GODORT Publications Committee Virtual Meeting
October 15, 2015
3:00-3:45 PM Eastern

Attending: Mike Smith, Shari Laster, Robbie Sittel, Sinai Wood, Mark Anderson, Karen Hogenboom, Valerie Glenn

After introductions, minutes from the August 4 and September 15, 2015 meetings were approved.

Updates:

a. DttP - no update
b. Notable Documents - Mark is still looking for two volunteers on the panel. Submissions are starting to be received; he will send another call after the upcoming Federal Depository Library Council meeting and conference. Mark also shared an approach he’s used in previous years to identify candidates for nomination.
c. Occasional Papers -

Continued discussion about making DttP an e-only publication:

After the last committee meeting and discussion about DttP, Elizabeth and Valerie have had more communication with ALA Publishing about moving to OJS (Open Journal Solutions). Valerie shared a draft proposal that outlines everything we currently know about OJS, including costs, advertising, metrics, and ability to limit access.

Mike suggested including a note about the total savings we’d see by moving to OJS (based on issues from Fall 2014, Winter 2014, and Spring 2015, total savings would be $9178.97). It was noted that advertising could impact this - last year’s advertising gross was $11,800, so depending on how our advertisers react to a move, we might not save as much.

There are still questions about ability to embargo issues, and how subscribers would be able to access those issues. There are also additional questions about how the digital advertising would work. All agreed that our advertisers should be contacted about this before sending a proposal to Steering.

Other issues raised: if it’s decided to move to OJS, how soon to let subscribers know - especially if a change in format is made in the middle of an issue? What about those libraries who currently receive the print - how would they be notified? Would a move to OJS impact the cost of the subscription?