ALA/GODORT Publications Committee Meeting
ALA Annual Conference
2:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Friday, June 24, 2005
Chicago Hilton and Towers, Lake Michigan room

Members Present: Sherry DeDecker (Chair), Barb Mann (recorder), Linda Johnson, Lesley Pease, Brett Cloyd, Ann Miller, Andrea Sevetson, Brian Rossmann, James Jacobs
Guests: Paul Arrigo, Joe Fitzanko, Helen Sheehy, Julie Linden, Susan Tulis, Aimee Piscatelli Quinn, Dan Barkley, Bill Sudduth

Notable Documents Report (Linda Johnson)
Notable documents appeared in the May 15 Library Journal. The panel recommended changes to the PPM, stressing documents that reflect the mission of the agency, as well as including more information, especially if available in electronic format. The panel asked that Publications recommend the inclusion/exclusion of databases from the criteria.
Ann asked suggested that databases be extended to web sites or mixed media. Helen suggested using the term “electronic resources” to encompass all.
Publications approved the PPM changes.

Action: Sherry will forward recommendations to Lesley after annual.
Linda will send thank you letters to all who submitted nominations. She also sent a congratulatory letter & a copy of the LJ article to every agency that had a winning document.

Treasurer Report (Ann Miller)
GODORT has received $530 in royalties this year, from the Directory and citation guide. Advertising revenue for 2004 for DttP was $12,120.75, with $1139.50 outstanding. Advertising as of 4/30/05: $6043. There is an increase in the processing costs; previously $200 was budgeted, it is now $850 ($4.50 per subscription).
Sherry asked where in the budget electronic access to DttP will appear. It will be included in the DttP billing from ALA Production services.

DttP Report (Andrea Sevetson)
Subscriptions are down to 240 as of May, from 301 in 2004; expected to increase through the year, as only 1 cancellation so far.
The committee discussed electronic access to DttP; soon-to-be free access from Stanford from v. 1-28; online access for subscribers only through ALA from v.31 to present. Andrea will check with ALA to see how access is restricted; can we restrict to GODORT members? If so, how do we offer access to our 300 subscribers who are not members of GODORT? [Note: In the DttP Staff Meeting Saturday we determined that Stanford will post volumes 1-30, as ALA Production Services does not have the electronic files. Angie Hanshaw (ALA Production Services) also told us that access to publications on the ALA site was limited to GODORT members only.]
The committee discussed whether to allow free access to all issues (or sections of them), also whether to offer subscribers option of e-only DttP. Would we lose our 300 non-GODORT subscribers? If so, it would mean a loss of $10,500 a year. Would a freely accessible DttP remain an attractive venue for authors? How would we price an e-only subscription?
Action: Barb Mann, Aimee Quinn, Dan Barkley, and Andrea Sevetson will explore issues involving electronic DttP and report back to Publications at midwinter 2006. They will look into
the open access model for journals. In the interim, GODORT members have access to both print and electronic versions. Angie (ALA Productions) is following up on how we can offer electronic access to subscribers who are not GODORT members.

**Web Administrator Report** (Lesley Pease)

PPM chapter links have been changed from numbers to names. The old PPM will be removed from the site and archived. Sunsite will not support blogging, so Lesley is linking to current news blogs. Lesley will strip out contact information from old directories.

The GODORT site has recently been indexed, updated every Friday. Sunsite has updated security on their site, supporting secure FTP. The committee discussed whether to explore other options for hosting the GODORT site. Move to ALA? Some other site?

**Action:** Lesley will discuss moving the GODORT page with web administrators group. The committee should send comments on the site to Lesley, especially as to using committee names instead of numbers for the navigational links at the end of each chapter.

**New Business**

1. **Job posting for DttP editor**

   Barb submitted a draft job posting for the position, which will become vacant with issue 3, 2006. New editor should be in place by end of midwinter 2006.

   The committee discussed increasing the stipend for editor from $500/year to $750. It was noted that the stipend amount is not in the PPM.

   **Action:** Sherry will bring copies of the ad to the GODORT Membership Meeting, and post to govdoc-l. Sherry will bring the stipend increase recommendation to the Membership meeting for vote. Sherry will add the stipend amount to the PPM.

2. **Editorial responsibilities for DttP advertisers**

   Barb suggested that we explore whether the DttP editor should edit content of advertisements. Instead of that, Publications decided to add a sentence on the Advertising Rates page stating that ads will adhere to ethically accepted practices.

3. **Publication proposals**

   a. **U.S. Congressional Serial Set (Aimee Quinn and Donna Koepp)**

      Committee made recommendations; Aimee will bring a full proposal to Publications at midwinter 2006. Projected publication is end of 2007.


      (Andrea Morrison and Linda Kopecky)

      This book will be loosely based upon Diane Smith’s *Management of government information resources in libraries,* but is not a second edition. Projected publication date is end of 2006.

      The committee voted to approve publication under auspices of ALA/GODORT.

   **Action:** Sherry will bring recommendation to second Steering.

   c. **Local Municipality Government Documents Series (Paul Arrigo)**

      The committee made recommendations; no timeline for publication, possibly as e-only. This may be an occasional papers series. We discussed the options of web vs. print publication.
Paul will survey state associations, etc., and bring a business plan to Publications at midwinter 2006.

4. Aimee announced that Nancy Pearl has included government documents in her book More Book Lust.

The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.