

2012 midwinter minutes

## **1. Introductions**

Present: Jesse Silva (Chair), Lori Driver, Lynda Kellam, Frank Lester, Barbara Morgan, Lucia Orlando, Alex Simons, Marilyn Von Seggern (Recorder), Stephen Woods

## **2. Update on Godort's e-Learning Pilot Project**

A GODORT working group established last year to see if an e-learning project was feasible received 7-8 proposals for e-learning software. They picked one to trial this spring for a webinar that will run 1 to 1 ½ hours. In the future it may bring in revenue for GODORT. The Education Committee will be involved if the trial is successful and the project continues.

## **3. Who is attending midwinter? Liaison Reports and “Ed Comm action needed” process with EdComm being virtual at midwinter.**

Jesse Silva and Frank Lester will be at the Midwinter Meeting in Dallas next week. Between them they will try to attend the task force meetings and others that relate to the Education Committee. Jesse will attend the ALA Education Assembly and (which other one?). How to deal with liaison positions and reports needs to be worked out as GODORT committees go virtual.

## **4. Ed Comm Bylaws or PPM changes in terms of the GODORT Strategic Plan?** Strategic Plan

available: [http://wikis.ala.org/godort/images/f/fd/GodortStrategicPlan\\_Final.doc](http://wikis.ala.org/godort/images/f/fd/GodortStrategicPlan_Final.doc) Current bylaws available on page 9 of this pdf:[http://wikis.ala.org/godort/images/5/5b/Bylaws\\_20090518.pdf](http://wikis.ala.org/godort/images/5/5b/Bylaws_20090518.pdf) PPM: [http://wikis.ala.org/godort/images/e/ee/Chapter17\\_EducationCommittee.pdf](http://wikis.ala.org/godort/images/e/ee/Chapter17_EducationCommittee.pdf)

Stephen mentioned that the GODORT Strategic Plan, Bylaws, and PPM were difficult to find on the GODORT wiki; Jesse will mention this to the Steering Committee. Jesse feels the need for a stronger emphasis on virtual membership for the Education Committee in the PPM and Bylaws. Again, liaison positions need to be discussed in the new

virtual environment. Perhaps the positions aren't needed or can shift to another format. Lucia suggested that instead of liaisons we have 'checkers' who check with the chair of other groups and look at meeting minutes to watch for items of interest and concern to the Education Committee. The Strategic Plan will be sent to Education Committee members as an attachment for easier access.

#### **5. Request to further review federal government documents librarian competencies**

**document. Volunteers?** [http://wikis.ala.org/godort/images/a/af/Federal\\_gov\\_competencies.pdf](http://wikis.ala.org/godort/images/a/af/Federal_gov_competencies.pdf) Jesse had been contacted by Nancy Bolt, Project Co-director for Library Support Staff Certification (LSSC) Program. She asked if the competencies document included paraprofessionals, especially along the lines of competencies for e-government services. Jesse asked if the committee wanted to review the Education Committee document, *U.S. Federal Government Information Competencies for Beginning Government Information and General Reference Librarians* and add new material for this purpose. There was interest in this initiative and the following members agreed to work on it: Lucia, Stephen, Alex, Frank, Lori, and Jesse. Jesse will mention this project at the Midwinter Meeting and check with IDTF and SLDTF to suggest that competencies done by those groups include support staff, too.

#### **6. Program/Discussion ideas for Ed Comm meeting at Annual.**

There was general enthusiasm for the traditional continuing education hour before the Education Committee business meeting at the Annual Conference. The following ideas were proposed: talk about competencies using the new document, data management and government entities, the online education pilot (or this could be discussed during the business meeting portion), design of webinars, the Serial Set, American Factfinder changes, data sets and coping with the demise of the Statistical Abstract. After discussion we decided to focus on data management and government agencies. The Association of Public Data Users (APDU) has good webinars on related topics. We will review the webinars on their website and get some ideas on agencies that are involved. Frank will investigate which

agencies have offices in the L.A. area and would be potential speakers.

**7. Ed Comm Issues to bring up at Midwinter with GODORT Steering**  
Jesse will describe the revision of the competency document. He will mention this virtual meeting and how it went. Members agreed that, though there might be software that would provide more options for online meetings, virtual meetings were much better than traveling to Dallas. It was also agreed that it would be good to have another virtual meeting before the Annual Conference in Anaheim in June.

Stephen moved to adjourn the meeting and Lori seconded. All agreed.