Minutes of the GODORT Publication Committee Meeting
January 25, 2003, 3-5:30 p.m.
Mid-Winter Meeting
Philadelphia, PA
Bill Sleeman, Chair

Present: Duncan Aldrich (Chair-Elect); Anthony Anderson; Angel Batiste; Tim Byrne; Debora Cheney; Megan Dreger; Christof Galli; Margaret Jobe; Anne Liebst; John Shuler; Bill Sleeman (Chair); Susan Tullis.

Meeting called to order at 2:10.
Agenda approved.
D. Aldrich agreed to take notes.
Minutes from Annual in Atlanta approved.

REPORTS

Chair: B. Sleeman: Recollections from the 20th anniversary of GODORT have been scanned and are available from the Publications portion of the GODORT Internet site. Chair has begun the process of preparing the GODORT history to be mailed to library school libraries in North America, anticipate completing the mailing by Annual (if all goes well). Much of the Chair’s time has been focused on the process of recruiting candidates for Editor of DttP.

Chair Elect: D. Aldrich: Nothing to report

GODORT Web Administrator: C. Galli: Working on review of the site so all pages conform to design standards. Several committees have moved their page to the Sunsite. Chair asked if REGP had moved yet. Galli indicates that it has.

Notable Documents Chair: M. Jobe: Reported that the project for this year is progressing. Additional nominations are needed for international and state/local documents. Jobe reminded the Chair that a new Chair for Notable Documents is needed by Annual.

DttP: Editor John Shuler: The next issue of DttP will be a double issue. Several production challenges led to the decision to combine the issues. Shuler explained that the problems of Divine/FAXXON have contributed to a loss of income from those subscribers who use that jobber. He has been working diligently on resolving this but it has taken up a great deal of time. When his term as Editor ends at the next Annual meeting Shuler offered to continue to work on resolving this challenge. Shuler indicated that at the close of this volume year we would have resolved all of the outstanding debts owed to advertisers from the “missed” issues period. The start of the new volume year should see the publication generating some income from advertising. Shuler speculated that this might not be very much though and it might be wiser for GODORT to think of DttP as a revenue neutral item rather than an income-generating tool. Tim
Byrne asked if the budget line for DttP should be zeroed out? Shuler thought that this would be appropriate. Sleeman informed Shuler that at the First Steering meeting a representative of ALA’s Washington Office offered to assist GODOT with managing the financial side of publication. Could ALA assist with the FAXXON issue? Shuler explained that he had spoken with Pat May and that their assistance (ALA) was mostly limited to depositing checks. A detailed discussion of the staffing needs of DttP followed. The Chair thanked John Shuler for doing such a wonderful job in getting DttP to this point.

Task Force Reports: All three task force representatives were present. There were no reports as none of the groups had met.

Old Business: GODORT History – being prepared for mailing to library school libraries in North America. Occasional Papers series – report prepared by Suzanne Ebanues was discussed. Shuler asked if these might be published in the same manner as the ACRL publications? Some discussion of perhaps perusing this as an ALA publication. Question raised by Cheney if this publication series would conflict with DttP even if not intended to? Occasional Papers would offer newer professional an opportunity to publish was offered as a reason to pursue this. Could they not use DttP was the counter to this. Sleeman asked if there was a comprehensive plan for putting GODORT publications on the Internet? If not, proposed that the report be tabled until a vision for how GODORT will disseminate information on the web site was developed. Committee agreed to this. Sleeman and Galli will work on this plan. Suzanne Ebanues and her group will be asked to participate.

Publications: Citing Government Documents (Cheney). It has been published. Cheney has not received a payment yet. When she does GODORT will begin to see some revenue from this.

GODORT Directory (Tulis): Near completion. Hopes to see page proofs by the end of Mid-Winter.

New Business: Discussed John Shuler’s report on DttP. Agreed to endorse the first recommendation that the final issues of the next two volumes be published as a joint issue. This will save GODORT approximately three to five thousand dollars per volume year. Other bullet items were discussed at length but not acted on. Sleeman has been in touch with ALA Editions about turning the Digitization Report (prepared by the Ad-Hoc Committee chaired by Cathy Hartman) into an ALA publication. Both Hartman and Luke Griffin (who also worked on the report) have indicated an interest in assisting with any updating that would be required. No other new business.

Meeting recessed at 3:20.

4:30 – 5:30: Publications Committee reconvened in a closed session to meet with the candidate for DttP Editor. The interview process elicited a forthright exchange of ideas and information. At the conclusion the Publications Committee agreed to recommend the candidate to GODORT Steering at Second Steering on Tuesday.