Chapter 10: GODORT Councilor

I. Role

The GODORT Councilor is responsible for representing the Round Table at all ALA Council Meetings.

The Councilor is elected by the GODORT membership. The term of office is specified in the ALA Bylaws, Article IV, Section 3. (http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/constitution/bylaws)

II. Major Responsibilities

A. The GODORT Councilor sponsors or introduces resolutions that have been approved in principle by the membership at the GODORT Membership meeting. When this is not possible, the Councilor will use his/her best judgment and knowledge of past GODORT resolutions and positions in representing GODORT.

B. The Councilor also sponsors resolutions as requested by the Steering Committee. Prior to the Annual Conference the Councilor will canvass the Steering Committee, via ALA Connect, about any pending resolutions that the Steering Committee wishes to put forward pertaining to government information policy.

III. Specific Functions

The specific functions of the GODORT Councilor will include, but are not limited to:

A. Representing the interests of GODORT on the ALA Council.
B. Communicating regularly with all units of GODORT in preparing resolutions for the ALA Council.
C. Serving, ex-officio, on the GODORT Legislation Committee.
D. Serving on the GODORT Steering and Executive Committees.
E. Introducing GODORT-approved resolutions to ALA Council.
F. Reporting on the Councilor’s activities at the Steering Committee and the GODORT Membership Meeting.
G. Providing the membership and Steering, two weeks prior to each ALA meeting and conference, a brief analysis of all upcoming ALA Council activity that may affect government information policy and/ or other issues of interest to GODORT as identified by the Councilor.
H. Writing a Councilor’s report for distribution via GODORT communication channels such as ALA Connect, DittoP, and the GODORT web presence. This report will include a summary of the votes cast by the Councilor and any other action taken by the Councilor that will affect the Round Table.
I. Communication within GODORT
1. Uses the communication tool employed by the Steering Committee.
2. Submits all content changes for the GODORT website to the Technology Committee for posting, upon the direction of the Steering Committee.