

# GODORT Cataloging Committee 2010 MW Minutes

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## **GODORT Cataloging Committee**

Westin Copley Place (COP) - Empire

Sunday, January 17, 2010, 10:30 a.m.– 12:00

Chair and Recorder: Greg Wool

The GODORT Cataloging Committee met on Sunday, January 17, 2010 in the Empire Room of the Westin Copley Place Hotel. There were 18 in attendance.

The chair made brief announcements of the need for project ideas for the GODORT Emerging Leader intern and the upcoming vote on the GODORT budget and strategic plan at the Membership Meeting.

Rich Gause and Gregory Wool, respectively, reported on the meetings of the State and Local Documents Task Force and the Federal Documents Task Force. The liaison from the International Documents Task Force was not present.

Laurie Hall (U.S. Government Printing Office) reported on: (1) the PURL infrastructure and its upcoming kickoff meeting for new development; (2) the coming upgrade of the pre-1976 GPO shelflist; work on the test sample which began Jan. 4, starting with the Y3's; (3) several library positions currently being advertised; (4) the recent summer intern program; (5) the Cataloging Record Distribution Pilot which has 32 participating libraries comprising a good cross section and will provide records from October 2007 onward. She also reported on the proposed provider-neutral record, which is being held back by a lack of historic URL's; a draft change is being proposed, and comments can be sent to Jennifer Davis. PURL redirection policy is being changed to facilitate cataloging directly from the archived copy. Only a few PURLs (mostly for big databases) lack archived copy. Comments are requested by Feb. 12. Field 856 will be available only in full MARC view; ongoing rerouting of links is a concern.

Susan Pinckard, CC:DA liaison, reported on the Saturday session, which featured a report from the Library of Congress. There was a huge backlog in the Copyright Office which took 38 people from other units to wind down. LC cataloging rule interpretations (LCRI) are being re-examined and 125 have been identified for carry-over to the RDA environment. Statistics for the year just ended include ca. 170,000 titles cataloged (fewer than the previous year), 112,000 name authority records created, and 125,000 sheet maps of Africa cataloged. Ms. Pinckard also reported that LC is doing early testing of RDA, that CC:DA expects that a large part of RDA use will be based on cataloger's judgment, and that a large number of rule decisions are being postponed.

Comments on the Ithaka report included one that the report's five recommendations represent nothing new, and another that the report includes language that emphasizes the importance of cataloging, and that the committee should draft a response.

John Stevenson reported on the ongoing development of the ALA wiki, noting its clear advantages for continuous updating and its drawbacks regarding display. He is trying to recruit a new web administrator to begin after Annual Conference.

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