF website. SLDTF's session at Midwinter will include training on wikis.

Committee Reports and Action Items: Committees reported on what they were doing at Conference.

Some committees also brought forward items that need to be discussed at a later date:

• Awards Committee: GODORT forwarded two names for the Emerging Leaders Program but only one was chosen by ALA. We need to ask for clarification on the criteria and process.
• Awards Committee: The timeline for nominating people for awards needs to be pushed forward. The current timeline has the committee requesting supporting documents over the December holiday break.
• Conference Committee: The Round Tables are redesigning the "booth" area for ALA Annual. Before Annual GODORT needs to look at the redesign and determine the best way to promote GODORT. There may be an opportunity to do short (20 minute) presentations for which we would need a script and small "give aways."
• Education Committee: developing competencies for government information professionals.
• Membership Committee: we have 951 members, that is an increase of 56 people (6.62%),

31 of whom were students. Some library schools now purchase memberships for their students. What should we do now to keep them when they graduate?

• Publications Committee: The PPM limits the DttP editor to two terms. We will need to find a new editorial team.

• Publications Committee: There will need to be members appointed to the editorial team for the Occasional Papers (the proposal passed later in Steering I.)

• Schedule Committee: was requested equipment at your meeting? Inform Bill Sleeman, Aimée Quinn and Jill Moriearty immediately if it was not.

Executive Board Liaison Report (Larry Romans):

Dialog on government information: GODORT was well represented with both invited participants and observers. The discussion was helpful but did not really solve the question of what role GODORT can play in shaping policy on government information.

Protocol document for responding to formal request for ALA position. This is not intended to create or change policy – it is a codification of the existing process. It has focused attention on the process and some Councilors recognize that the association should utilize the expertise of the Round Tables when responding to such requests. Round Tables need to push for greater participation now, there is interest in the Executive Board for giving Round Tables a greater role in framing ALA policy.

ALA membership was expected to fall due to the dues increase. Instead, it has increased. Part of the increase is due to some library schools providing student memberships for all their students.

Website redesign: The web usability study was excellent. At Annual members should look at the prototype and give feedback.

Conference Registration and Housing: The system cannot handle the rush when housing opens and members create a lot of the problems by booking multiple rooms and then canceling a week before Conference. ALA decided to address the problem by changing the process so that members much register for the conference before booking rooms. Steering raised questions about bundling, the speed of ALA registration refunds, the timing of the opening of housing (it would be helpful if it began after Midwinter), and the possibility of a technological solution that would directly address the problem of roommates booking separate rooms.

ALA has created a Task Force to look at virtual membership and e-meetings; it will report at Midwinter 2009.

ALA Council is studying the possibility of implementing income-based dues.

Old Business
Proposal to create GODORT Occasional Paper Series (Barb Mann) – To establish an Occasional Paper series under the auspices of the Publications Committee.

GODORT Occasional Papers Series
Proposal from the Publication Committee
December 2007

Background: The idea for an Occasional Papers is not new. In January 2002 the Publications Committee drafted a discussion paper
entitled Should Electronic Publishing Be in GODORT'S Future? (http://www-lib.usc.edu/~anthonya/pub/discussionpaper.htm). Included in this paper are both pros and cons regarding whether to undertake such an initiative as well as questions to ask and ideas of how to proceed.   This idea was re-visited by the Publications Committee during the 2006 annual meeting and the proposal is presented here.

Proposal
Oversight: This series will be under the auspices of the Publication Committee. The Editorial Board will consist of the Publications Committee Chair, Chair-Elect and two at-large members. The initial terms for the two at-large members will stagger with one serving two years and one serving one year. After the initial appointment, each member will serve a 2-year term. For the future it is hoped that one of the additional members will be someone who wants to gain editorial skills and his/her membership will provide an "apprentice" opportunity.

Notice of application will be sent out via GODORT@ala.org and other appropriate listservs. In addition, notice of application will be placed on the GODORT Web site. Interested parties may apply to the Publications Committee. The Publications Committee will make the selection for membership.

Contributions: Materials to be considered for inclusion in this series must pertain to some aspect of government information. The Occasional Papers will serve as a place for members to publish lengthy articles as well as other materials such as bibliographies, short articles, reports, preliminary research, etc.

Format: The Occasional Papers will be solely an electronic publication and therefore length will be less of an issue.

The Occasional Papers series will reside on the Publications Committee section of the GODORT Web site. Each submission will be given a sequential number as the Paper designation. The Editorial Board Chair will send notification of new additions as well as solicitations for submissions to the GODORT@ala,
and other appropriate listservs.

Launch: After approval by GODORT's Steering Committee the Editorial Board will commence its work and send out notices via the listservs previously mentioned to solicit Papers submissions. The goal is to launch this project within the next few months.

Discussion: This has been discussed since 2002. It will target a different type of article than that

featured in DttP. The copyright question needs to be resolved. It should be possible to print out the papers but they should be mounted in such a way that plagiarism is difficult and is clearly prohibited.

Proposal passed: 15 yeas, 1 nay, 0 abstentions.

New Business:
ALA Resolution to open all ALA – managed e-mail lists to read only (Mary Mallory): Moved to Membership meeting.

Draft protocol on responding to requests for ALA's official position (Bill Sleeman): Moved to Membership meeting.

Minutes distribution, use of paper question for Annual (Barb Mann, Valerie Glenn):
Discussion: is printing out meeting summaries the best use of GODORT funds? Much can be done on the web. People could bring laptops with minutes, etc. to the meeting, we could use a projector and display minutes on screen for those who don't bring a laptop. It was suggested that we survey the members and ask whether they would find print or e-versions more usable. There were questions relating to the archival concerns if we move to electronic minutes.

Motion to adjourn at xx (m: Jill Vassilakos-Long; s: Barb Mann, Jill Moriearty (third…)

ACTIONITEMS =

CORRESPONDENCE =

GODORT Steering Committee II
ALA Midwinter Conference
Monday, January 14, 2008, 1:30-3:30 pm
Philadelphia, Crowne Plaza, Room: Liberty A
Bill Sleeman, Chair
Jill Vassilakos-Long, Secretary

Members Present: Bill Sleeman (Chair), Cass Hartnett, Jill Moriearty, Jill Vassilakos-Long, John Stevenson, Barb Mann, Stephen Woods, Valerie Glenn, Mary Horton, Yvonne Wilson, Charles Malone, Jennie Burroughs, Lora Amsberryaugier, Kevin McClure, Rebecca Hyde (for Beth Clausen), Karen Hogenboom, Mary Mallory, Linda Johnson, Justin Otto, Marcy Allen, Crenetha Brunson.

Members Absent: Aimée Quinn, Esther Crawford, Beth Clausen.

Meeting called to order by Bill Sleeman at 1:30 pm.

The GODORT Minutes of the 2007 Annual Conference (as published on the website) were approved as corrected (minor spelling corrections from Cass Hartnett). (m: Barb Mann, s: Yvonne Wilson, motion passed.)

The announcements concerned deadlines for minutes and thank yous to Pat May (for everything), the Conference Committee for the hotel, and the Membership Committee for the Reception.

Treasurer's Report (Jill Moriearty): Jill will work on posting the summary report from ALA on the GODORT website. We've moved away from projecting costs and revenues because it was not possible to determine accurate projections. The budget disseminated by the Treasurer contains actual payments and deposits. GODORT is moving in the right direction but still needs to build up the endowment.

Councilor's Report (Mary Mallory): The discussion of opening up electronic lists for all of ALA has been referred to the Task Force on Electronic Communication.

Task Force and Committee action items and discussion:
- **Awards Committee** (Stephen Woods)**:** moved to accept the slate. There were no objections to the slate as presented – slate approved.
- **Conference Committee** (Yvonne Wilson): announced that the GODORT Reception at Annual will be held at Chapman University. Stephen Woods will do the program. There will be microphones and some seating. Catering will be done by Chapman University. They'll serve alcohol, but GODORT has to purchase it. Transportation there will be "on their own" by taxi or bus. Chapman University is 5-7 miles from the Disneyland area. It is in a good area for restaurants afterwards. The Committee will put restaurant names up on website.

- **Conference Committee** (Yvonne Wilson): The Committee increased the rooms by 10 for the peak period from Thursday through Wednesday night. They may need to be increased again for Midwinter Denver 2009.
- **Conference Committee** (Yvonne Wilson): The Committee is looking for people who can help with arrangements to find a reception location for Chicago.
- **Development Committee** (Chuck Malone): requested that the term of the Chair of Development be lengthened. This was discussed, with suggestions for the length ranging from two to four years. It was recommended that the Committee provide the rationale for the change, work out exact language and determine if the change would impact any other areas of the PPM. The proposal can either go forward at the Membership meeting at the Annual Conference or it can be put on the ballot. The change should be discussed and approved on the Steering Reflector; then it must be published 30 days before Conference; and then it can be put before Membership at Annual. The Committee should ask for bylaw changes no later than Feb. 15 of this year.
- **Development Committee** (Chuck Malone): guidelines for solicitations to vendors were approved in committee. The mechanics of how GODORT avoids having simultaneous "asks" from different GODORT committees was discussed. There is a need for coordination, it was recommended that it be through one member of the Development Committee. It was suggested that an informal meeting between members of the Development Committee and the Conference Committee at Midwinter might facilitate each year's campaign.
- Nominating Committee (Yvonne Wilson for Esther Crawford): Esther Crawford and her committee had found at least the minimum number of candidates for each position on the ballot before Midwinter. Motion to accept the slate of candidates (m: Yvonne Wilson, s:Valerie Glenn.) Ballot passed: 20 yeas, 1 nay.
- **Program Committee** (Cass Hartnett): the committee forwarded three proposals:

Digitizing Boston Public Library's Government Documents Collection
Carl Malamud and Brewster Kahle.
Discussion: Some members of Steering felt that the reputation of the speakers would bring in attendees from many units; that LITA might be willing to partner; ACRL copyright task force might be a place to bring speakers; the topic of partner digitization might be a broader draw; it would be interesting to look at the public service implications of mass digitization, the whole GODORT Update could have a mass digitization theme. Others suggested that it should include Grace York and others who could provide the perspective of depositories working with Google; that it was similar to topics done in the past; that it's too broad to get into specifics; that, since it is a specific project, it might be more suitable for a Task Force meeting; we could ask people to resubmit for 2010; the Gov Docs Kids proposal might be good for PLA, but not sure we could get on their schedule.
The Committee moved for acceptance of this proposal: 4 yea, 11 nay, 2 abstentions. Motion did not pass.

Gov Docs Kids Group Presents: Learn and have fun with Government Documents.
Proposed speakers: Mary Burtzloff and Tom Adamich.
Discussion: Many people felt that this would be interesting to librarians who worked
outside of government information, and that this would be of interest to public
librarians.
The Committee moved for acceptance of this proposal:
13 yea, 4 nay, 1 abstention. Motion passed.

Pre-conference; Urban planning from 1909 forward with an eye to government
documents.
Discussion: Some said that this is a natural for Chicago, but asked if it has enough of
a draw to be a pre-conference. Many people said that urban planning is of great
interest because of concerns over the aging of city infrastructure, the development of
sustainable communities, and disaster preparedness and recovery planning. It was
suggested that it could be marketed through the State Data Center, maybe they and a
local planning agency could be added as partners. It was agreed that price and
timing could determine who could afford to come but that those questions should be
left to the committee.
The Committee moved for acceptance of this proposal as a pre-conference: 14 yea, 2
nay, 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

- **Publications Committee** (Barb Mann): The last five years of DttP is behind the ALA firewall, the committee would like to make everything except the two most recent issues available to the public. They will ask for vote when more is known about MetaPress.
- **Publications Committee** (Barb Mann): re-wrote the Dttp editor's job description in preparation for advertising for a new editor because the current editor has served for the maximum (2 terms) allowed by the PPM.
- **Publications Committee** (Barb Mann): requested appreciations:
  1) to Andrea Sevetson for her and her team's work on DttP.

2) Publications is going to write a letter of thanks to Andrea Morrison for her book, because money maker for GODORT.

- **Rare & Endangered Government Publications** (Karen Hogenboom): will write a thank you letter to go out under the GODORT Chair's signature for the REGP tour.
- **Strategic Planning Committee** (Marianne Ryan, Linda Johnson): moved to extend term of the Committee. It was scheduled to end at June 2008, but needs more time. They are going to survey members and past members at Spring DLC, Fall DLC and MW2009. They would like to complete the survey before disbanding. The Committee plans to have a draft report at MW2010 and a final report June 2010. The committee moved that the term of the Ad-Hoc Strategic Planning Committee be extended through Annual 2010. Proposal assed.

Liaison Report: Joy Suh, GODORT's representative to CUAC, reported that CUAC's 2008 annual meeting will be held at EPA on April 24 and 25. CUAC is discussing the

possibility of a national conference in either 2009 or 2010. Topics for this conference include achieving federal geospatial data, and scanning or digitizing maps. Those interested in adding topics should let CUAC know. The 2007 annual CUAC minutes will be available in BASELINE, the ALA-MAGERT newletter. The draft is available at the CUAC web site, http://cuac.wustl.edu/

Old Business
The Task force for saving Electronic Communications (preservation) looked at archiving GODORT's web and electronic communications. Bill Sleeman has the report and will put it on the GODORT site. John Stevenson moved that Steering accept this report. No opposition, report accepted as presented.

New Business:
There was a discussion of the place of Round Tables in ALA policy making. Background: In December the ALA Committee on Legislation hosted a "Deliberative Dialogue on Government Information." Also, ALA has written a Draft Protocol for Responding to a Formal Request for an "Official" ALA Position and has requested feedback on the draft from GODORT. Several areas of concern were raised:

- one was that Item #5 states that no official statement would be issued until the involved units reach consensus. A consensus is not always possible; a minority opinion does not necessarily mean a public fight.
- another concern was that, in several places, the document relies on "reasonableness language", for instance, in the 1st line of #3, any units or areas that would reasonably be expected to have an interest in the issue would be consulted. "Reasonableness" invites interpretation and opinions my vary. It gives people the leeway to exclude whomever they like.
- It was mentioned that 30% of ALA members are exclusively round table members and the round tables are based on areas of subject expertise. The round tables have always been told that they may not speak for the Association, but shouldn't the Association take advantage of that subject expertise?   The protocol should explicitly state that GODORT's purview is government information; that GODORT has the experts in this area. Only the ALA President may speak for the organization, but GODORT needs to have input into what is said.
- There was concern over the term "unit"; it was used as a more inclusive term than "division" or "committee", but it is not defined in the document. A definition that explicitly includes Round Tables needs to be in the document. GODORT could seek clarification on the definition of unit and then use that to open a discussion. We could ask for a legend or preface to spell out the definition of "unit" or to add a parenthetical insertion (inserted in 3, after ALA units or committees) that would list the types of units.

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GODORT needs to craft a letter to state our concerns and indicate language the language that needs to be inserted or deleted.

GODORT's Councilor needs to be able to respond on the floor of Council. Mary Mallory need clear instructions on our goals: GODORT needs to be officially recognized as the government information experts; we need to be able to respond to policy queries (for instance from GPO) in a timely manner; we need to know that GODORT will be consulted when other units in ALA are asked about government information policy…

The methods by which subunits get included in policy discussions needs to be explored. Federal Librarians agree that GODORT is the expert in all areas of government information except for defense information; FAFLRT and MAGERT should also have recognition for their subject expertise.

Adjourn (m: Valerie Glenn; s: Barb Mann.)

GODORT Steering Committee Reflector Minutes
July – December 2007
Bill Sleeman, Chair
Jill Vassilakos-Long, Secretary

July 2007:
Post Conference Wrap up: Chair Bill Sleeman sent a letter to GPO on the Chapter 6 revisions to the GPO Handbook.
Lexis-Nexis paid GODORT $97.36 for Jan-June royalties.

Discussions:

- A standardized online form for GODORT Committee reports was discussed. Different models were examined. A balance needs to be struck between brevity and sufficient detail to carry on the business of the meeting. Valerie Glenn and Starr Hoffman will look into developing a standardized online form for GODORT Committee reports.

- Questions were raised about the use of parliamentary procedure. Does it intimidate people so that they don't participate at meetings? Should we abandon its use? Can we create a more positive environment while employing it? Proposals for change included doing away with its use, developing cheat sheets for Committee Chairs, mentoring new Chairs, and pre-meeting help. It was agreed that we need to be careful to set a tone that is accepting and supportive of new voices.

- We discussed proposals to reduce the number of meetings: complete more of the work through electronic communications between meetings, have some meetings at MidWinter but not at Annual, and have some committees meet fewer times at Conference, combine committee business with a mini-program that would be on the meeting agenda. It was mentioned that some business is most efficiently and effectively done in face-to-face meetings. It was agreed that these questions should be left to the committees, but that both virtual and face-to-face meetings require keeping and submitting minutes.

- Larry Romans asked Mary Mallory to disseminate some information on the Shared Regional Guidelines discussion. Bill Sleeman stated that GODORT had already submitted a response and, with the subsequent compromise letter voted down in ALA Council, that GODORT's earlier response stands. Valerie Glenn concurred.

- Lynne Bradley queried Bill Sleeman about GODORT's Chapter 6 recommendations letter. If this were a policy position letter it would need to go out on ALA letterhead, the Roundtable letter to ALA-WO would be included as an attachment; but since this is a general comment offered in response to a general public comment opportunity it can go to GPO directly on GODORT letterhead.

Votes
- Vote to approve Linda Spiro to the Education Committee for a full two year appointment. Passed.
- Vote to approve Annelise Sklar for a one year intern appointment to GITCO. Passed.

August 2007:

Discussions:

- Steering discussed the usefulness of conference calls with GPO and how frequently they should take place. It was suggested that they could be used to ask for updates on a list of projects that had been worked on by the government information community (especially by the FDTF) such as fugitive documents (especially web harvesting of electronic fugitives), the Collection of Last Resort, the mirror server, LOCKSS-DOCS, the maintenance of hard copies of "born electronic" documents, inclusion of depository and non-depository items in the Catalog of Government Publications to create a comprehensive national bibliography, new item selection methods, online training modules, authentication, versioning, print on demand, GPO offering full MARC records for download for depositories (maybe offering training on how to get them from DDM2), open URL compatible web addresses for government documents, the decision framework for federal document repositories, GPO helping agencies use librarians in electronic product development testing, etc. Advantages of GODORT conference calls include broader communication, clarification and status on pending issues, possible directions for the Task Force projects and programs. It was agreed that the conference calls are useful, that they should take place four times a year (either quarterly or bracketing the conferences), and that minutes should be taken and distributed

- There were discussions to support planning for Annual including the number of rooms that should be in the GODORT block and meeting schedules.

- There will be two proposed ALA-wide meetings. The first is on communication issues between divisions and roundtables (expected to take place in November). The second would be a dialog on government information policy in general with a goal of getting closer to "one voice" on issues. GODORT has been assured that it will have support for a strong voice at this meeting.

Votes
- The Awards Committee recommended two candidates for GODORT's endorsement in support of their participation in the 2008 Emerging Leaders Program: Annelise Sklar and Sarah Gewirtz. Both candidates were approved.

September 2007:

Discussions:

- Barbara Mann reported that DttP editors learned in November 2006 that ALA, as part of broad agreements with different vendors, was sending the vendors full text of DttP. DttP requested that the full text be pulled while the matter was considered. Wilson made a counter-offer to embargo DttP text for six months to allay concerns that the immediately available full text would disrupt the subscriber base. The Publications Committee voted to approve this proposal and brought it for discussion to Steering. Steering discussed the historical and current functions of DTTP (much of the communication that used to be distributed in DTTP is now distributed through the web). This is the current mission statement of DTTP:

  > DttP: Documents to the People is the official publication of the Government Documents Round Table (GODORT) of the American Library Association (ALA). DttP features articles on local, state, national, and international government information, government activities, and documents the professional activities of GODORT.

  Steering weighed how full text distribution supports GODORT's education mission against the concern that GODORT would lose members who joined to get the publication. Steering concurred with the six month embargo and recommended that the ramifications of the decision be re-examined periodically.

- Bill Sleeman reported that Mary Alice Baish (AALL) had contacted him about the nomination of Robert Tapella for Public Printer. ALA had not taken a position. The law libraries were supporting the nomination and felt we could use the opportunity to testify about some of the key library issues. Steering agreed that ALA should sign on and suggested some editing of the statement to highlight some of the history of GPO and remind everyone of the mirror site, authentication, and other outstanding issues.

Votes
- Support of Publications Committee / DTTP Proposal: (six month embargo).
The motion passed, 16 Yes; 1 No vote.

- Call for vote on Education Committee member replacement:
Bill Sleeman sent out this call for vote on 9/26/2007:

Nancy Kolenbrander resigned from the Education Committee and Suzanne Sears was proposed to serve out her term, which expires Summer 2008.

The vote confirmed Suzanne Sears as Nancy Kolenbrander's replacement on the Education Committee.

October 2007:

Discussions:

- Bill Sleeman asked that GITCO review the GPO Digitization Demonstration report. Lori Amsberryaugier submitted a summation of the committee discussion and recommendations. GITCO commented that it was appropriate for GPO to coordinate digitization efforts, that GPO should require preservation level standards but could accept access copies until preservation level copies are available. They lauded GPO for taking on this responsibility. They stated that the recent OPAL presentation on authentication had allayed authentication concerns. They expressed concern that digitization by for-profit entities might negatively impact digitization efforts that support no-fee access.
- The **GITCO's Recommendations:**
  - JCP should allow GPO to provide equipment and funding to institutions to digitize material.
  - GPO should consider prioritizing the preservation of born digital content which could be considered more fragile than print materials as well as completing projects such as

THOMAS by going back and digitizing the full text of bills, public laws, and the Congressional Record back to the 93rd Congress rather than the 101st Congress
- o GPO needs to clarify what free/near free means
- o Not only should there be preservation standards, but GPO should have delivery standards as well. Online content must load to the browser in a timely manner.
- o GPO must continue to work under the premise that the digitized legacy collection will be freely available to the public.

- There were questions raised in Steering regarding the recommendation that JCP allow GPO to provide equipment and funding for digitization:
  - o Is GPO ready to take this on?
  - o How do we feel about GPO weighing competing depository proposals?
  - o Are there any other possible trouble spots or unintended consequences?
  - o There is a real need for funding, what is the best way to meet it?

Votes (None this month.)

November 2007:

Discussions:

- Bill Sleeman asked if ALAWO should use President Bill Clinton's use of EO13233 to ask that records that include communications with Hillary Clinton be suppressed until he has reviewed them as a spring board to show that ALA opposition to EO13233 is a matter of principle, not partisanship: that ALA would oppose any effort to reduce the transparency of government whether the effort was lead by a Democrat or a Republican. {President G.W. Bush's EO113233 blocks the automatic release of Presidential Records. Now they are subject to Presidential review on an unspecified timeline prior to release. EO13233 is being reviewed by the courts. ALA has spoken in support of H.R. 1255. - the Presidential Records Act Amendments of 2007 which would counter EO13233.) Some people had suggested that ALA supported H.R. 1255 to embarrass President Bush. Steering agreed that this is an opportunity for ALAWO to continue to agitate for the passage of H.R. 1255 while simultaneously demonstrating that our commitment to the issue isn't tied to a particular political philosophy but transcends parties. It was suggested that we focus on the basics: we expect transparency and we expect public officials who respect open government to remove obstacles to transparency. It was suggested that ALA assess all candidates' views on EO13233 and HR1255.
- A Steering discussion on virtual members was moved to the GODORT wiki.

Votes

Should GODORT Co-Sponsor House and Senate Historical Office Proposal? Erin Hromada, a Congressional Staffer in the Office of History of Preservation Office of the Clerk U.S. House of Representatives, contacted Tara Olivero of ALAWO to propose an ALA Annual Program consisting of a panel of Ms. Hromada, the House Archivist (Robin Reeder), and someone from the Senate Historical Office. FAFLRT agreed to sponsor the program. GPO asked GODORT if it would like to co-sponsor (with no monetary commitment) but was asked for an almost instant response, since ALA deadlines had already passed and ALA had agreed to accept it as an addition if it was submitted immediately. We combined the discussion with a quick vote. Those who were against the proposal felt we should not support the cavalier disregard of ALA's processes for conference planning; those who were for the proposal expressed several opinions: the program was going to go on in any case, co-sponsorship might interest federal librarians in GODORT, and it would cost GODORT nothing.

Steering voted to co-sponsor, 14 yeas, 2 nays.

December 2007:

Discussions:

- Proposed bylaws changes were discussed. GITCO proposes to reduce its membership from 12 to 9 members and revise bylaws language for clarity. Different views were expressed: GITCO is an entry level committee for participation and allows us to bring people in to GODORT, GITCO would like to use interns and Friends of GITCO as needed on projects, the Chair has had difficulty finding enough appointees to GITCO. The proposal will be voted on at the GODORT Membership Meeting at MidWinter.
- Steering supported Bill Sleeman in writing a letter of thanks to Tara Olivero. She is leaving ALAWO for a new job as a Special Collections Librarian and Archivist at Goucher College.
- Steering discussed the choices for the ALA Annual Hotel. We got our first choice, the Desert Palm Hotel.
- ALA/WO issued a statement on December 11, 2008 regarding the E-Government Act. In it the role of public libraries in providing access to electronic government information was highlighted. The document included the statement that "in general, the public does not visit federal depository libraries, as they do public libraries, for access to the Internet and government programs and services." In the discussion several Steering members pointed out that some of those public libraries are depositories, that many public libraries

refer patrons to FDLs when necessary, that FDLs have reported an increase in the number of community users, that some FDLs report that more than 50% of their use is by the public, and that the OMB report "Section 213 of the E-Government Act Report to Congress" documents good work on the part of FDLs. ALA/WO's statement undermines the OMB report. Steering agreed that GODORT should send a letter to ALA/WO, the President of ALA, and the Executive Director of ALA re-asserting the important role of FDLs. It was also suggested that GODORT find ways to reach out the PLA to share our expertise with support and training.

Votes

- Steering voted to submit the names of Aimee Quinn, Ann Marie Sanders, Arlene Weible, Dan Cornwall and Suzanne Sears for consideration for membership in Depository Library Council.

- Bill Sleeman sought authorization to spend $100.00 to run the Membership Survey on "surveymonkey".

  Steering voted to OK the purchase of SurveyMonkey, 18 yeas, 0 nays.

- Steering voted to accept the GODORT Cataloging Committee's recommendation to "endorse in principle" ALCTS' response to the proposals made in the LC Working Group Report on the Future of Bibliographic Control.

GODORT Membership Meeting
Monday Jan. 14, 2008, 10:30am-12:30pm
10:30am-1:20pm
Bill Sleeman, Chair
Jill Vassilakos-Long, Secretary

PRESENT =

ABSENT =

GUESTS =

REPORT = The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am.

Bill Sleeman called for a moment of silence to honor the memory of Vivian Moorhouse, who died on December 7th, 2007.

Votes:
·   Resolution on Full Funding for the Federal Digital System (m: Legislation Committee)
The resolveds read:
Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA) urge Congress to renew its commitment to full deployment of the Federal Digital System and related functions and services, including cataloging support, and, be it further

Resolved, that the ALA urge Congress to fully fund future GPO appropriations requests that are essential to the deployment of the Federal Digital System and to the GPO's Title 44 obligations.

GODORT endorsement approved with no opposition to approving.

·   Resolution on Government Printing Office FY 2009 appropriations (m: Legislation Committee)
The resolveds read:
Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA) urge Congress to reaffirm the federal government's responsibility to provide no-fee access to federal government information in formats most appropriate to the public's needs; and, be it further

Resolved, that the ALA urge Congress to fund fully the United States Government Printing Office appropriation for FY 2009 at the level requested by the Public Printer.

GODORT endorsement in principle approved with no opposition to approving.

·   Resolution on Tribal College Library Membership in the Federal Depository Library Program (m: Barbara Miller)
The resolveds read:
Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA) makes support for the membership of

tribal colleges in the Federal Depository Library Program a priority; and, be it further

Resolved, that the ALA Council call upon the ALA Executive Director and the ALA Washington Office to work with the GPO to ensure that all tribal colleges interested in joining the FDLP be supported in that effort.

GODORT endorsement in principle approved with no opposition to approving.

· Resolution on Redundant Systems and E-Government (m: Valerie Glenn; s: Mina xx)
The resolveds read:
Resolved, that the American Library Association urge governments at all levels to create adequate disaster recovery plans and maintain redundant systems in order to effectively facilitate the wide-spread use of e-government, and to enable libraries to provide access to stable resources, and be it further

Resolved, that libraries be among the community organizations given priority acess to electrical and telecommunications connections during times of disaster to facilitate community and emergency aid response.

Discussion: this is costly and the resolution should include funding.

GODORT endorsement in principle approved with no opposition to approving.

· Resolution Acknowledging the Courage of Mr. Bassem Youssef (m: Kevin McClure; s: Jill Vassilakos-Long)
The resolveds read:
Be it resolved:
That the Attorney General of the United States must appoint a panel of independent experts to examine Mr. Youssef's allegations of misconduct within the FBI Counterterrorism Division, including a review of discriminatory practices against Arab Americans, retaliatory practices against whistleblowers and a full examination of the FB I policy that subject matter Middle Eastern expertise is not necessary for managers within the counterterrorism division;

That the current Inspector General investigation into National Security Letter abuses include a careful review of how the FBI's policy of promoting persons with no subject matter expertise in counterterrorism into positions of authority within the counterterrorism division contributed to the violations already identified by the OIG;

That the FBI fully implement the recommendation of OPR and promptly assign Mr. Youssef to a responsible position in operational counterterrorism;

That the FBI engage in no further retaliatory and discriminatory actions against Mr. Youssef;

That all chapters of the ALA be encouraged to join in the public defense of Mr. Youssef's right to blow the whistle on FBI abuses and his right to oppose ethnic discriminatory practices within

the FBI.

Discussion included the question of how this was written and the fact that many state whistleblowers also face retaliation.

GODORT endorsement in principle approved; 37 yea, 11 nay, 2 abstentions.

·   Resolution Opposing Postal Rate Increases for Small Circulation Publications (m: Kevin McClure; s: Bill Sudduth)
The resolved read:
Resolved: That the American Library Association call upon Congress to support the democratic value of promoting a diversity of speech by passing legislation to protect small circulation magazines against future rate increases and to redress the dramatic rate changes of 2007.

GODORT endorsement in principle approved with no opposition to approving.

Report of the Chair on Activities since Annual meeting (Bill Sleeman)
The reports have been disseminated through the GODORT Reflector and will be mounted on the wiki.

Treasurer's Report (Jill Moriearty)
At end of fiscal yr (Aug. 31, 2007) GODORT was doing well. Many people contributed to the Rozkuszka scholarship and the endowment.

We collected $246 in change at the meeting for the Rozkuszka scholarship.

GODORT Councilor (Mary Mallory)
A memorial resolution for Robert Oakley may still come forward.

The Opening up of the electronic lists of ALA units was referred to the Task Force on Electronic Communication. The Task Force will report in 2009.

The Protocol for Responding to a Formal Request for an ALA position has not yet been discussed by Council.

Task Forces: (Action items.)
·   The SLDTF voted to work with the Rare and Endangered Government Publications to form a task force to develop a plan for creating a list on the wiki of state projects on preserving/capturing born digital documents.

Committee Reports: (Action items.)
·   The Development Committee requested a change in the bylaws so that the Development Chair becomes a 2-year rather than a 1-year position. Suggested four year appointment,

incoming chair (1 year), Chair (2 years), Past Chair (1 year). The method for getting this change before Membership for a vote was discussed in Steering II.

XIII. Old Business

a.   GODORT E-mail list procedures (Aimee Quinn).

Discussion: what is the scope? It started as an announcement list. There is a problem in that all announcements for ALA were sent to both GovDocL and the GODORT list. Maybe we could send a link to a website with posted agendas to GovDocL and send the agendas to GODORT. Should GODORT.ala include discussion? Should it point to threaded discussions on a blog?

Proposal to accept GODORT.ala guidelines (m: Cass Hartnett, s: John Stevenson)
Motion carried. 42 yea and one abstention.

b.   Vote on Proposed Amendment of Bylaws (Valerie Glenn).
Moved to divide the question, pulling Article 10 section K (GITCO membership) and Article 15 section 3 out of the proposal as a whole.
Vote on package absent K and Article 15 section 3 – passed.
GITCO changes Article 10 section K (reduction of number of committee members from 12 to 9). Discussion: GITCO proposed the change. Only five members made it to Conference and many people who are involved in the committee's work are not members. Nine members brings it into line with other committees.
(m: Barb Mann; s: Cass Hartnett)
Motion passed: 38 yea, 2 nay.

Article 15: John chaired committee when working on this was meant to reflect the way that the website is currently used. IT was published in DttP with plenty of lead time. They have been published on the website. Barb Mann called the question. Motion passed: 42 yea, 0 nay and 0 abstentions.

XIV. New Business
Draft ALA proposal on opening all email lists to the public: off the table, see Councilor's report.
Draft ALA protocol on the "one voice" policy: moved to Steering 2.

XV.   Adjourned at 1:20.

ACTIONITEMS = Task Forces: (Action items.)
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CORRESPONDENCE = Letters of thanks to speakers, those who helped with the REGP tour, and the editorial staff of DttP and to the editor of Managing Electronic Government. Information in Libraries: Issues and Practices.

GODORT Bylaws and Organization Committee
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Freedom Room, Germantown Room
January 11, 2008
4-5:30 p.m.
Valerie Glenn, chair / recorder

PRESENT = Valerie Glenn, David Griffiths, John Stevenson

ABSENT = Kevin Reynolds

GUESTS = none.

REPORT = The chair opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. and volunteered to take minutes. Minutes from the Annual Conference were approved as corrected.

The Committee discussed the draft minutes submission form. Changes were noted, included the omission of a field for Meeting Place. The committee agreed that it was necessary to include a deadline for submission, and that it would be desirable to have a copy of the submission emailed to the person submitting the minutes as well as to the Web Administrator.

The Committee reviewed proposed <i>Policies and Procedures Manual</i> (PPM) changes drafted between meetings. These include updates and corrections to the following chapters:

Chapter 10 - Awards Committee
Chapter 13 - Conference Committee
Chapter 24 - Who Has What

The committee reviewed two new chapters: one for the Steering Committee and one for the Executive Committee. Each chapter brings together information on these existing committees from other parts of the PPM, and codifies current practice.

The Committee discussed work to be done following the Midwinter Meeting:
1. Continue the revision of chapter 24 (Who Has What) following further discussions with GODORT committee Chairs.
2. Continue the revision of chapter 10 (Awards Committee) to include information on ALA Emerging Leaders nominations supported by GODORT.
3. Review the PPM for consistency regarding electronic communication (godort@ala.org; GOVDOC-L, etc.).
4. Review links and content on the Committee's web site.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

ACTIONITEMS = n/a

CORRESPONDENCE = n/a

GODORT Cataloging Committee
Crowne Plaza Independence Room
Sunday, January 13, 2008
10:30am-12:30pm
Mary Horton, chair / recorder

PRESENT = Eva Sorrell
Chuck Malone
Patricia Inouye
Jeff Elliott
Patty Phipps
Susan Pinckard
Gregory Wool
Rich Gause
John Stevenson

ABSENT = Jian Anna Xiong

GUESTS = Anna Korhonen
Laurie B. Hall
Jim Noel
Julie Linden
Mina Pease
David Griffiths
Cass Hartnett

REPORT = The Committee heard reports from its' liaisons, including Susan Pinckard from CC:DA. Publication of RDA is set for next year, with release at IFLA in Quebec. The hope is that RDA will be as international in scope as possible and will include guidelines and rules that look forward to a future that cannot be accurately predicted. It is suggested that people become familiar with FRBR and FRAD prior to the coming of RDA. RDA will most certainly be in MARC21, but JSC is talking to MARBI to see if they can develop something beyond MARC21.

GPO's Laurie Hill also gave a report to the Committee. She commented that there is a misperception in the community that the EPA Harvesting Pilot Project has returned 'perfect' documents. Her group is spending a lot of time trying to decide if retrieved items are 1) complete documents and 2) in scope. Ms. Hill also covered other items that have been announced on various listservs recently. The CGP's Z39.50 connection will be up and running by the first of February. GPO is still moving toward a separate records policy for each version of a product. They are working on training and hope to have that in place by summer.

ACTIONITEMS = None

CORRESPONDENCE = None

GODORT Conference Committee
Crowne Plaza Hotel Delaware Room
January 11, 2008
4:00-5:00 pm
Yvonne Wilson, chair / recorder

PRESENT = Carol Chanan, Judith Downie, Samantha Hager, Barbara Miller, Emily Rogers

ABSENT = Kristina Bobe, Brian Rossman

GUESTS =

REPORT = 1. Review of ALA Hotel and sub-block room arrangements
The GODORT hotel sub-block room arrangements for 2008 Midwinter and Annual Conferences
have been sucessfully booked. The number of rooms for the peak days, Thursday-Monday, have
been increased from 30-40. The days may be increased in the future to decrease wait listing.

2. GODORT Awards Reception 08 ALA Annual
The GODORT 08 Awards Reception, June 29,2008, will be held at Chapman University in
Orange California. The reception will take place in a piazza outside the Leatherby Libraries. An
estimate has been received form the caterer. The venue is free. Alcohol must be purchased by
GODORT and served by the bartender.
Action items:
Wilson will continue to finalize the plans and costs, arrange for microphones, draft the reception
announcement flyer, and contact vendors for contributions.
Hager will prepare a GODORT website announcement.
Downie will purchase alcohol and sell the drink tickets.

2. GODORT Booth
Not sure what the booth/ALA Memership Pavilion plans will be for 08 Annual. Sleeman and
Hartnett reported on attendig an ALA planning meeting which gave a vague description of what
is being considered for 08 Annual. The Committee is waiting for further instruction. We will
work to have something to catch the attention, and give aways if possible. Chanan and Downie
will be point people for the booth. Booth section in the PPM will not be revised at this time.

3. ALA 08 Annual meeting room arrangements
Conference Committee is willing to meet informally if meeting rooms are difficult to schedule.

4. Possible committee virtual membership
The Committee agrees, the members for the committee should not be virtual. This a committee
that needs to meet and confer, and do things in person, esp during Midwinter. Anyone can be
asked to work on a project or assist with local arrangements without being a member of the
committee. The only person the could possibly be a virtual member is the web manager.

5. Chicago Local Arrangements
The committee it beginning to look for local arrangments people for 09 Annual in Chicago.

6. Wilson asked for a committee contact person for her vacation May 27-June 15. Downie volunteered.

ACTIONITEMS = none

GODORT Development Committee
Executive Boardroom, Crowne Plaza Hotel
Sunday, Jan 13, 2008
8-10 am
Chuck Malone, chair
Steve Hayes, recorder

PRESENT = Chuck Malone, Steve Hayes, George Clark, Jill Moriearty

ABSENT = Tim Byrnes, Karen Russ

GUESTS = Andrea Sevetson, Cass Hartnett

REPORT = Minutes of Annual 2007 accepted without change

Silent Auction - will proceed for the two vacation properties donated by
Readex.

A proposal from Andrea Sevetson for coffee mugs was discussed. It was agreed that these would
make ideal premiums for the Development Campaign being developed.

Discussions turned to the Draft Guidelines for Managing Solicitation from Vendors and the Draft
Solicitation Letter. Minor changes were made to both. The Committee agreed and added to the
Guidelines that all solicitation to vendors would be cleared through and approved by the
Development committee prior to the letter. Once approved, the Development Chair would send
copies on to the GODORT Chair and Treasurer. This process was added to insure that multiple
solicitations from different GODORT entities did not happen.

The Committee began to brainstorm a development plan. The initial goal was set at $1 million
toward the endowment. This is a multiple year process to give GODORT sufficient income to
provide the multiple scholarships allowed under the Rozkuska Scholarship as well as the
ongoing GODORT expenses – awards, activities, conference costs, etc. A more complete
development plan will be drafted and will guide the
fund-raising activities of the orgization.

The initial contact asking for contributions will be in Feb 2008. The initial attempt at fund
raising will allow donors to designate what their contributions will support: scholarship, awards,
endowment or undesignated. The usual time frame for such soliciting will be November-
December each year so as to take advantage of potential tax considerations. The various group
considered for these "asks" include: current members, recipients of DttP, former GODORT
member still within
ALA, retired GODORT members, government information librarians, past supporters,
government information professors, and other individuals identified as potential donors.

Action Items:

• Chair will request a by-laws change setting the Chairs term of service at two years and ask the Chair of GODORT to identify the Development officer within ALA who may assist GODORT in its fund-raising activities.
• Steve Hayes will draft the solicitation letter and accompanying informational materials.
• George Clark will query GovDoc-L for name of potential donors, former GODORT members, etc.
• Jill Moriearty will confirm the funding estimates used to set the initial fund-raising target.

ACTIONITEMS = Introduce the idea to Steering, and begin the process for a by-laws change setting the Development Committee Chair's term to two years.

Introduce to Steering and begin the process to amend the Development Committee's PPM to include "Guidelines for Soliciations to Vendors" and incoropate those guidelines into all GODORT solicitations.

GODORT Education Committee
Crowne Plaza, Independence Room
Sunday, January 13, 2008
1:30-3:30 pm
Jennie Burroughs, chair
Annie Young, recorder

PRESENT = Jennie Burroughs (Chair), Hui Hua Chua, Jim Church, Brett Cloyd, Judith Downie, Nancy Reinhold, Suzanne Sears, Carol Spector, Linda Spiro, Annie Young

ABSENT = Chantana Charoenpanitkul, Alita Pierson, John Shuler

GUESTS = Kristina Bolski, Sherry DeDecker, David Griffiths, Rachel Hally, Robin Haun-Mohammed, Catherine Jervey, Cheryl McCoy, Bruce Obenhaus, Tina Plottel, Connie Reik, Stephanie Rosenblatt, Jesse Silva, Debra S. Van Tassel, Jill Vassilakos-Long, Marilyn Von Seggern, Grace York

REPORT = I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Approval of Agenda - approved with no changes

III. Discussion Session: Instructional technologies and government information
The discussion session consisted of brief presentations from Annie Young and Judith Downie, small group breakouts, and sharing highlights of each group's discussion.

Annie discussed clickers, which are handheld wireless devices that can be used to increase student participation and assess learning outcomes. She also discussed her library's presence in Blackboard and how it might be used for government information peer training. Judith discussed Mediasite, a web video presentation tool. Presentations have incorporated Census data, FBI files, and agency organization charts.

In the breakout discussions, attendees mentioned using course management systems (DSpace, Sakai, Angel), chat/IM, wikis, podcasts (GarageBand), screen capture tools (Captivate), widgets, virtual classes, and vendor-supplied tools. Specific examples include:
o Creating 3-minute podcasts of each library department, directed at students
o Using GarageBand to do a voiceover broadcast for American Factfinder
o Using Captivate to teach congressional research

Other points of discussion included the benefits of faculty cooperation, the importance of keeping presentations short to keep students' attention, and measuring the success of a technology via surveys and usage statistics.

IV. Approval of Minutes from Annual 2007 Meeting - approved with no changes

V. Liaison Reports

A. FDTF (Hui Hua Chua)
o GPO is developing criteria for members of the FDLP to contribute training sessions to OPAL (a resource for creating web-based programs).
o Received a report on the IMLS grant, Govt. Info. in the 21st Century.
o Preconference on elections in Anaheim.
B. SLDTF (Carol Spector)
o Anaheim program called 'Going Local: Statistical Sources for Business.'
o With Rare and Endangered Committee, looking into what state governments are doing to capture born-digital documents.
o Endorsed IDTF's NGO project (see below) and may collaborate in future.
C. IDTF (Jim Church)
o The group's international agencies liaisons will describe the publishing processes of various international agencies on the GODORT wiki.
o Formed a subgroup to study how GODORT could cover NGO's (Non-governmental organizations) - for example, as part of IDTF mission.
D. Literacy Assembly - did not meet
E. Education Assembly - no report
F. Forum on Education for Librarianship - did not meet

VI. Announcements

A. Recent Work of the Government Information in the 21st Century Project
Debra Van Tassel, manager of this IMLS grant, gave an overview of the project. They have formulated a model for government information specialists to use to train non-government information library staff. The project includes a Train the Trainer conference, subject modules that include training and presentation materials, and doing actual training. The grant runs through September 2008, but, as the resources are freely available through WebJunction (www.webjunction.org/gi21), they are looking for ways to pilot the model in other geographic areas. So far, they have interest from the Government Information Committee of ACRL's Science and Technology Section, OCLC regional network executive directors, and ASERL.

VII. Old Business

A. Competencies for Government Information Specialists
A subcommittee, lead by Linda Spiro and including Hui Hua Chua, Brett Cloyd, Suzanne Sears, and Annie Young, have been working on this task. They clarified the goal for the competencies document as: identify basic competencies for new documents librarians and inform non-documents reference librarians about the most important sources related to government information.

It was initially suggested that the survey to determine competencies be distributed to librarians working with documents for at least 5 years as well as SLIS professors that teach documents

classes. Specifically it will be circulated to GOVDOC-L, SLA's Government Information Division, Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Round Table, law librarian groups, and SLIS listservs. Brett and Jim Church will work on questions for international documents competencies to add to the survey. Because of the diversity of state and local resources, these will not be covered in the survey but will be included in the competencies document.

Since years of experience will be asked for in a survey question, the decision was made not to limit the survey to librarians with more than 5 years experience. The group also decided to change the survey language and target audience from "librarians" to "library staff" to include all those who may be documents experts.

Once the changes have been made, Linda will email the survey to the committee. Email Linda (lindas@rice.edu) with any suggestions. The goal is to have the survey completed by Annual.

B. Handout Exchange and Clearinghouse
There is now a template for this on the GODORT wiki and migration of links has begun (http://wikis.ala.org/godort/index.php/Exchange). There was a question as to whether or not to weed materials. Since the committee did a weeding project recently, it was suggested that there need not be a concentrated effort on weeding at this time. There was also discussion about older guides that might be out-of-date; the committee decided to keep them on the Exchange as long as they have some value.

Once the initial transfer is complete, the committee will solicit new, updated guides that anyone will be able to post to the wiki. Committee members will act as editors, and, based on Grace York's suggestion, a specific contact person will be listed for people who do not want to post to the wiki themselves. Archived material will be kept on the Michigan server. Jennie will check to see how much space we have available on the ALA server.

VIII. New Business

A. Webcasting/Virtual Program Partnerships with GPO
Suzanne Sears explained that GPO has asked if the group would be willing to come up with training modules and work with GPO to create them using OPAL. They would be located on the FDLP Desktop and on the Committee's web page. It was agreed that this was a good idea and several suggestions for topics and trainers were made:
o How to process documents
o How to use DDM2 efficiently (Nan Myers)
o How to market your depository collection for public libraries and academic libraries
o How to be a good regional (David Cismowski, John Phillips)
o Past FDLP presentations

Suzanne will work on putting together some ideas. Those interested in helping out with this should contact her at SSears@library.unt.edu.

Meeting ended at 3:30 p.m.

ACTIONITEMS = None

CORRESPONDENCE = None

Government Information Technology Committee (GITCO)
January 13, 2008
1:30 - 3:30 pm
Lora Amsberryaugier, chair
Samantha Hager, recorder

PRESENT = Lora Amsberryaugier, Lorna Newman, Samantha Hager, Gretchen Gano, Grace York, Monique Andrews

ABSENT = Daniel Cornwall, Susan Golding, Girija Venkat(due to illness)

GUESTS = Newkirk Hattaway, Wayne Strickland, Simon Healey, Kate Zwaard, Bill Sleeman, Amy West, John Hernandez, Cindy Etkin, Kelly Seifert, Laurie B. Hall, Teddy Priebe, Ric Davis, Jennie Girke

REPORT = The Minutes from Annual 2007 were approved as amended. (Change name of subcommittee to "Ad hoc")
Announcements:
A survey was sent out to GODORT membership for input in the strategic planning initiative. The deadline for responses is February 1st.

Bylaw changes for GITCO will be up for approval at the Membership meeting. Changes include: changing membership from 12 to 9, change in description of the mission to include emerging technologies, and removal of the Subcommittee on Digital Imaging from the PPM.
Liaison reports:
FDTF responded to a request for important characteristics for the new Superintendant of Documents. GPO is actively seeking names. GPO is testing PACER, handles vs PURLs, and EPA harvesting.
GPO requested an opinion from CRS on the guidelines for shared regional libraries with agreements that cross state lines. They say an interstate regional would be unconstitutional in regards to Title 44. GPO is pursuing the issue with the joint committee (on legislation?).
FDTF is sponsoring a 2008 preconference: "Who Votes, Who Runs, Who Cares ". Rhodes Cook will be the main speaker.
IDTF is looking for volunteers as liaisons to international government organizations. Liaison reports will move to wiki from the task force webpage. Interested parties should contact Susan White sbwhite@princeton.edu, 609-258-4814. They are also accepting ideas for training that could be incorporated into taskforce meetings. Send ideas to Brett Cloyd, deadline February 1.
Publications Committee approved the "Occasional Papers". Marcie Allen and Barbara Mann are the contacts for submissions
SLDTF had a 20% response rate from their survey of state depository libraries. They have created a strategic planning committee to come up with new programs based on survey input.
Karen Hogenboom from REGP proposed a joint wiki project to survey what states are doing to preserve born-digital state government publications. The project will be discussed more in-depth at future meetings. SLDTF is sponsoring a program during the 2008 annual conference: "Going Local: Statistical Resources for Business."

FDsys Update:
Kate Seward from GPO gave an update on the Federal Digital System (FDsys). Version 1B was released September 2007. This release demonstrated how the repository would work, and allowed testing/development of the protocols. Feedback has been positive. They are tweaking the system for the upcoming release based on feedback. Version 1C, the first public release, is expected November 2008. Information on the timeline and enhancements for subsequent releases is available in the "System Releases and Capabilities V 5.0" document on the GPO website: http://www.gpo.gov/projects/pdfs/releasesandcapabilities_v5_121907.pdf

Old Business:
Ad hoc committee on Numeric and Geospatial Data -
Seeking volunteers for membership and will open the committee up to non-GITCO members. An announcement will be made at the membership meeting to solicit volunteers. The idea for the committee arose from a GITCO outreach report that includes recommendations for outside groups that GITCO could liaise with. Gretchen Gano was appointed chair. She will aim to have a full committee by annual.

New Business:
E-competency Tool-kit-
The E-competency Tool-kit on GITCO's website has many dead links and desperately needs updating. There was discussion on whether to keep the tool kit in its current format, or replace it with a "tips and tricks" section. Other divisions of ALA may already have basic e-competencies for librarians. GITCO could link to these competencies and then use the toolkit to focus on tricks and tips and new emerging technologies. The e-competencies were reviewed and suggestions were given for reorganization. The tool-kit will be moved to the wiki for ease of collaboration and updating. Samantha Hager, Jennie Gerke, and Lora Amsberryaugier will continue to work on the project.

Online Collaboration-
Amy West suggested using Zoho, a free program for online networking and collaborative projects (http://www.zoho.com). Zoho has built in project management, and web conferencing. GITCO could test, and make recommendations for GODORT. Amy will investigate and highlight pros and cons for group.

ACTIONITEMS = none

CORRESPONDENCE = none

GODORT Legislation I
Friday, January 11
4:00-5:30
Kevin McClure, chair
Ellen Simmons, recorder

PRESENT = Kirsten Clark, Gretchen Gould, Jeff Bullington (FDTF liaison), Kay Cassell (FDTF liaison), Ellen Simmons (FDTF liaison), Mary Mallory (GODORT Councilor, ex-oficio), Kevin McClure (Chair)

ABSENT = Jesse Silva, Grace-Ellen McCrann (IDTF liaison), Marilyn Von Seggern (SLDTF liaison), Stephanie Braunstein (Intern), Don Frank (Intern)

GUESTS = Kelly Seifert, Teddy Priebe, Janet Scheitle, Nancy Faget, Mary Alice Baish, Bernadine Abbott Hoduski

REPORT = The committee approved the minutes from Annual 2007. The committee discussed the drafts of the resolutions prepared prior to conference on tribal college library membership and GPO funding. Minor edits to the resolution on tribal college libraries were suggested. The committee decided to rework the GPO funding resolution into a resolution on support for funding the Federal Digital System (FDsys), and to work on a new separate resolution for FY 2009 funding for GPO overall.

Bernadine Abbott Hoduski suggested that the Legislation Committee request GODORT to sponsor a pre-conference on the future of the FDLP. She said the meeting should be open, bringing in all the FDLP stakeholders in all the library associations. She will bring the proposal to Legislation II.

There was a brief discussion of the Draft Protocol for Responding to a Formal Request for an "Official" ALA Position. Members expressed concern that the Draft Protocol does not provide for participation by Roundtables.

The committee discussed the fact that Leglisation Committee information is not up to date on the GODORT website. Gretchen Gould is current the only committee member who has had web manager training. Kirsten Clark expressed interest in getting the web manager training. Gretchen will find out at the web managers' meeting on Sunday when the next training session will be held.

ACTIONITEMS =

CORRESPONDENCE =

GODORT Legislation II (first joint meeting with COL-GIS)
Saturday, January 12
1:30-3:30
Kevin McClure, chair
Ellen Simmons, recorder

PRESENT = Jesse Silva, Kirsten Clark, Gretchen Gould, Jeff Bullington (FDTF liaison), Kay Cassell (FDTF liaison), Ellen Simmons (FDTF liaison), Mary Mallory (GODORT Councilor, ex-oficio), Stephanie Braunstein (Intern), Kevin McClure (Chair)

ABSENT = Grace-Ellen McCrann (IDTF liaison), Marilyn Von Seggern (SLDTF liaison), Don Frank (Intern)

GUESTS =

REPORT = Members of COL and the ALA Washington Office reported on the status of current legislation including the Presidential Records Act. The COL Government Information Subcommittee and GODORT Legislation Committee reported on the status of their resolutions.

Bernadine Abbott Hoduski said that the December 12 Dialogue on government information did not address the future of the FDLP and asked if COL-GIS and GODORT Legislation would support a day-long meeting on that topic with all FDLP stakeholders across all the relevant library associations. Bill Sleeman offered to take the issue to GODORT. GIS voted to take it to COL, and decided to frame the issues in a two-hour meeting at Annual 2008. Follow-up on this proposal will be determined at Annual.

There was a discussion about e-government. Google was asked to testify at a hearing on the E-Government Reauthorization Act. ALA Washington Office participants expressed the view that there is a need for clarity on a definition of e-government and for a venue within ALA for discussing e-government; that the discussion on e-government needs to bring in voices from across the association, including (especially) public libraries; and that e-government is important at the state and local levels as well as federal.

GIS will also take up the e-government issue at Annual 2008 to frame the issues in a two-hour meeting. Molly Fogarty agreed to take the lead for GIS on planning that meeting. GODORT Legislation and GIS agreed to devote part of the second joint meeting at Midwinter 2008 to a deliberation on e-government.

ACTIONITEMS =

CORRESPONDENCE =

GODORT Legislation III
Sunday, January 13, 2008
8:00-10:00
Kevin McClure, chair
Ellen Simmons, recorder

PRESENT = Jesse Silva, Kirsten Clark, Gretchen Gould, Marilyn Von Seggern (SLDTF liaison), Jeff Bullington (FDTF liaison), Kay Cassell (FDTF liaison), Ellen Simmons (FDTF liaison), Mary Mallory (GODORT Councilor, ex-oficio), Stephanie Braunstein (Intern), Kevin McClure (Chair)

ABSENT = Grace-Ellen McCrann (IDTF liaison), Don Frank (Intern)

GUESTS = Janet Scheitle, Bill Sleeman, Kathleen Gaul, Cass Hartnett

REPORT = Committee members edited three resolutions: tribal college library membership in the FDLP, funding for the Federal Digital System, and FY 2009 GPO appropriations.

Liaisons reported on activities in FDTF, IDTF, and SLDTF.

Jesse Silva reported on the status of the National Action Alert Network (NAAN). He is still working on getting commitments from NAAN contacts in several states. When he gets commitments from those he has already contacted, he will solicit contacts for the remaining states via Govdoc-l.

The committee agreed to hold monthly online meetings on the third Thursday of the month at 4:00pm Eastern. Jesse Silva will take the lead on setting up the meetings and will send login instructions to the committee.

Kevin said that it is important for the Legislation Committee to stay engaged with the Legislative Assembly. At Annual, we need to make sure that either the chair or another representative of the committee attend. Ideally we should have as many people attend as possible so that Leg Assembly and GODORT members get to know each other better and to facilititate a smooth transition as Legislation Committee membership turns over. The Friday Legislation Assembly meeting conflicts with GODORT Steering I, so the Legislation Committee needs to provide coverage at both meetings.

ACTIONITEMS =

CORRESPONDENCE =

GODORT Legislation Committee IV (second joint meeting with GIS-COL)
Sunday, January 13, 2008
10:30-12:00
Kevin McClure, chair
Ellen Simmons, recorder

PRESENT = Jesse Silva, Kirsten Clark, Gretchen Gould, Marilyn Von Seggern (SLDTF liaison), Jeff Bullington (FDTF liaison), Kay Cassell (FDTF liaison), Ellen Simmons (FDTF liaison), Mary Mallory (GODORT Councilor, ex-oficio), Stephanie Braunstein (Intern), Kevin McClure (Chair)

ABSENT = Grace-Ellen McCrann (IDTF liaison), Don Frank (Intern)

GUESTS =
REPORT = Jeff Bullington moderated an exercise which used the slip-writing process to deliberate different definitions of e-government, types of e-government services, and the role libraries have to play in e-government. Jeff Bullington and Jessica McGilvray collected the slips and will prepare a summary.

COL-GIS and GODORT Legislation worked on and approved final drafts of their resolutions: from GODORT Legislation, Resolution on Tribal College Library Membership in the Federal Depository Library Program, Resolution on Government Printing Office FY 2009 Appropriations, and Resolution on Full Funding of the Federal Digital System; and from COL-GIS, Resolution on Safeguarding Electronic Government Information and E-Government.

ACTIONITEMS =
1. Resolution on Tribal College Library Membership in the Federal Depository Library Program
2. Resolution on Government Printing Office FY 2009 Appropriations
3. Resolution on Full Funding of the Federal Digital System
4. Resolution on Safeguarding Electronic Government Information and E-Government

CORRESPONDENCE =

GODORT Program Committee I
January 11, 2008
4:00-6:00pm
Cass Hartnett, chair
John Hernandez, recorder

PRESENT = Cass Hartnett, John Hernandez, Mark Scott, Bruce Obenhaus

ABSENT = Elaine Coppola

GUESTS = Paul Arrigo, Bruce Pencek, James Jacobs, Bill Sleeman

REPORT = The committee reviewed program and pre-conference plans and projected budgets
for Annual 2008, the APSA short course pilot, and program/pre-conference ideas for 2009

2008 Annual program
• Going Local: Statistical Resources for Business
• SLDTF looking for additional co-sponsors (in name-only)

Deadline to have details for 2008 programs/pre-conferences changed to February 1
• Committee will consider late January as our working deadline

Committee discussed various advertising options for 2008 events
• DttP
• ACRL section newsletters
• GOVDOC-L
• other avenues

2008 pre-conferences
• Elections pre-conference
  • Title changed to Got Elections? Informing the Public
  • June 26, 2008, all-day
  • Pollak Library, California State University – Fullerton
  • Main contact is John Hernandez

• Web 2.0 pre-conference
  • June 27, 2008, half-day
  • Chapman University
  • Main contact is James Jacobs

Joint GODORT-LPSS short course American Political Science Association Conference
• First held during the 2007 APSA conference in Chicago
• Generally considered a success
• Refining the focus of the course will improve response next time
• Plans are to continue developing the short course

• 2008 APSA conference will be in Boston
• Main contact is Bruce Pencek

Discussion of ideas for 2009 programs/pre-conferences
• Conducted preliminary discussion of four program ideas
• Committee will formally review and revise program proposals during second meeting
• Program proposals will be brought to Steering Committee

ACTIONITEMS = None

CORRESPONDENCE = None

GODORT Program Committee II
January 14, 2008
8:00-10:00am
Cass Hartnett, chair
John Hernandez, recorder

PRESENT = Cass Hartnett, John Hernandez, Bruce Obenhaus, Mark Scott

ABSENT = Elaine Coppola

GUESTS = Crenetha Brunson, Jill Moreiarty

REPORT = The committee reviewed program and pre-conference ideas for 2009 Annual

Program proposals:
• Digitizing Boston Public Library's Government Documents Collection
• Gov Doc Kids Group Presents "Learn and Have Fun with Government Resources!"

Pre-conference proposal:
• Urban Planning: from 1909 forward with an Eye to Gov Docs

These will be further discussed at the membership Meeting and submitted to Steering for approval.

ACTIONITEMS = Approval of preconference and program proposals.

CORRESPONDENCE = None.

GODORT Publications Committee
January 13, 2008
8-10AM
Barb Mann, Chair
Barb Mann and James Jacobs, recorders

PRESENT = Barb Mann (chair), James Jacobs (chair-elect), Rebecca Blakely, Jim Church (Notable Documents chair), Chelsea Dinsmore, Starr Hoffman, Jill Moriearty, Andrea Sevetson (DttP editor)

ABSENT = Chrllammel Vaidyanathan, Sandhya Srivastava

GUESTS =

REPORT = Minutes from Annual 2007 were approved as written
•Moved-James, Seconded-Chelsea

DttP Update
•Revenue is currently $1000 above projection.
•Metapress online journal hosting. ALA is talking to Metapress about hosting ALA journals with the Metapress service (a subsidiary of EBSCO.
•Last 5 years of issues of DttP are currently sitting behind the ALA firewall. Proposal is to move everything except the most current 2 issues (rolling wall) from behind the firewall and be freely available to the public, hopefully via the Stanford archive site so that they will be searchable. This is still under exploration.
•Andrea suggested a subscription drive beyond GODORT and she will send out a message for the Committee to post on relevant listservs.

Serial set book proposal
•Donna Koepp is reviewing/revising the proposal of summer '07, for which a publisher was not found. August Imholtz (Readex) has been sent the proposal and revised it with the suggestion that it be published by Readex. Decision by Donna and her co-editor Aimee Quinn pending on whether or not it will be a GODORT publication.

Occasional Papers
•The proposal was passed by GODORT Steering during Steering I.
•PPM will be updated to include this information.
•Editorial board is in place and currently consists of Barb Mann, James Jacobs, Barbara Miller, and Marcy Allen.
•Contributions will be solicited via relevant listservs.

Managing Electronic Government Information in Libraries: Issues and Practices edited by Andrea Morrison
•Publication date is March 2008.
•The Committee commended Andrea on all her hard work on this invaluable publication.

•Discussed about where the publications revenues should be designated. Barb will talk further with Andrea to get her ideas
•Publicity is now needed and will be sent out to various relevant listservs and Barb has requested that Choice Online review this title
•Andrea Sevetson said we could run a quarter page ad in DttP

Notable documents
•Process is moving on schedule.
•Submissions have been received for all categories.
•Some terms are ending on the panel and will need to be replaced. Jim will take care of this.

New business:
•Current DttP editor's term is over with issue 2, 2009. PPM states that this is can be a two-term appointment and this is the end of the second term. Andrea is ready to step down upon completion of this term.
•The Committee commended Andrea and her team for all that they have done to make this journal so successful.
•The previous job description was vetted. Barb will make the suggested changes and send out the draft to the Committee for a second review. Once this has been approved it will be posted on GODORT@ala.org, GovDoc-L, on the GODORT Web site and other appropriate places.
•The new editor should be in place by the end of midwinter 2009.

ACTIONITEMS = Occasional Papers proposal. Passed at Steering I.

CORRESPONDENCE =

GODORT Rare and Endangered Government Publications Committee
Sunday, January 13
10:30-12:30 a.m.
Karen Hogenboom (chair)
Tanya Finchum, recorder

PRESENT = Karen Hogenboom, Rebecca Hyde, Connie Reik, Robert Dowd, Tanya Finchum, Linda Johnson, Sarah Erekson (PARS liaison, Charley Pennell (LITA liaison), Andrew Laas, Catherine Morse, Stephen Sexton, Michael Smith (MAGERT liaison), Donna Koepp (MAGERT liaison)

ABSENT = Yan Han (LITA liaison), Michael North (ACRL RBMS liaison)

GUESTS = John Phillips, Bruce Obenhaus, Robin Haun-Mohamed, Charmaine Henriques, Peggy Jobe, Scott Hanscom, Kathleen Gaul, Louis Takacs, Kathy Wu, David Utz, August Imholtz, Marcia Meister, Bert Chapman

REPORT = Meeting was called to order by Karen Hogenboom (chair) at 10:30 a.m.

The agenda was approved, with the addition under New Business of revisions to the committee's section of the Policies and Procedures Manual.

Minutes from the 2007 Annual Conference were approved by consensus.

The chair thanked David Utz and August Imholtz for arranging a wonderful tour of the Library Company on Friday. Seventeen people attended. The chair also reported that the GODORT Steering Committee has been discussing issues of communication with other ALA organizations, opening GODORT's e-mail listservs, scheduling issues for the Anaheim conference, and virtual membership in GODORT committees.

The chair announced that the GODORT survey is open and the strategic planning committee will use the results to inform its work. Also, the candidates for ALA president will be at the GODORT membership meeting.

Michael Smith reported that the MAGERT map security guidelines are finalized and linked from the MAGERT website, and an executive summary is being drafted. The committee will link to the guidelines from its website. MAGERT will sponsor programs in Anaheim on metadata and Maps 2.0. LITA, PARS, and the ACRL Rare Book and Manuscript Section had nothing to report.

Donna Koepp reported that she has been unable to find a publisher for the Serial Set book as she and Aimee Quinn had proposed it. Donna believed that the content needed to be reexamined and revised to more closely fit the profiles that publishers have.   This past summer she asked August Imholtz to review the content. He and John Phillips discussed it and August offered a revised draft proposal, which would be published by Readex.   Donna presented this proposal along with

a written report to the GODORT Publications Committee this morning (1/14/08). The consensus of the Publications Committee was that this was the most expedient way to make this valuable information about the Serial Set available, and that we should proceed with August's proposal with Readex as publisher. The REGP expressed some concern about GODORT giving up this project, especially since it was something that originated in REGP. There was some thought that GODORT at least be recognized in the publication, perhaps in a foreword, the introduction, or even on the verso of the title page. Donna volunteered to go back and review the minutes of earlier REGP meetings to see what was said about the book and to report back to REGP Committee members via e-mail. She also said that she would talk with Aimee as soon as Aimee was well again.

The committee discussed options for a tour in Anaheim during the 2008 annual conference, and ranked the ideas presented as follows:

1. Partner with another group (i.e. RBMS) to go to the Huntington Library;
2. Go to the Huntington Library without a partner;
3. Tour the municipal and Disney archives at the Anaheim Public Library.

Transportation costs to the Huntington Library would be borne by tour attendees, although the chair will look into whether sharing the cost of a van or bus and driver is prohibitively expensive.

The chair advised that committee members who post to the wiki should be careful about tone. Committee members advised the chair about the structure of the wiki, including adding a table of contents to the front page and creating password-protected workspace for the subgroups who are working on projects.

The committee sees many practical difficulties in incorporating virtual members into its work. Tasks between conferences tend to be short term and discrete, so virtual members might find themselves with nothing to do at some points. Coordinating the work of virtual members and finding ways to hold them accountable would be a burden for the chair. Virtual discussion on the wiki did not go particularly well since the last conference, but the committee was open to reexamining this issue as circumstances change either in the committee's work or in technology that enables virtual collaboration.

The committee discussed its ongoing project about preservation of U.S. federal documents published between 1932 and 1962. Sarah Erekson and Karen Hogenboom will create a "toolbox" for evaluating the condition of paper materials and post it on the wiki by March 1; Andrew Laas and August Imholz will draft a survey by March 15 for depository libraries listing a selection of titles from Wilcox's two-volume bibliography and asking about each library's holdings and the condition of their holdings. Andrew and August plan to do a pilot study by Midwinter 2009, with the full survey to follow. The end result of the project would be to give individual depository libraries a sense of how unique and how at risk their holdings are, so that they can prioritize titles for preservation. Any digitization projects that result from this information would be listed on GPO's registry of digitization projects rather than on a separate inventory maintained by the committee.

Karen Hogenboom, Crenetha Brunson (SLDTF) and Bob Dowd talked about a potential joint project inventorying efforts to preserve state government documents in electronic format. Committee members suggested checking the Internet Archive and ArchiveIt to see what they are doing in this arena. Karen, Crenetha and Bob will then draft a statement of scope and "job description" for volunteers who would survey the states. Volunteers would be recruited from SLDTF and REGP.

The projects section of the committee's section of the Policies and Procedures Manual needs updating. The Serial Set Subcommittee has finished its work and should be removed; the 1932-62 federal documents project and inventory of state preservation projects (both described above) and the occasional tours sponsored by the committee at conferences should be added.

The meeting was adjourned by general consensus at 12:15.

ACTIONITEMS = None

CORRESPONDENCE = REGP requests that the chair of GODORT write a letter of thanks to James Green, our host for the tour of the Library Company on January 11.

GODORT Federal Documents Task Force
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Independence Room, Philadelphia, PA
Saturday, January 12, 2008
4:00pm-6:00pm
Justin Otto, FDTF Chair
Tim Dodge, FDTF Secretary

PRESENT = Justin Otto, Sarah Gewirtz, Tim Dodge, Kay Ann Cassell, Hui Hua Chua, Tanya Finchum, John Hernandez, Gregory Wool, Grace York

ABSENT = Jeff Bullington, Rod Miller, Ellen Simmons

GUESTS = Ric Davis, Acting Superintendent of Documents, GPO
Valerie Glenn, Government documents Librarian, University of Alabama
Debrah Van Tassel, IMLS Grant Project Manager and Government Publications Librarian, University of Colorado

REPORT = 1. The agenda and meeting minutes for the ALA Annual Conference 2007 (June 23) were approved.

2. Presentations by Guest Speakers:

a. Update from the Government Printing Office (Ric Davis, Acting Superintendent of Documents, GPO)
• Robert B. Tappella has been appointed Public Printer.
• William Kurtz has replaced Kevin O' Toole as Director of Publications and Information Sales.
• Congress will probably appropriate $35 million for GPO's budget; this is $7 million less than needed for new programs and initiatives.
• There is a new FDLP Desktop. It emphasizes user interaction.
• Authentication project: GPO is testing methods of providing a digital signature for Public Laws and Private Laws and hopes to have a plan ready for the next Depository Council meeting.
• The new interface of ILS should be ready in February.
• GPO is seeking comments on the Web harvesting pilot project started in 2006 at the EPA web site.
• The FDL Handbook is replacing the FDL Manual.
• GPO will be seeking public or private sector involvement in accomplishing the digitization of all government documents as proposed by former Public Printer Bruce James.
• GPO received many comments on the 2006 draft guidelines for shared regional depository libraries. There are conflicting opinions on whether shared regionals are constitutional. GPO is hoping for eventual support from the Joint Committee on Printing for this concept.
• Judy Russell got the free access to PACER project started with 17 libraries participating; seeks expansion.
• "Handles" will replace PURLs as persistent identifiers. Beta testing successful. Need to transfer 80,000 PURLs to Handles.
• Outreach efforts have been hobbled due to uncertain funding caused by the use of continuing

resolutions to fund federal agencies. GPO is still making efforts via online training, expanding partnerships, and with public access assessments.

b. ASERL Collaborative Documents Program (Valerie Glenn,
Government Documents Librarian, University of Alabama)
• ASERL (Association of South Eastern Research Libraries) Board of Directors authorized a steering committee to explore options for cooperation and shared collection development of government documents.
• Currently the project is focussed on assessing the collections and services and identifying centers of excellence at the 11 regional depositories located in the 10 states comprising ASERL.
 See http://www.aserl.org/ and click on "Collaborative Fedl Depositories" link for more information.

c. Government Information in the 21st. Century, IMLS Project (Debra   Van Tassel, IMLS Grant Project Manager and Government
Publications Librarian, University of Colorado)
• IMLS grant application written to establish a train the trainer program on locating and using electronic government information to address general lack of awareness and lack of confidence in electronic government information sources.
• Accomplishments: trained 48 government information professionals in five states to expand the base of electronic experts. Currently 218 library employees have attended training workshops. Goal is to have over 600 library employees trained by September when grant funding runs out.
• Ultimate goal is to have a new model from training in electronic government information that can be adopted on a national level.

3. Committee Liaison Reports and Announcements

• Legislative Committee. Kay Cassell reported committee is working on two resolutions: one concerns full funding for FDsys and the other concerns ALA's support for membership of tribal colleges in the FDLP.
• Program Committee. John Hernandez reported on plans for two pre-conferences to take place in Anaheim, Calif. This summer (see Old Business below for more information).
• GITCO. Grace York noted some potential problems with GPO's digitization priorities and concern over commercial products versus GPO's products. She is seeking volunteers to form a subcommittee on data librarianship.

4. Old Business

a. Anaheim June 26, 2008 Pre-Conference Programs. John Hernandez.
Will focus on elections resources. Title: "Got Elections? Informing the Public." Four basic units on voter information, candidate information, information on issues and public opinion sources, and ballot initiatives, and on election results.

b. Update on FDTF virtual membership proposal. Sarah Gewirtz.

More investigation is needed. Twelve volunteers are needed to test the concept out. John Stevenson noted ALA's requirement for a quorum and inquired about voting eligibility for virtual members. Valerie Glenn suggested using the GODORT listserv to solicit the 12 volunteers needed before using the GOVDOC-L listserv.

5. New Business

a. Letter concerning new Superintendent of Documents. Justin Otto.
After seeking input from GODORT, including FDTF, ALA sent a letter on January 2 to Robert Tapella, the new Public Printer, on expectations for the position of Superintendent of Documents.

b. Barbara Miller reported the IDTF plans to form a study group on how to incorporate NGO's into IDTF. Is seeking support of other GODORT task forces (SLDTF and FDTF) for this project.

c. Budget of the United States. Grace York expressed thanks to GPO for making a print copy available when the Office of Management and Budget would not.

d. New GPO building. Acting Superintendents of Documents Ric Davis said there was no action taking place on the possible construction of a new building for GPO. More research is necessary.

ACTIONITEMS = FDTF did not have any action items

CORRESPONDENCE = FDTF did not have any requests for official correspondence

GODORT International Documents Taskforce
January 12, 2008
8:00 - 10:00 am
Marcy Allen, IDTF Coordinator
David Oldenkamp, IDTF Secretary

PRESENT = Marcy Allen (IDTF Coordinator), David Oldenkamp (IDTF Secretary) Susan White, Jim Church, Grace-Ellen McCrann, Chuck Malone, August Imholtz (Readex), Linda Johnson, Jennie Gerke, Brett Cloyd, David Griffith, Amy West, Helen Sheehy, Kyia Clardy (Lexis Nexis), Lynne Stuart, James Jacobs, Kris Kasianovitz, Gordon Grahame (Renouf), Peter Faiz (UN Publications), Bruce Samuelson (Bernan), Annelise Sklar, Lora Amsberryangier, Catherine Morse, Elizabeth Margutti, Louis, Takacs, Chelse Dinsmore, Marilyn VonSeggern, Valentina Kalk (World Bank), and Mina Beth Pease.

ABSENT =

GUESTS =

REPORT = Minutes

Marcy Allen called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

I. Welcome & Introductions

II. Agenda

With a few changes in the order of activities, the agenda was approved.

III. Minutes from 2008 ALA Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

Minutes were approved as presented. For the text, see:
 http://www.ala.org/ala/godort/godortminutes/index.htm.

IV. Reports from the Committee Liaisons

• Agency Liaison Program (White): Susan Bennett White thanked the contributors to the latest round of reports (see:
http://www.ala.org/ala/godort/taskforces/internationaldocuments/liaisonreports.htm for the latest reports). She put the call out for more volunteers to contribute to future Agency Liaison Reports.

• Cataloging Committee (Malone): Chuck Malone mentioned that the Cataloging Committee is getting an update from GPO.   The Committee will be discussing the work being done on RDA (Resource Description and Access).

• Education Committee (Church): The Committee is working on a defining a set of

competencies for government information specialists. Brett Cloyd mentioned that a subgroup of Education is working on these competencies, and it was asked if this group was going to be involved with competencies for international documents. It is a possibility that the group would address international competencies.

• GITCO (Amsberryaugier): Lora mentioned that GITCO will be discussing the E-Competencies project, along with the other items on their agenda.

• Legislation (McCrann): Grace-Ellen mentioned that the Legislation Committee is working on getting tribal colleges to become depository libraries. The group is also pushing Congress to allocate full funding for GPO, particularly as the GPO web harvesting project is finding large amounts of refugee documents and GPO does not have the resources to keep up with all of the extra cataloging. The Legislation Committee is also discussing FOIA and the Presidential Records Act.

• Program Committee (Allen for Coppola): While Elaine Coppola couldn't attend the meeting, Marcy reported on the Program Committee. The Committee is looking for items for the 2009 Annual Conference (Chicago), and those with ideas should get in touch with Elaine. In addition, the Program Committee is working with the pre-conference chairs to finalize plans for the following pre-conferences in Anaheim:
o Focusing on the Big Picture: Political Information Your Users Will Want this Election Year
o Going Local: Statistical Resources for Businesses
o Docs 2.0: Emerging Web Technologies

• Publications (Jacobs and Church): The Occasional Paper Series project has been approved, and those interested in publishing something in the series should contact Marcy Allen, Jim Church, Barb Mann, or Barb Miller. This series will provide us with another outlet for publishing.

• Rare and Endangered (Morse): Catherine Morse reported that the Committee is discussing the digitization of rare and endangered documents, and they are also looking at the archiving of state and online publications.

• IFLA (Allen for Druery): With Jackie Druery not able to attend Midwinter, Marcy Allen spoke about the 2007 IFLA Conference which was held in Durban, South Africa last August. The GIOPS group put on a well-attended program. We are looking for someone to serve as the GODORT representative for future IFLA conferences. Get in contact with Jackie or Marcy if you would like to do this. This year, conference is in Quebec, then Milan (09), and then Brisbane (10). Since there are limited hotels available in Quebec, book early if you are planning to attend. Jennefer Nicholson is the new (starting in September 2008) Secretary General of IFLA.

V. Reports/Announcements from Vendors/Agencies:

• Readex is offering the full-text of the second section of the FBIS reports. Stop by their booth

and you can setup at trial.

• The World Bank is offering a few new products. The first is GEM: The Global Economic Monitor, which now works with IP Authentication. The African Development Indicators Online is coming soon, as is all 30 years of World Development Reports on DVDROM (and possibly online). They are also starting an EIU-like country reports publication series, and the first country available will be Nigeria.

• Bernan: has launched a product called My Government Online, which is geared towards more of a K-12 and public library audience. Bernan is interested in getting feedback from academics on the product and its possible adaptations to the academic market.

• UN Publications: The UN is moving more and more towards an electronic publishing platform. They have been digitizing titles, and are selling these digital (.pdf format) titles at a 25% discount. They are working on developing a better online platform for their publications. They would appreciate comments and feedback, particularly on the new website.
o The UN's move to "e-publishing" prompted several discussion points, particularly, how this move impact depository libraries. What will be sold, what will be sent on deposit, and will the e-platform be access-only or will libraries actually own the e-copies? This last point was addressed, so purchased e-texts will be owned by the purchasing library.
o It was noted that depository libraries should receive special consideration in this new model.

• Renouf provided an update on their continuing efforts to provide their customers with a wide variety of IGO and NGO titles from a diverse set of publishers, groups, organizations, and agencies.

• LexisNexis provided an update for their new statistical product. This new statistics module can be purchased as a standalone or as a Statistical plugin.

VI. Old Business:

IDTF Website Redesign: Amy West, our fearless web coordinator, mentioned that it is time to do a bit of evaluation of the IDTF website. Questions to be addressed are: should we pare it down? Beef it up? Maintain all of it, some of it, etc…? There needs to be a small group to take a look at this. Also, they will look at what is on the Wiki versus what is on the website, and provide recommendations as to what should go where. Brett Cloyd, Chelsey Dinsmore, James Jacobs, and Chuck Malone volunteered to work with Amy on this.

IDTF Program at Annual: As we have decided to keep our business meeting at Midwinter and use our time at Annual, it is time to work on putting things together for this upcoming Annual in Anaheim. Brett Cloyd has agreed to coordinate this, which will be a sixty to – seventy-five minute program, so we need to pull together several 15 min presentations. Contact Brett with your ideas by February 1st.

Publishing Policies and Practices on our Wiki: David Griffiths mentioned that there are

currently only a few IGOs that are profiled on our Wiki, and the IDTF community needs to work together to contribute more content to the Wiki. We should ask agency liaisons to put their content into the Wiki, using the provided template. This work can be accomplished between conferences, and the information can easily be placed online. There has been a few problems with getting accounts setup for the Wiki, so if you are having difficulties in this area, contact James Jacobs and he will get you setup with an account.

Cataloging: Chuck Malone mentioned that we are supposed to be working on helping the GODORT Cataloging Committee update the Catalogers Toolbox.

VII. New Business

If you are interested in becoming the new IFLA Representative, contact Jackie Druery or Marcy Allen.

NGOs: Jim Church mentioned that, while our focus on IGOs is critical, it is also critical that we spend time collecting NGO publications. People are seeking and using NGO documentation, and we need to provide the leadership in this area. There are thoughts of creating a new group to deal with NGOs, or perhaps a subgroup of the IDTF to focus on NGOs. Acquisition and preservation of the material is critical. There are some projects in existence that are possibilities: LOCSS, ArchiveIT, and the forthcoming NGO Search Engine.

David Griffiths moved that the IDTF form a working group whose charge is to explore the possibility of broadening the mission of the IDTF to include NGOs. This group will be called the Working Group on NGOs. The motion was seconded by Helen Sheehy, and the motion passed on a voice vote.

Items from the Floor:

Marcy mentioned that we should all take the membership survey.

Adjournment of Meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

ACTIONITEMS =

CORRESPONDENCE =

GODORT State and Local Documents Task Force
Philadelphia Convention Center 202A
Saturday, January 12, 2008
1:30 pm-3:30 pm
Crenetha S. Brunson, chair

I.   Welcome, Thanks and Introduction
II. Attendance Sheet
III. Introduction of Members: All introduced themselves
IV. Adoption of the Agenda - Diane Cambell moved, Paul Arrigo seconded
V.   Approval of the Minutes from Annual Conference 2007 – moved by Barbara and Yvonne
     seconded
VI. Introduction of Liaisons (Wayne Strickland)
VII. Liaison Reports
     a. Reports from the committees that have met:
         i.   Legislation (Olga Dee Word) - no report
         ii. Membership (Tanya Finchum) – They will be meeting on Mon.
         iii. Program (Mark C. Scott) – Met yesterday and talked about program
              presenting in Anaheim. The State and Local TF is leading the program
              "Going Local: State and Local Statistics" Paul is the contact person. There
              are 2 more pre-conference programs. Second meeting will be on Chicago
              2009 proposals. Will meet Mon at 8.
     b. Reports from committees that have not met:
         i.   Cataloging (Rich Gause) – Will meeting at 10:30. Nothing tied directly to
              task force.
         ii. Education (Carol Spector) – Meeting tomorrow at 1:30. Working on
              competencies for gov specialists, handout exchange maintenance, 21st
              century grant continuing.
         iii. GITCO (Wayne Stickland) – Meeting tomorrow 1-3:30. GPO, FDSYS
         iv. Publications (Rebecca Blakely) – Meeting tomorrow 8-10pm
         v.   Rare and Endangered Government Publications (Robert Dowd) – Meet
              tomorrow at 10:30. Digital state docs published for from 1932-61.
VIII. Old Business
     a. Center for Research Library (CRL) Comprehensive State Documents project (Pat
         Finney) – State Docs project is. Has 1950 Blue books copies available. If
         interested contact Pat, otherwise she will let them go. Cataloging as a whole very
         unlikely, focusing on digitization instead. Can fill requests for materials.
     b. Web Page report/migrate to Collage (Kristine Kasianovitz) – Will switch from
         Active Matter to Collage. Not making a lot of changes to web site, trying to move

projects to wiki off site. Official business materials on the web site. Jennie Gerke will be taking over as web master. Kudos from for Kris for the work she has done!

c. Databases produced by the 50 states wiki update (Kris) – Encourage all to look at the database and make contributions. Daniel Cornwall (who heads up this project) set up a blog called "State Database of the Week" that you can look at or subscribe to via RSS.

d. Review survey of state depository libraries (Paul Arrigo) Got a 20% response rate of the State Libraries. Problem is that respondents don't represent exactly the universe of state depositories. Option 1: Run with data as is. Option 2: Send out again. Option 3: Target groups and fix the data to get numbers to match. Discussion: Most stating that leave the data as is, therefore option 1.

The Committee of Eight didn't respond to survey and the problem is that since we don't work with them most of time it doesn't get response. The Committee of 8 is a small group that take care of and gather data for those states. Request to reexamine the committee.

* Went over the data in parts. Recommends that we form a strategic planning committee that will, with results of survey, create new programs and iniatives that are responsive to our users.

Comment on data: You may get different responses depending on the state you are working from. How do you work out the problem of dealing with these different groups responses to find out exactly what is needed? Barbara Miller, Marilyn Yon Seegern, Rebecca Blakeley, Richard, Paul Arrigo (chairing) are forming this group.

Request that the committee come back with action items that we can discuss as a task force. Should help from chair to chair to keep continuity in focus.

e. Planning for future programs based on survey results (Paul Arrigo and Mark Scott)

- Look at the top 5 on the list and see what can do with and respond to. (Paul)

IX. New Business

a. Digital State government publications – GODORT project REGP and SLDTF (Robert Dowd, Karen Hogenbook and Crenetha S. Brunson)

i. Karen- Would like to create a state list of what people are doing born digital preservation/capture in each state. (Not like AALL plan) Would need to be more articulate about project.

ii. Comments: Would like to have contact person for each project. On main web page of site have born digital projects page, suggestion to move to wiki and doing the work there.

iii. The votes are for going for it.

iv. How to do it?

1. Go out on listserv to get reps from states?
2. Small group meeting that develop the parameters for the summer meeting.
3. There is a state and local document roundup article that has a template for how this goes
4. Keep in mind the copyright issues of the state.
5. Keep the template simple, lead up to more detail.
   v. Side discussion on Committee of Eight. Should it be saved or let go?
      - No decision at this time, this discussion will be revisited later.
b. Planning for 2007 GODORT Program (Paul)
   Task Force is trying to get a co-sponsor (even if in name only). Have three speakers-Southern CA Association of Governors, State of CA labor market association, Business Services Librarian. Will have handouts in by May so handouts will be up before conference. Diane Campbell and Paul are working on web page with various resources for people to use after the meeting.
   - May work on creating CSE for the sources. Maybe this is something to keep this up as an idea for the future.
   - Consideration for future: Conduct short programs at the meetings.
c. State and Local NGO's – What are they; Who is collecting; How can we better incorporate into our collection. (Jim Church)
   Showed his stats from his site, showing the increasing popularity of the NGO page. Talking about the various NGOs and providing access to this material, such as digital and print access to the materials from these groups.
   Comments: Thinking about the think tanks, policy groups, etc. on the local/state level that analyze the groups that work in this areas. (Kris) Another big area on these works are health/crisis situations and might be where the first information comes in. Should we be creating a place for linking to this material on state and local front. Concerns about instructing on these groups and how to look at them critically. The quasi/non-quasi government issue of the problem (for example the consultative status of NGOs at UN). Concern that we still don't know what we are doing with state docs, then NGOs. Suggestion that STDF express interest and then pass information from IGO
   Barbara: Move that SDTF: That STDF support IDTF's plan to investigate making NGO's part of GODORT. Second: Richard.
   Passed unananimously.
d. BRASS publisher's forum tomorrow at 8 Monday morning have publishers talking about their products and leave time for discussion.
e. Yvonne-nominating still need volunteers.
f. Email chair with program ideas and discussion points for the summer meeting.

X. State and Local Documents Task Forces Wiki training (Kris and James)

     a. Kris and James demonstrated how to add materials to the wiki, letting people play around in the sandbox. If you would like to see the handouts and play around in the sandbox, check out this page: http://wikis.ala.org/godort/index.php/State_%26_Local_Documents.

XI. Adjourn