DRAFT MINUTES

Midwinter Conference
January 23 – 28, 2009
Denver, CO
II. Adoption of the Agenda
Accepted as drafted.

III. Approval of minutes from the 2008 Annual Meeting, incl. monthly reflector minutes approved as drafted.

IV. Announcements

Larry Romans, representative on ALA’s Executive Board, highlighted selected issues that ALA is working on during this conference:
• How the recession is affecting ALA membership and budgets, including the effect on the ALA general funds. Advocating in a Tough Economy Toolkit has been developed. ALA is requesting that libraries receive funds from the Federal stimulus package.
• New ALA web pages. These are up and GODORT pages continue to migrate.
• Electronic participation (i.e., virtual committees, virtual conference participation, access to email lists, etc.) is being discussed.
• New Federal law about consumer products appears to cover lead in books, and library childrens’ collections may be directly affected. The Consumer Product Safety Commission is the agency responsible for this law’s implementation.
• Google settlement. Initial review indicates that the agreement may do more to satisfy publishers than libraries. Libraries may receive one free terminal to dedicate to Google Books.

The following were distributed:
• Attendance sheets
• Bin #
• Photocopy number

Deadlines:
• Summary from committee or task force to Secretary by Sunday at 6pm.
• DttP deadline 1/27 to Bill Sleeman, Past-Chair, with Subject line: Midwinter Summary
The conference Happy Hour location was provided. Everyone was encouraged to bring new people, potential future GODORT members, to the restaurant.

V. Report of the Chair on Activities

Cass Hartnett, Chair reported that she is continuing the tradition of drafting bi-monthly reports and is posting these on the wiki. In addition to communication with Steering, highlights include continued dialogue with GPO, ARL, and ALA-WO. Contacts also with Society of American Archivists’ Congressional Papers Committee Roundtable, who are interested in working with GODORT. At this conference, with Amy West, attended the Assembly of Round Table Chairs and Chair-Elects.

VI. Treasurer’s report

Jill Moriearty shared the budget figures. The Treasurer thanked everyone for their fiscal responsibility and requested that this continue in this down economy and lower conference attendance. GODORT is currently short on the scholarship funds, although donations, many from anonymous donors, are coming from request letters and other requests. $165.53 was donated during the meeting by those in attendance in support of the Rozkuszka scholarship.

Request to let the Chair and Treasurer know asap, or by April, 2009, about plans to spend any GODORT funds in fy 2010.

VII. Councilor’s report

Mary Mallory, Councilor, reported.

To increase GODORT participation on Council and to learn more about running for Council, suggested attending Council Committee meetings during the conference. Discussion topics include virtual participation. ALA would like Round Table participation. The Councilor mentioned that she posts regular announcements about ALA activities and will indicate the type of response, if any, that GODORT members may take.

VIII. New business. (Moved up in the meeting schedule.)

John Chrastka, Director for Membership Development, ALA, visited the meeting. He explained what his office is doing to assist Round Tables. The office has a budget that may be tapped to help Round Tables communicate and market more effectively (i.e., logo, letterhead, and video development, email campaign to non-members or lapsed members, etc.) and could have something done by ALA Annual 2009. He reported that about 30% of ALA members are not members of any Round Tables, Divisions, etc.

Discussion followed about use of the GODORT space at the member pavilion in the exhibit area. Mr. Chrastka encouraged GODORT to plan for another “about us” message in this space and
indicated that his office may work with GODORT for a social event there, such as a “Government Documents Afternoon”. He also reported that GODORT has a kiosk in ALA’s Second Life facilities.

Mr. Chrastka indicated that he appreciated the opportunity to visit the meeting and that he and his staff are easily reachable in a variety of venues. GODORT Chair, Cass Hartnett, thanked Mr. Chrastka for his participation in the meeting.

IX. Committee reports

Federal Documents Task Force. No representatives in attendance.

International Documents Task Force. No representatives in attendance.

State and Local Documents Task Force, Kris Kasianovitz. Plans to amend the meeting agenda to remove discussion about election statistics.

Awards, Jim Church. Nothing to report.

Bylaws and Organization, Valerie Glenn. Requested questions or suggestions regarding potential changes to the PPM.

Conference, Carol Hanan. GODORT does not have a place yet for the ALA Annual reception. May have a location, the top floor of the Convention Center, if can move the reception to Friday. Discussion followed about the date, location, and catering costs for the GODORT reception. Cass Hartnett concluded that it is the sense of Steering to move the date to Friday and proceed with the location: Rooftop Garden, McCormick Convention Center.

Development, Steve Hayes. Reported that PPM indicates that those who ask for funds must clear it with Development. The new attendance sheet shows who is and who is not a member. Development will work with ALA Development in review of the letter soliciting funds from vendors and a letter to solicit funds from individuals and organizations.

Education, Jennie Burroughs. John Shuler was the scheduled speaker to introduce the discussion topic but is unavailable, so the committee will find a replacement.

GITCO, Gretchen Gano. Reported one addition to the schedule. Selene Dalecky, GPO, will give a briefing on FDsys.

Membership, Rebecca Hyde. Nothing to report.

Nominating, Marcia Meister. Still working on a slate of nominees. At least one person is running for each office. Additional nominees are requested for officer and committee positions.

Program, Amy West. Nothing to report.

Publications, James Jacobs. Nothing to add to committee agenda but has a blog proposal to discuss later in the conference.

Schedule, Bill Sleeman. Nothing to add.

Strategic Planning, Linda Johnson. Their second meeting at this conference will be the last open GODORT strategic planning forum.

X. Old Business

Oral Histories. Tanya Finchum is proceeding with oral histories at this conference. Interviews will be conducted with Bernadine Abbott-Hoduski and Larry Romans.

Emerging Leaders donations. GODORT has recently received two large anonymous donations for GODORT’S sponsorship of an Emerging Leader. The Chair, Cass Hartnett, expressed her great appreciation for these donations.

New GODORT logo. In light of John Chraskta’s information shared, GODORT will work with the ALA office to determine what resources ALA has to assist with new logo development, rather than hold a contest as was discussed at the last ALA Annual.

XI. New Business

More and more GODORT committee members are unable to attend conferences. Will need to approve what is acceptable in terms of conference attendance.

FAFLRT “Libraries in Tough Times” program in the Washington, D.C area on March 6, 2009. FAFLRT requested that GODORT support this program.
Motion from Jill Moriearty to support this “Libraries in Tough Times” program in name only. Valerie Glenn seconded.

Adjourn. Amy West moved. Valerie Glenn seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

ACTIONITEMS = CORRESPONDENCE =
II. Adoption of the Agenda
The agenda stands with one addition. Amy West has a proposal to change Steering communication between conferences from the Steering Reflector to Google Groups.

III. Approval of Minutes from the 2008 Annual Meeting
Published for pre-conference review on the wiki.
The minutes stand with no objections, corrections, or additions.

IV. Announcements (not covered below)
None.

V. Action Items

a. Resolution of appreciation for Gil Baldwin (Legislation)
Kirsten Clark made the change to the resolution draft suggested during the Membership Meeting and gave it to the Councilor to take to ALA Council.

b. Resolution: Resolution in support of the reauthorization of the Library Services and Technology Act (Legislation)
Kirsten Clark passed the resolution to the ALA Legislative Assembly.

c. Request guidance on preferred terminology: web site vs. wiki vs. web presence (the Committee prefers web presence) (Bylaws)
Valerie Glenn reported, indicating that the three items in c-e on the agenda cover related
topics.  
At Midwinter 2008, GODORT approved godort.ala.org.  
At Annual 2008, GODORT approved web archiving.  
These should be added to the PPM and requests Steering guidance on appropriate names to describe these. The Committee prefers “web presence” instead of specifying the mechanism. Steering approved unanimously the use of the term “web presence”.  
It was the sense of Steering that we create a separate PPM chapter on communications, including guidelines for date of submission, etc.  


d. Request guidance on the timeframe for dissemination of information via GODORT mechanisms: availability on godort@ala.org, web site vs. other external lists and sites (Bylaws)  

The current guidelines in the PPM are not clear, and practice does not always follow the guidelines.  
Discussion followed.  
• Information sharing about the GODORT conference hotel is an example. Members may hear about the hotel choice through other mechanisms, so timeliness is not an issue regarding this, unless there are technical or other issues where Steering review may be helpful.  
• Timeliness relates to a judgment call about the content.  
• Select standards and stick to them.  
• Distinction between use of godort-l and govdoc-l needs review (non-members may have this question)  
• PPM says to report agendas to GOVDOC-L.  
Cass Hartnett concluded the discussion by asking the committee to continue review and discussion on this topic.  

e. Request guidance on the usefulness of having a separate PPM chapter for GODORT Communications. (Bylaws)  

This chapter would detail official communication mechanisms or methods of GODORT (e.g., godort-ala.org guidelines). There wasn’t a consensus in the committee, so a sense of Steering was requested.  
Discussion followed.  
• Link to the Conference chapter, which has letter styles.  
• Link within the PPM to current communication references.  
• Where does DttP fit into this?  
• Look at other institutions, models for ideas on community norms.  
• Include a style guide for the wiki.  
• Include a chart or table on who has what responsibilities.  
The Committee will work on this issue as it was the sense that Steering would like this.  

VI. Report of the Chair on Activities at the 2009 Midwinter Meeting (Cass Hartnett)  

Nothing new to add since the Membership Meeting.
VII. Treasurer’s Report (Jill Moriearty)

Nothing new to add since the Membership Meeting.
Reminder to make any checks payable to “ALA GODORT”.
Emerging Leaders. Mechanism to support Emerging Leader travel expenses ($500 each for both Midwinter and Annual) to be determined. A suggestion was made to set up a PayPal account. If the payment mechanism is on the ALA web pages, ALA takes a percentage, which may be as much as 20-25%. Jill Moriearty and Steve Hayes, Development Chair, will investigate this issue.

VIII. GODORT Councilor’s Report (Mary Mallory)

Nothing new to add since the Membership Meeting.

IX. Task Force Reports:
a. Federal Documents (Representative for Sarah Gewirtz)

No report.

b. International Documents (Representative for Brett Cloyd)

No report.

c. State and Local Documents (Kris Kasianovitz)

Kris Kasianovitz moved the GODORT Chair send thank you letters on behalf of GODORT to the four speakers invited by the Task Forces to Midwinter. The speakers at the GODORT Update were: Jim Church (University of California, Berkeley), Nelson Fabian (National Environmental Health Association) and Romulo Rivera (Project Manager, Policy Archive). Tracy Seneca (California Digital Library) spoke at SLDTF. Ayes were unanimous.

X. Committee Reports:

a. Awards (Jim Church)

The Awards Committee shared the selections with the Steering Committee.
Jim Church discussed the Reynolds Award and whether or not those who not government information librarians are eligible or to be considered.
Discussion followed.
• There is precedence giving this award to someone who is not a government information librarian.
• The application conditions say “all docs librarians are eligible for this grant”.
• Preference will be given to GODORT members.
• It is the charge of the committee to interpret the information in the PPM and application guidelines.
• Providing an award promotes GODORT to those who are not government information librarians.
• Check with the award funder, especially when terminology used in the PPM and application has changed. Provide an interpretation to the scholarship sponsor and request their confirmation.
Jim Church made the motion that Steering approve the awards and scholarship selections from the Awards Committee. There was no discussion. Vote: Ayes, unanimously.

b. Bylaws and Organization (Valerie Glenn) Nothing to add to V. c-e. [above]

c. Cataloging (Patsy Inouye)

Patsy Inouye made the motion that the GODORT Chair send a thank you letter on behalf of GODORT to GPO’s Linda Resler for her presentation to the Cataloging Committee.

d. Conference (Carol Hanan) Nothing to add.

e. Development (Steve Hayes)

Action item: GODORT should think about how to craft its appreciation and honor those who donate to the ALA Legacy Society. A “big wow” is needed.

Steve Hayes also mentioned that he met with the ALA Development Office. He will work with the Treasurer on the 2010-2011 budget request.

f. Education (Jennie Burroughs) Nothing to add.

g. GITCO (Gretchen Gano)

Gretchen Gano made the motion that the GODORT Chair send thank you letters on behalf of GODORT to GPO’s Blake Edwards and Lisa LaPlant for their presentation at the GITCO Committee meeting. Ayes were unanimous.

She also indicated that GITCO will invite GODORT members and others who are not GODORT members to the upcoming GITCO virtual meetings.

h. Legislation (Kirsten Clark)

Kirsten Clark reported that ALA is working to develop more of a legislative agenda. The Legislation Committee should continue to develop legislative resources on topics and start advocacy and discussion of the issues. This will be different from that done by ALA-WON.

She also mentioned selection of delegates to the Forum on Government Information is being planned for Annual. Each ALA unit which has a vested interest in government information will have a delegate.
Discussion followed about selection of delegate and who the delegates should be.

- Term of service is still unknown as the Forum and any related activities are still being determined. At this point, the delegate will be charged with attending the meeting at ALA Annual.
- Since this isn’t routine, there is not a procedure so a list of standards or guidelines may be developed.
- Chair, incoming chair, and chair of Legislation committee should be delegates if three places are available.
- Emerging Leader may be considered.
- Look at who is selected or attending from other units for uniform representation.
- The meeting is open and anyone who is not a delegate may attend.
- The product which will come out of the meeting is still under discussion. ALA may use the results in its message to Congress.
- The related 2007 meeting did not produce a final product, and this should not happen again.
- The appointment of the delegate is within the purview of the Chair.

The sense was that the Chair will appoint a delegate.

i. Membership (Rebecca Hyde) Lucia Orlando (currently intern)

Rebecca Hyde made a motion that GODORT spend $100 to purchase promotional materials to market GODORT at the Annual Conference Exhibits Roundtable Pavilion. Ayes were unanimous.

She also shared information about a GODORT Buddy program and is looking for input on the draft during the meeting and afterwards. The Committee is also looking for volunteers.

Cass Hartnett made a motion to appoint Lucia Orlando, a librarian at UC, Santa Cruz, to serve the remainder of the slot of the position formerly held by Amy Stewart-Mailhoit through 2009. Ayes were unanimous.

j. Nominating (Marcia Meister)

Marcia Meister distributed the slate of nominees to Steering for review. [Discussed later in the meeting after review.]

Cass Hartnett announced that two names were forwarded to ALA as nominees for the Depository Library Council. The nominees are Jill Moriearty, University of Utah, and Arlene Weible, Oregon State Library. Marcia Meister commented that additional nominations were received past the deadline so could not be considered. Cass Hartnett commented that preference was given to GODORT members in the selection but that GODORT is looking forward to working with the other nominees.

k. Program (Amy West)
Action: Two proposals, one for the preconference and the other for the program. Both cover transparency, open access, and how technology plays a role. The committee members believe these two dovetail well in terms of the lifecycle of information. Synopses were distributed. Cass Hartnett requested the title of “New Civic Engagement” for the preconference.

Pre-conference: Amy West made the motion that the 2010 preconference in Washington, D.C. be “New Civic Engagement”, as described on the distributed form. Discussion followed.
• Suggestion to include some conservative parties and the Cato Institute.
• Free Government Information could be a program sponsor.
• Was there discussion about this as a program instead of a pre-conference? Response was that there is enough on this topic to fill an entire day. Plan to market heavily to other library units, e.g., LITA and LPSS.
• Would prefer that this be a program so that more could attend.
• Would like to approach C-SPAN to record.
• C-NET may also be interested. Include topic of the United Nations Association for engagement with the international community.
Vote: Aye, unanimously.

Program: Amy West made the motion that Steering vote in favor of the 2010 program entitled “Archivists and Librarians: Together We Can Save Congress”. The title is tentative. Discussion followed.
Suggestion to change the title to “Publishers, librarians, and archivists: Together ...”
What will the program focus on? Response by Cass Hartnett: The archivist community would really like to be educated by government documents librarians as the archivists who are not familiar with government documents are interested in assistance with collection appraisal. The program would also include speakers who are end users.
Suggestion to include:
• Stephen Aftergood from the Society of American Archivists
• Tom Blanton from the National Security Archive
• Russ Kick from Memory Hole

General discussion about both programs continued. Think about long-term benefits of the preconference and program to generate revenue. The preconference should at least break even.

At 3:27 pm, Cass Hartnett moved to extend the meeting for an additional 15 minutes. Seconded. Steering approved.

Discussion continued.
ALA RBMS would be interested in this program. Recommend telling speakers up front that the programs are designed to generate revenue. Incorporate the idea of service and entrepreneurship to help economy into the pre-conference
agenda. Response from Amy West: journalists with good news sources will help fill that role. How much is the percentage that GODORT must give to ALA from the preconference revenues? Response from the Treasurer, Jill Moriearty: It may be as much as 30%.

Vote: Aye, unanimously.

I. Publications (James Jacobs)

Action item: James Jacobs moved to recommend Beth Clausen and Valerie Glenn as DttP co-editors for the following 3-year term.
Vote: Aye, with one abstention by Valerie Glenn.

Action item: James Jacobs moved that Cass Hartnett send a letter thanking Andrea Sevetson and her team for their editorial support over the past six years.
Vote: Aye, unanimously.

New GODORT logo: The Web administrators decided to identify logo judges, including the Chair, the DttP editor, and a representative from the Web administrators team, the Development Committee, and the Publications Committee. The Committee will put a call out to the group for a new logo and forward all submissions to John Chrastka.

Blog proposal: The proposal was distributed. James Jacobs moved that Steering accept the blog proposal.
Discussion: Since the blog will be on ALA servers, political speak must be monitored. This will need to be part of guidelines for posting.
Vote: Aye, unanimously.

The Committee is moving forward on the DttP Survey and noted that it will cost less than $50 so no money will be requested through Steering. Discussion: Suggestion to market the survey to those who are not GODORT members. Suggest sampling and identify potential members among subscribers.

At 3:45 pm, Amy West moved to extend the meeting for another fifteen minutes. James Jacobs seconded. Steering approved.

m. Rare and Endangered (Sarah Erekson) Nothing to add.

n. Schedule (Bill Sleeman)

Bill Sleeman reminded Steering that he needs brief summaries via email for DttP by the next day.

o. Strategic Planning Committee (Linda Johnson, Marcy Allen)
Nominating (Marcia Meister)
After the slate of nominees was shared among Steering, Marcia Meister inquired whether or not Steering may accept additional nominees in the next few days. The ALA deadline is 2/2. To gain the approval of Steering, amend the ballot by sending a message to the Steering reflector by Friday, 1/30.
Marcia Meister made the motion to accept the draft ballot as it is today.
Vote: Aye, unanimously
Marcia Meister added that the Nominating Committee takes conference meeting attendance sheets, will scan them and send them to anyone who requests them.

XI. Committee Liaisons Report

a. Reports welcome from any Liaisons unable to attend Membership

Joy Suh report regarding CUAC. Marcy Allen was appointed as a 2nd representative in 2008. CUAC will meet in April 23rd and 24th at Library of Congress.

XII. Old Business

a. Term of Office, Development Committee Chair (Cass Hartnett)

The extension of the term of office for the Development Committee Chair will be on the upcoming ALA ballot.

XIII. New Business

a. Special Committee on GODORT Oral Histories (Cass Hartnett)

Cass Hartnett reported that she is appointing this special committee, with Tanya Finchum as the Chair and three additional members. This will be done over the Steering reflector.

b. Appointment of Aimee Quinn to ALA Literacy Assembly & Literacy Committee (Cass Hartnett)

Cass Hartnett made the motion that Aimee Quinn serve as GODORT’s representative to the Literacy Assembly. Vote: Ayes, unanimously.

c. GODORT-wide input on Councilor’s role (Cass Hartnett)

Cass Hartnett reported that GODORT should provide feedback on the new and special role of Councilor to the current and future Councilors. She plans a virtual meeting open to all of the GODORT membership. The two previous Councilors, Bernadine Abbott-Hoduski and Cathy Hartman, will be invited.
Comment: Valerie Glenn suggested that everyone read the PPM section on the Councilor’s position.

d. Selection of delegates to proposed ALA Forum on Government Information (Cass Hartnett)

See X. h.

e. Change reflector software (Amy West)

Amy West distributed the proposal to change Steering communication from the current Steering reflector to a new mechanism. With no time left, discussion will take place on the Steering reflector.

XIV. Adjourn

Valerie Glenn and Jennie Burroughs both made the motion to adjourn. Jill Moriearty seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

ACTIONITEMS = --Resolution of appreciation for Gil Baldwin (Legislation)
-- Resolution in support of the reauthorization of the Library Services and Technology Act (Legislation)
-- Honor those who donate to the ALA Legacy Society.
-- ALA Annual 2010 preconference and program proposals approved.
-- DttP co-editors selections approved.
--Awards and scholarship selections approved.
--Nominees for GODORT officers approved.
--The term "Web presence" approved for use in the PPM.
--Blog proposal approved.
--Selection of GODORT's representative to the Literacy Assembly approved.

CORRESPONDENCE = State and Local Documents, Cataloging, GITCO. The GODORT Chair will send thank you letters to ALA Midwinter speakers. Publications. The GODORT Chair will send a letter thanking the editor and her team for their editorial support of DTTP over the past six years.
ALA Midwinter took place in Denver, Colorado from January 23-28, 2009.

Announcements pre-ALA Midwinter

• Kris Kasianovitz, State and Local Documents Task Force Coordinator, shared an announcement from the Law and Political Science Section of ACRL. LPSS is holding all of their ALA Midwinter Meetings with virtual participation (hybrid in person/virtual meetings) and provided the mechanism for this in their announcement. Cass Hartnett, Chair, asked for a Steering Committee member to track the success of these meetings.

• James Jacobs, Publications Chair, distributed a proposal to establish a GODORT blog for Steering review prior to ALA Midwinter. “The main objective is to enhance communication between GODORT, its members, and ALA. The blog will be useful for effectively disseminating important business and administrative information, as well as soliciting feedback from members.”

• Cass Hartnett, Chair, shared the draft Steering I agenda for ALA Midwinter and requested review. She later summarized the meeting for Steering before posting it to the wiki.

• Starr Hoffman, Website administrator, requested that those who manage meeting minutes resubmit the draft 2008 ALA Annual meeting minutes again. There were some technical problems with earlier submissions.

• Cass Hartnett distributed an announcement from the ALA Federal and Armed Forces Round Table about an upcoming “Libraries in Tough Economic Times” event in March. FAFLRT requested that GODORT help sponsor the event. Cass Hartnett indicated that Steering would vote on this at ALA Midwinter.

• Cass Hartnett, Chair, announced that the Membership Meeting agenda was posted to the wiki.

• Andrea Sevetson, DTTP editor, shared the DTTP revenue/expenditures report for January, 2009. The report covers DttP subscriptions, advertising, and publication costs.

• Cass Hartnett, Chair, requested that any last minute “surprises” be shared with her prior to ALA Midwinter. She also requested that everyone identify a back up should one be unable to attend the conference.

Announcement post-ALA Midwinter

• Bill Sleeman, Immediate Past Chair, requested summaries from Committee and Task Force Chairs for DTTP.

Discussion

• Discussion took place about problems with the ALA Midwinter hotel registration mechanism.
• After the GODORT meeting attendance sheets were posted to the wiki, there was a suggestion to add a section for meeting attendees to record whether or not they are active GODORT members. This was a request from Steve Hayes, Development Committee Chair, to better identify the status of meeting attendees. The attendance sheets were updated. They are available on the wiki for download, but the Secretary will also bring copies to Steering I for distribution as needed.

Votes
None this month on the Steering reflector.

February Announcements
• Cass Hartnett, Chair, announced the date, March 6th, for the FAFLRT half-day workshop entitled Libraries in Tough Economic Times. GODORT is an in-name cosponsor. Bill Sleeman, Immediate Past Chair, will attend as a GODORT representative.
• Bill Sleeman, Immediate Past Chair, shared information about Preserving the American Historical Record (http://www.archivists.org/pahr/index.asp) and asked Steering how GODORT may participate, possibly to help fund local documents.
• Cass Hartnett, Chair, in response to ALA, requested the development of a wiki page with Website administrator directory information. She later shared the directory information with Steering.
• Cass Hartnett, Chair, announced a request from Professor Kip Currier for GODORT to help sponsor a 12-week University of Pittsburgh SIS Program on Copyright and Fair Use to be taught this upcoming summer. GODORT would pay a small amount for course development, and members would be eligible to take the course at a reduced rate. Part of the course description is: “The goal of "Copyright and Fair Use in the Digital Age" is to provide information professionals with an understanding of the origins, development, evolution, and pivotal role of copyright, fair use, and related issues within a 21st century information, legal, policy, and economic framework. Key and emerging issues such as the public domain, orphan works, Section 108 exceptions for libraries and archives, licensing, recent statutory legislation and case law, and international copyright will be examined.”
• Cass Hartnett, Chair, shared news about plans for changes in Census 2010 administration and requested that Kirsten Clark, Legislation Committee Chair, and Sarah Gewirtz, Federal Documents Task Force Chair, to monitor the situation.
• Cass Hartnett requested ideas for a GODORT time slot at the Depository Library Council meeting in April. She also requested any comments on rescheduling the meeting to Tuesday evening, instead of the usual Monday evening, to accommodate a request from the regional librarians to hold their meeting on Monday evening.
• Cass Hartnett, Chair, announced a GODORT Steering – GPO conference call is scheduled for March 6, 2009.
• Bill Sleeman, Immediate Past Chair, shared a preliminary list of GODORT’s ALA Annual meetings and asked to be notified if any meetings are missing from the list. The reception has been changed to Friday evening (from the usual Sunday time slot).
• Cass Hartnett, Chair, shared “Report and Recommendation on ALA and GODORT’s Support
for the Preserving the American Historical Record Act” and requested review. It was prepared by Kris Kasianovitz, State and Local Documents Task Force Coordinator with the goal of sharing with ALA.

Discussion
• In relation to Preserving the American Historical Record, there was agreement with the concept that librarians should support preservation and dissemination of historical records.
• Several commented on the request to support a course on copyright and fair use.
  Comments included:
  o The level of support is unclear. Is GODORT responsible for marketing and promotion?
  o Course support is a way to attract new members and to advance partnering opportunities.
  o The topics are not primary areas of interest to GODORT members. ALA Washington Office and ALA Office for Information Technology Policy (OITP) tend to cover these topics.
  o Are Round Tables permitted to do this and what percentage, if any, of income must be given to ALA?
After discussion, Cass Hartnett, Chair, reported to the professor that the topic is not the best fit for GODORT sponsorship and GODORT is not going to co-sponsor this class.
• Discussion took place about past GODORT activities at Depository Library Council (DLC) Meetings. GODORT has had informational speakers and open strategic planning forums in the past several years. Several commented that the spring DLC meetings tend to be more social and are opportunities to meet potential GODORT members.

Votes
  None this month.

March Announcements
• Amy West, Chair Elect, solicited requests for GPO speakers or participants at ALA Annual. She will compile the list and contact Ric Davis at GPO.
• Jill Moriearty, Treasurer, requested that any receipts, bills, or other communication with the Treasurer take place before March 17th. The Treasurer will likely be unavailable after that for a few months.
• Bill Sleeman, Immediate Past Chair, shared a message from Jessica McGilvray, ALA Washington Office. The message said that Senator Lieberman, Chairman of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, sent a letter on 3/4/09 to Rules Committee Chairman Chuck Schumer urging the new Chairman “to help foster greater public access to the expert reports produced by the Congressional Research Service.”
• Cass Hartnett, Chair, shared a message of appreciation to Nancy Faget, Chair of FAFLRT, for a successful “Libraries in Tough Economic Times” presentation.
• Bill Sleeman, Immediate Past Chair, announced that a description for the GODORT reception is not included in the American Libraries ALA Annual preliminary program. With the change from Sunday to Friday evenings, there should be significant promotion of this event.
• Bill Sleeman shared an update on the PAHR (Preserving the American Historical Records)
legislation. Those interested in supporting the bill were urged to contact their legislators.

- Bill Sleeman requested immediate response to preferences for the meeting locations for Monday during the ALA Annual conference. Bill reported back that he submitted a request for all Monday meetings to be held at the Convention Center. Lexis/Nexis will be offering a breakfast again on Monday morning.
- Bill Sleeman announced that the draft ALA Annual schedule has been posted to the wiki.
- Cass Hartnett, Chair, requested comments on a proposal for Clare Beck, author of the biography on Adelaide Hasse, to speak in the GODORT block at the upcoming DLC. The cost would be between $400-600. About a week later, she reported that the speaker became unavailable.
- Valerie Glenn, DTTP Co-editor, requested content for DTTP’s Round the Table.
- Messages sharing information about ALA’s current financial situation were shared. Lower revenue is anticipated.
- Cass Hartnett, Chair, shared that Jessica McGilvray will be ALA’s point of contact during the annual conference. Rosalind Reynolds from ALA will be unavailable.
- Kris Kasianovitz, State and Local Documents Task Force Coordinator, asked for discussion by Steering if GODORT should become involved in the "Preserving the American Historical Records" bill. There was no response on the Steering list.

Discussion
- Discussion about ALA Annual included a request from the Cataloging Committee for GPO speakers at their committee meeting. There was also an interest expressed that GODORT hear from a regional depository library director, possibly one from an ARL library. Amy West reported that the GODORT Update will not have any GPO speakers but will have a panel focusing on data and statistics. SLDTF is responsible for ALA Annual’s GODORT Update.
- There were several comments in response the request for Monday meeting location preferences.
- Several commented on technical difficulties and concern over leading questions in the ALA 2015 member survey conducted in March.
- Several commented on technical difficulties with the ALA election. Some GODORT members contacted Steering members to report problems as well. This discussion prompted a message to GODORT membership sharing names of GODORT nominees and information about known GODORT members running for ALA Council. Significant discussion continued during the election in an attempt to share information and assist with problems.
- Discussion about the proposal to support a speaker at DLC in 4/09 included support of the speaker and topic. Some supported fund raising for the event, but others expressed concern that requesting funding from vendors may be untimely.
- Discussion about placement of GODORT program information on the wiki and how best to promote the program at the conference took place. Some changes were made to the wiki.
- Cass Hartnett, Chair, requested discussion about a proposal from Amy West, Chair Elect, to move Steering communication from the Steering reflector to Google Groups.
- There was overwhelming support for a letter of appreciation to Duncan Aldrich for hosting the Steering Committee reflector for several years.
- Comments in favor of the transition from the email reflector to Google Groups:
  - GODORT Steering would benefit immensely from an improved communications platform.
The Publications and Web Committees have been using Google Groups for a year and find the software to have an easily accessible archive. It allows one to upload files, make pages, and have posts distributed via email, rss, or web.

Helping the GODORT Secretary to produce a concise summary of our work will help future Steering Committees understand the basis for decision-making.

Comments that expressed concerns about use of the Google Groups type of software:

- One must make the effort to go to the Google Groups site to see and participate in discussion, which some may not be apt to do regularly when busy with many responsibilities. Proper follow-up to posted documents is needed.
- Editing of documents may be performed outside of Google Groups.

Questions:

- Does the proposed use of Google groups mean that GODORT Steering would remain essentially a closed list?
- Who could view the archive?

Suggestions or comments:

- Adopt more of a formal structure for the list (i.e., who would ‘manage’ and how the ‘archived’ content would be maintained and moved to the GODORT and ALA archives)
- Value-added (i.e., review and summarized minutes) are more useful than archived email, whether or not the archive is accessible.
- Minutes provide accountability to GODORT on the decisions that were made between conferences. They are also a way to track the activities of Steering and to report them to the membership.
- Adopt a process whereby documents in process are segmented or removed after use so that they are not reviewed as final resources.

Response, as posted on 3/9, from the proposal author, Amy West:

1. Management responsibilities: Currently, the Chair and Secretary are listed as responsible in the PPM for the reflector. The relevant task here is communicating to Duncan who needs to be added and dropped from the reflector. With Google Groups, the process of gathering info needed to add someone can be part of adding them, resulting in no increase in workload. Dropping a member takes a couple of clicks. Therefore, the PPM would be revised to say: "The Chair should review names/addresses at the beginning of his/her term of office and add or remove them as needed to reflect current officers, chairs and task force coordinators. The Chair may also add names/addresses of those it would be helpful to have on the reflector."

2. Archiving responsibilities: Currently, there is no built-in archiving with the reflector. If any archiving occurs, presumably the minutes of the reflector are what's archived since they are presented at Annual. However, the between conferences section of the PPM that discusses the reflector makes no explicit statement about any archiving of any Steering reflector activities. Nor does Publications IV C.

3. Exporting files for archiving: Google Groups does not appear to support export of an entire group's content. This isn't optimal, but, again, the reflector has no archiving now, so we wouldn't lose anything.

4. Whether or not we use Google Groups will have no effect on the production of minutes, except that it might make it easier. PPM says: "The GODORT Secretary will keep minutes of Steering Committee actions to report, in writing, to the 1st Steering Committee Meeting at the
next conference, and include in the minutes as the official actions of the Steering Committee."
To me, this reads as a software or methodology independent assignment.
5. A Google Group can be as private or as open as we wish it to be. See the attached image.
   However, given that the Chair can add whomever s/he sees fit (see PPM IV A) to the reflector,
   perhaps we should have a separate discussion about the open/closed status of the reflector.
6. Going to the Group to the See the Docs: While I agree that there's no call to make life any
   harder than necessary, I think that the advantage of having a centrally located set of documents
   worth the disadvantage of having to exit email. I don't see that uploading a new version of a
   file is any more effort than emailing a new version to a group.
Votes
A call for a vote was made on 3/27/09. “Should the GODORT Steering e-list be changed from
godort@unr.edu to a Google Group?” Voting closed on 4/1/09 and is reported in the April
summary.

ACTIONITEMS = CORRESPONDENCE =
COMMITTEE = Steering Committee (conference call)
MEETINGLOCATION = Conference call with U.S. Government Printing Office
MEETINGDATE = March 6, 2009
MEETINGTIME = 2:00-3:00pm Eastern time
CONVENOR = Cass Hartnett RECORDER = Kathy Brazee
PRESENT = Cass Hartnett (Chair)
Amy West (Chair-Elect )
Kirsten Clark (Legislation)
Sarah Gewirtz (Federal Documents)
Patsy Inouye (Cataloging)
Carol Hanan (Conference)
Steve Hayes (Development)
Jennie Burroughs (Education)
Gretchen Gano (Technology)
Rebecca Hyde (Membership)
Marcia Meister (Nominating)
James R. Jacobs (Publications)
John Stevenson (Parliamentarian)
Kathy Brazee (Secretary)

ABSENT = Bill Sleeman (Past Chair), representing GODORT at “Libraries in Tough Economic Times” workshop at NIH
Mary Mallory (Councilor)
Brett Cloyd (International Documents)
Kris Kasianovitz (State & Local Documents)
Jim Church (Awards)
Valerie Glenn (Bylaws)
Sarah Erekson (Rare & Endangered Documents)
Jill Moreiarty (Treasurer)

GUESTS = Selene Dalecky, Associate Director, Program Management Office
Ric Davis, Director of Library Services and Content Management
Robin Haun-Mohamed, Director, Collection Management & Preservation
Laurie Hall, Director, Library Technical Information Services
Ted Priebe, Director, Library Planning & Development
Lance Cummins, Manager, Education & Outreach, Collection Management & Preservation
Janet Scheitle, Manager, Library Services Planning & Development
Linda Resler, Manager, Library Technical Services Support
Cindy Etkin, Senior Program Planning Specialist

REPORT = 1. FDsys tales. GODORT Steering members will come prepared to share brief stories of their own use of FDsys as well as their work instructing others. Is there anything new to report on FDsys from GPO? (GODORT Steering, Salene Dalecky). 15 mins.
Selene Dalecky, GPO, provided a timeline of FDsys activities.

- Public search launched with 8 collections.
- Presidential documents launched a week later.
- 15 of the remaining 40 collections in GPO Access will be migrated by June.
- Remaining 25 by the end of September.
- Will then sunset GPO Access.
- Building continuity of operations processes at this same time.
- Working on Release 2 for Congressional submissions within the 2009 calendar year.
- Fixing bugs immediately and reviewing comments as they come in.
- Prioritizing new enhancements.

Comments from Steering:

- Like the interface and responsiveness of the system
- Redundancies are acceptable
- Full-text searching is great

Questions and Selene Dalecky’s responses:

- What is it going to look like when it is more populated with collections? Answer: GPO will make sure each collection makes sense as a collection and then integrate that collection into the larger FDsys. There is some content that doesn’t belong to a pre-identified group and will need to determine how to manage that.
- When a publication is included in a footnote, is there a way to incorporate that into the relevance ranking, since cites in publications are useful resources? Answer: GPO will look into that.
- A search for “Delaware stream” retrieves “Texas stream”, but there is nothing in the referenced document about Delaware. Answer: Will take this information back.
- Will FDsys have widgets, allowing one, for example, to place a search box on one’s own Web site? The UK National Archives has a Google widget. Answer: Will review requirements for this. The GPO team has talked about it, especially to search within a collection.
- Will there be controlled vocabulary use in keyword or subject term? Answer: There are requirements for this in enhancements in future releases.
- When will FDsys serve up historical content? Answer: This is a big part of Release 3, ingesting and providing converted content.
- A lot of libraries are using OCLC’s WorldCat, tailoring it to their own collections, making it interoperable with Google Books and Scholar to take users to one’s library’s holdings. Are there ways in which FDsys content is findable and interoperable with these types of systems? Suggest as application as increasingly useful for libraries, finding their own holdings and full-text publications. Response by GPO: OCLC’s policy on ownership of records from legal standpoint will be reviewed before GPO may provide that type of access.

1b. New topic: STAT-USA

Concern was raised over the new password access to STAT-USA, which is more restrictive than was it used to be, requiring use of two workstations, not just two simultaneous users. GPO will review the information shared about this new policy to ensure that it is clearly stated. STAT-
USA’s products, which are outside the scope of the FDLP, are being made available by the agency for free access. About 350 requests for password or IP access have been received since the new policy requiring libraries to submit a new form was instituted in January, 2009.

2. Looking ahead to the Spring Depository Library Council/ Tampa (April 20-22, 2009). What message can GODORT help with, in terms of the importance of the meeting, future of the program, Regionals final report etc.? Are library deans and directors registering? (Ric Davis, Lance Cummins, others?) 10 mins.

Ric Davis reported that the draft agenda is available and welcomes participation. It is critical for two plenary sessions on the whole FDLP thriving in difficult economic times and strengthening the regional-selective relationship. Talking points will be shared prior to the sessions for everyone, attendees and those unable to attend, to review for response.

Comments from GODORT:
Library staff are being asked about return on investment for participation in the FDLP. The “free book program” aspect of the FDLP continues to be a critical selling point for the program.
Since GPO has had the opportunity to speak with directors of large research libraries, would like to see more interaction with directors from different types of libraries.

The typical time for a GODORT meeting has been changed from Monday to Tuesday evening to accommodate more director involvement in the Regionals meeting on Monday.

3. GPO budget (or general ways in which GPO is impacted by new federal administration, stimulus bill, or anything new in Washington DC) (Ric Davis, others) 10 mins.

Ric Davis reported that there was no provision in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for additional funds for GPO. The Omnibus spending bill has passed the House and is pending in the Senate. For GPO, it is a $410 billion appropriations bill, with $738 million for Salaries and Expenses, less than requested but an increase over the continuing resolution. There is also $1.7 million for various activities and monies for FDsys. Also in the bill is a provision for free bulk data downloads from GPO to enhance public access for legislative documents. This is a future requirement in FDsys for libraries where the data is in XML. There will be an impact on GPO Sales, which sells bulk data currently.

Brief discussion took place about the effects of the economy on libraries. Most GODORT participants are at institutions facing upcoming cuts to their budgets.

4. Quick update on ALA-wide Forum on the Future of Government Information, to take place at ALA Annual, Chicago, Friday July 10, 2009, 8:00am-12:00noon. (Kirsten Clark) 5 mins.
Kirsten Clark provided an overview of the Forum, which will include many groups and units with
ALA. Currently, the joint GODORT-ALA GIS committee is making initial contact with different ALA groups, asking them to address the following questions by the end of April:

1. How do your members help users find information from all government levels?
2. What ways do you provide and/or organize your government information for your users?
3. What training do your members have/need in government information?
4. What does your group consider to be government information?

There will be more discussion questions at the Forum.

Additional discussion

The Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts is still interested in resuming the pilot with PACER materials, but they are still evaluating the status after suspending it. There isn’t a timeline for this at this point.

Cass Hartnett thanked everyone for participating, stating that we do not wish to take this type of dialogue for granted. She hopes to see as many as possible at the upcoming ACRL and DLC meetings and encouraged everyone to put government information in the hands of the American public through the FDLP.

Ric Davis also thanked everyone and requested that anyone with comments contact GPO.

ACTIONITEMS = CORRESPONDENCE =
COMMITTEE = GODORT Membership Meeting
MEETINGLOCATION = Colorado Convention Center: Room 705 Denver, CO MEETINGDATE = Monday, January 26, 2009
MEETINGTIME = 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
CONVENOR = Cass Hartnett
RECORDER = Kathy Brazee

REPORT =
I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Adoption of the Agenda
   Agenda stands.

III. Approval of the Minutes from the 2008 Annual Meeting

Comments:
• In IX. Treasurer's Report & Approval of budget items as needed
  There needs to be an expenditure for printing of DttP.

• In VI. Guidance/action on Council actions as needed.
  The minutes should read: “Mary Mallory stated that she feels she is GODORT's advocate and that she will work to ensure that issues pertaining to GODORT are brought before ALA.” (instead of brought before GODORT)

Meeting minutes were approved with noted changes.

IV. Action Items
   (Legislation Committee, Kirsten Clark)

Resolution: Resolution of appreciation for Gil Baldwin
Question was posed if sentence may be added to request that Gil Baldwin’s member of Congress read the resolution on the floor of Congress. The Legislation Committee will add this.
Motion on the floor to endorse by Jill Vasilaskos-Long.
Passed unanimously.

Resolution: Resolution in support of the reauthorization of the Library Services and Technology Act
Request to endorse this in principle.
Passed unanimously.

V. Report of the Chair on Activities at the 2009 Midwinter Meeting (Cass Hartnett)
Roundtable Coordinating Assembly (RTCA)
ALA Data Dashboard Focus Group
Cass Hartnett indicated that she and Amy West, Chair-Elect, went to RTCA during the conference and to the ALA Data Dashboard Focus Group. The Data Dashboard is an online resource with instantly refreshed important information about organizations. Cass Hartnett and Amy West contributed ideas about the type of data that would be useful to include. The Data Dashboard should launch in about a year or so.

The Chair also reported having one-on-one discussions with members at the conference. She reminded members of the Chair’s bi-monthly report on the wiki.

VI. Treasurer’s Report and Approval of Budget Items (as needed) (Jill Moriearty)
Emerging Leaders announcement and call for donations (Cass Hartnett)

Handouts with a general accounting of the GODORT fund and with DttP financials were distributed. GODORT still has the surplus of $10,000 that ALA wants from every Round Table. GODORT has only raised $1,970 of $3,000 needed for the Rozkuszka scholarship, and only $850 of the $1,000 needed for Emerging Leaders. With DttP, have done very well with a “phenomenal DttP staff”.

The Treasurer commented, with the Chair’s permission, that GODORT identify and stay informed of DttP online dissemination costs to facilitate future budgeting purposes.

$254.46 was raised during the meeting for the Rozkuszka scholarship fund.

Discussion followed. A suggestion was made to look into different dues categories, e.g., supporting membership. ALA projected loss of more than $100,000 from projections for ALA Annual may indirectly affect GODORT with an increase in fees charged by ALA to GODORT. The Development Committee may work on fundraising.

The Chair, Cass Hartnett, shared news about the Emerging Leaders donations. GODORT has recently received two large anonymous donations for Emerging Leaders. Cass Hartnett expressed her great appreciation for these donations.

VII. GODORT Councilor report (Mary Mallory) (followed after action items)

Cass Hartnett commented that Mary Mallory, Councilor, is interested in learning what the GODORT membership would like the Councilor’s role to be in support of GODORT to ALA and will send a message to the membership about this.

Submitted report: As of Sunday noon, three ALA Council-related events had occurred. Highlights include the distribution of the Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC) report and the ALA Endowment Trustees Report at the ALA Council/Executive Board/Membership Information Session. Jim Neal, BARC chair, focused on FY 2008 results, FY 2009 1st quarter, and strategic financial planning in summarizing his written report. In FY 2008, the organization’s assets have improved slightly, and the equity of members has also improved to a degree.
During the initial FY 2009 quarter, the endowment fund stands at $22.6M, down from $31.3M (27.7%, compared to the general stock market down 38.5%). This will have a modest impact short-term; however, concern is for the long-term effect, e.g., its potential impact on scholarships. Dan Bradbury, Senior Trustee, indicated that there is a safeguarded hope for 2009 regarding ALA’s long-term investments, in spite of the negative return. All portfolio managers with the exception of Pimco reported negative results. Susan DiMattia gave the Nominating Committee report.

The 2009 ALA candidates for president-elect are Kenton L. Oliver, Executive Director, Stark County District Library, Canton, OH, and Roberta A. Stevens, Outreach Projects and Partnerships Officer, Library of Congress, Washington, DC. Steve Hayes, Entrepreneurial Spirit Endowed Business Librarian, Hesburgh Libraries, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, and active GODORT member is running as a member-at-large for ALA Council. (An attempt will be made to identify other GODORT members who are on the ballot for Council.) Polls open March 17, 2009, and close April 24, 2009. A video about the work of Council with comments from current councilors had its premier showing. It will be available on the ALA Council website and YouTube.

During the half-hour ALA-APA Information Session, Nancy Bolt, Co-Project Director, Library Support Staff Certification Program (LSSCP), described briefly the work accomplished so far on the IMLS Laura Bush Librarians for the 21st Century grant award, obtained by ALA and the Western Council of State Libraries to support the LSSCP program.

ALA Council I was held from approximately 10:45am-12:15pm. Details on the various interesting reports will be provided in the Councilor’s report for DttP. Near the end of the session, a resolution on information workers in Gaza and the situation there was introduced by the Social Responsibilities Round Table’s (SRRT) councilor, Al Kagan, and a motion was passed to refer it to Council’s International Relations Committee (IRC). The resolution will be discussed further at Council II or III.

Remarks: The ALA/APA Council is underway so will be leaving soon. ALA Council meetings 2 and 3 are Wednesday morning. Topics to be discussed include the library support staff certification program. There is a grant for this and recommend that GODORT members think of opportunities for staff who work with government documents. Two candidates are running for ALA President. Steve Hayes, a GODORT member, is running for ALA Council. Mentioned that individual organizations within ALA may not endorse candidates. There are no action items. Comments: Comments on the staff certification program will be accepted for the next month. It is also being reviewed within RUSA, BRASS, and other ALA units as well.

VIII. Announcements (not covered below)

None.

IX. Task Force Reports
a. Federal Documents (Justin Otto, representative for Sarah Gewirtz)

Submitted report:
Legislation Committee is working with Legislation Assembly to survey all ALA divisions regarding members and constituents’ understanding and use of government information. There will be a Forum at ALA Annual 2009 reviewing the responses to forge a shared approach to government information. The Program Committee has implemented the Virtual Agency Liaison Program with seven volunteers, six librarians and one graduate student. Volunteers are still welcome to participate. The Cataloging Committee is focusing on expanding on the cataloger’s toolbox and creating a cataloging best practices document. GITCO will have a presentation of FDSys from GPO staff.

Ric Davis, Acting Superintendent of Documents, GPO, gave an overview of current GPO and FDLP activities. Migration of content from GPO Access to FDSys continues. GPO requests for volunteers to test the system and provide feedback. GPO recently developed a values-in-participating resource on fdlp.gov for libraries. Ben’s Guide will be refreshed, based on survey responses. The survey is available until Feb. 2, 2009. The beta version should be ready for testing by spring. GPO requests volunteers to test the beta version. Theme for the Spring GPO Council Meeting 2009 will be the Future of the FDLP. The conference will be April 20-22. GPO will be sending direct invitations to library directors to attend and participate in the ongoing discussion. GPO staff discussed the findings described in the final report on “Regional Depository Libraries in the 21st Century: A Time for Change”. GPO staff took questions and comments regarding the report.

There was a call for GODORT members to monitor the FDLP entry in Wikipedia for accuracy.

Comments: No action items.
Comment that the GPO report title should be “Regional Depository Libraries in the 21st Century: A Preliminary Assessment”.

b. International Documents (representative for Brett Cloyd)
No representative was present to report.

c. State and Local Documents (Kris Kasianovitz)

Submitted report:
SLDTF has a strategic plan that was written by Paul Arrigo. The Coordinator, Coordinator-elect and Secretary will be reviewing the plan between now and annual so that we can bring back program ideas and ways to further develop participation and professional development growth of those working with State and Local Documents.

SLDTF and REGP are working on a joint project to build a 50 State inventory of projects providing permanent access to state information. Karen Hogenboom has added the project
page to the wiki, has some volunteers, and is seeking more volunteers. Please contact Karen if you would like to work on this project.


We had a presentation and a roundtable discussion on archiving tools for born digital government information. Tracy Seneca, California Digital Library, presented the Web Archiving Service tool that curators/selectors can use to capture entire websites or specific documents. While there isn't any public access at the moment, the system does create persistent URLs that can be used in cataloging records, web guides, etc. Tracy also went over some of the result from the End Of Term crawl; content will be available through Internet Archive.

Romulo Rivera, Policy Archive, gave us a demo of the Policy Archive website, which he talked about at the GODORT Update. We had time for some Q&A. There was a lot of enthusiasm for this project. Romulo is interested in speaking with any librarians who are interested in helping or suggesting how to further develop this repository.

Comments: No action items.
The 50 State inventory of projects will be advertised on the Preservation Administrators Discussion Group listserv.

X. Committee Reports

a. Awards (Jim Church)
The selections were made and will be reported to 2nd Steering.

b. Bylaws and Organization (Valerie Glenn)

Submitted report:
The Committee reviewed changes to PPM chapter 4 (Officers: Immediate Past Chair) and chapter 1: Conferences. Additional discussion focused on GODORT communication mechanisms and their inclusion in the PPM. The following action items will be taken to Steering II: 1. request guidance on preferred terminology: website vs. wiki vs. web presence (the Committee prefers web presence); 2. request guidance on the timeframe for dissemination of information via GODORT mechanisms: availability on godort@ala.org, website vs. other external lists and sites; 3. request guidance on the usefulness of having a separate PPM chapter for GODORT Communications.

Comments:
There will be 3 action items before 2nd Steering asking for clarification and guidance related to the above.
There will be a by-laws change on the ballot this spring. This is to determine whether or not the Development Committee should be expanded to five members and the Chair of the committee to serve 2 years.
c. Cataloging (Patsy Inouye)

Submitted report:
The GODORT Cataloging Committee discussed the cataloging records available from the U.S. Dept of Energy OSTI for publications on the Information Bridge, and heard reports from the liaisons to FDTF, IDTF and SLDTF. Linda Resler of GPO gave an update of cataloging activities. John Stevenson gave a report on the information on the wiki including the cataloging toolboxes. The cataloging toolboxes for federal and international documents are included in LC's cataloger's desktop. The committee agreed that government information librarians need more opportunity to discuss GPO's policy decision to create separate records for differing formats. Patsy Inouye will begin a discussion on Govdoc-L, etc. The intent of the discussion is to highlight the reasons for the policy and give libraries a chance to discuss the implications to their workflows.

Comments: No action items.

d. Conference (Carol Hanan)

Submitted report:
The Conference Committee discussed the GODORT Awards Reception at the Annual Conference in Chicago. The site of the reception (the Rooftop Garden at the McCormick Convention Center, Friday night of conference) has been selected, and catering options were discussed. Yvonne Wilson has worked to revise the Conference Committee's internal document outlining the responsibilities for the committee and members made suggestions for possible changes to help future members.

Comments: No action items.
The GODORT reception during ALA Annual is being moved to Friday evening. The Freedom to Read Foundation reception celebrating their anniversary will be Sunday evening.

e. Development (Steve Hayes)

Submitted report:
The Development Committee met. No vendor contact requests were received to approve. Discussed the "draft" development plan and the information needs of the Committee. Chair met with the ALA Development Office Director for information and suggestions on how to proceed with development. The Development Committee members will be meeting with various GODORT units to discuss their role in development.

Comments: No action items
Steve Hayes met with the ALA Development office. The Development Committee is looking into getting an interest bearing account.
f. Education (Jennie Burroughs)

Submitted report:
The Education Committee held a discussion session on library schools and government information. A summary of the discussion will be posted on the Education Committee section of the GODORT wiki. Within the business portion of the meeting, the committee and guests discussed partnering with the Literacy Assembly to create toolboxes related to government literacy. There was a spirited discussion of the government information competencies project; volunteers will draft tiered competencies with a focus on overarching skills & knowledge that pertain to all types of government information. The committee intends to have draft documents available for review and comment by ALA Annual. Finally, there was discussion of pursuing online courses and programming for GODORT. It was advised that the committee should pay attention to existing examples and standards provided by RUSA, MLA, ALA-APA, and others.

Comments: No action items.

g. GITCO (Gretchen Gano)

Comments: The summary of the committee meeting is on the wiki. The committee meeting featured a briefing on FDsys. New business for the committee is a review of the role of GITCO within GODORT. The committee will hold 3 virtual forums with chat between now and Annual. They will be about:
1. emerging issues for users of electronic government information
2. emerging issues in advocacy for electronic government information
3. an internally focused discussion about GITCO committee structure - GODORT participation welcome

Information about these will be shared in March, April, and May.
Committee requests that the Chair review results of this internal review and provide any appropriate information to the Strategic Planning Committee.

h. Legislation (Kirsten Clark)

Submitted report:
Legislation Committee I – Friday, January 23
For the first part of the meeting, committee members attend the Legislation Assembly.
Afterwards the group discussed the key areas covered in the Assembly. Kirsten Clark provided background for the joint meeting with COL-GIS and the agenda was discussed. Work started on the tribute resolution for Gil Baldwin.
Legislation Committee II – joint meeting with COL-GIS – Saturday, January 24
ALA WO provided an update on HR 35 – Presidential Records Act. The rest of the meeting centered on planning the government information forum to be held at Annual 2009 that will include representation from all units of ALA. GladysAnn Wells gave an overview of the current
political and economic climate. Kirsten Clark and GladysAnn then led a discussion that covered the following key areas:

- Information gathering—Units will be provided with questions that outline how government information is viewed and used by their members. The answers to these questions will be combined and distributed before the Annual forum.
- Development of questions to be sent to all units of ALA. Each unit would designate someone to answer these questions and to attend the forum. Much discussion occurred around what questions to ask and how to introduce these questions so that units will respond. Introductory information would be developed for each unit to tie in the questions to their areas of interest.
- Outcomes of this meeting – this is the first step in an ongoing conversation, a paper, continuing this conversation with interested groups outside of ALA.

Legislation Committee III – Sunday, January 25
The committee finished the resolution for Gil Baldwin (in this packet). Kirsten Clark read the LSTA resolution and the group moved that it be brought to membership (in this packet). The committee then discussed yesterday’s joint meeting and defined more details of the upcoming meeting such as use of examples for the introductory information provided to each unit and other potential questions. Discussion then turned to the Legislation Committee wiki and how to more effectively use the site to inform GODORT members of legislation issues. This discussion will continue this spring through monthly meebo meetings. The committee then discussed the development of the legislative agenda plan which will be based on last year’s Legislative Day model (brief overview of the issue with information about specific legislation outlined). Kirsten will bring our plan to Steering II for comment.

Comments:
As part of Legislative Assembly, asking for a more formal process on legislative agendas so may bring up issues with Steering and engender more comments
A Forum on Government Information will be held at ALA Annual. Sending various questions to ALA units about government information. More information will be shared when available.

i. Membership (Rebecca Hyde)

Submitted report:
The membership committee discussed a variety of ideas for giveaway promotional items at the Annual Conference Roundtable Pavilion. A motion to request funding will be put forth at Steering II and additional sources of funding will also be explored. Items purchased will be dependant on funding, but the Committee will keep if mind that a new logo is likely to be forthcoming when determining the quantity to be ordered.
The committee also discussed ideas for outreach and promotion of GODORT that came out of a previous brainstorming session and decided to pilot a GODORT "Buddy" program at the upcoming Annual Conference. The idea is to pair up an active GODORT member with someone who would like to become involved in and/or learn more about our roundtable. The goal of the program will be to provide a more personal introduction to GODORT and encourage new members to become active in the organization. Additional information will be provided at
Steering II in draft form. The committee plans to solicit member volunteers at a later date through GODORT-L.

Comments:
There are 2 action items for Steering II: 1) request to spend $100 on marketing materials and 2) one unexpected committee vacancy.
GODORT is piloting a Buddy program at the upcoming Annual Conference and is looking for feedback on the pilot and volunteers.
The Treasurer asked for a sense of membership about the $100 requested for marketing materials just for the upcoming Annual. Passed unanimously.

j. Nominating (Marcia Meister)

Comments: A nomination slate was finalized for the conference and will present this to Steering II. Thanks to everyone who stepped forward. It is still possible to put one’s name forward by contacting a Nominating Committee member by the end of the day. Also, the nominations forms had not been updated, and this was confusing.

k. Program (Amy West)

Comments: A theme was selected from lots of good suggestions. After the conference, will be thinking about different venues for the preconference.

l. Publications (James Jacobs)

Submitted report:
Old Business
• Oral Histories. Tanya Finchum appears to be back on track for oral histories. Internet Archive will be used for AV files with space on the godort wiki as the jumping off point.
• Occasional Papers: Editorial board moving forward on formalized procedures. Several submissions received.
• John Stevenson is putting together a DttP publication survey of GODORT membership.
• GODORT blog proposal will be discussed at 2nd Steering.

New Business
• Continuing Serial Set publication saga (Aimee Quinn): The Serial Set book proposal is being resurrected. Search for possible publisher is on.
• Book proposal on government information literacy: Interest in a civics book or online guide for people interested in U.S. citizenship, possibly to tie in to ALA program on government information literacy.
• GODORT online course(s) (Andrea Morrison): Suggestion for the development of an online training course(s) for new librarians and to generate revenue for GODORT. Will contact Education Committee.
• DttP editor candidate interview: Valerie Glenn and Beth Clausen

Remarks: There are no action items. James Jacobs made a pitch for submissions to the occasional series, articles that don’t fit into DttP.
John Chrastka from ALA’s Development office informed GODORT that his unit may help with logo development. The committee will continue getting submissions for the logo and will forward to John at ALA this spring for availability at ALA Annual.

Serial Set. Aimee Quinn and Donna Koepp wrote a book proposal on the Serial Set and submitted it to ALA, which didn’t accept the proposal with GODORT affiliated with it. Now interested in sharing with SAGE and will move forward.

GODORT blog proposal sent to godort-l.
Discussion.
At what point will content be archived? Where will it be located? Considering GODORT history efforts. Response: The blog will live on ALA servers so content gets backed up on a regular basis, but further digital archiving is a topic not fully discussed.
Wiki URL was sent to the Wayback machine so will be spidered.
How does the blog relate to ongoing business? Response: The environment is rapidly changing and this doesn’t affect current use of godort-l but is a different way to keep track of news. Are looking into communication mechanisms in the PPM. Godort-l is moderated. Blog is for discussion and allows one to post instantly. The last section of the distributed proposal explains how it is different from the website. Unlike other mechanisms, the blog is more than the internal GODORT communication mechanisms in use.
Will anyone moderate the blog? Response: The Web administrators agreed to track comments so that there isn’t any spam.
Suggestion to place an outline of all communication mechanisms on the main page of GODORT.
Vote: One nay. One abstention. Sense of membership is that the ayes carry the proposal to establish a blog.

m. Rare and Endangered (Sarah Erekson)

Submitted report:
Map security guidelines to be published by Rare Books and Manuscripts (RBMS) and Maps and Geography Round Table (MAGERT). Guidelines would be applicable to government publications that may be at risk for theft such as Serial Set maps and plates.
Wilcox survey: Survey of New Deal documents from bibliographies by Jerome Wilcox. Pilot survey at Chicago Public Library using Microsoft Excel user interface revealed the enormity of the project. Next step is to investigate digitization the Wilcox bibliographies into a database. This would help batch search for OCLC records as well as provide a set number of titles to assess for institutions that do not have the Wilcox bibliographies but do have New Deal era documents.
SLDTF: Inventory of the fifty states looking to assess the digital preservation and access to state information in electronic format. Volunteers still needed to cover every state and results will be posted to their wiki. Tour (separate from preconference) for Chicago still tentative.

Comments: Nothing to add.
n. Schedule (Bill Sleeman)

Comments: Nothing to add.

o. Strategic Planning Committee (Linda Johnson, Marcy Allen)

Comments: The last open forum was this morning. The committee will give the first draft of their report at Annual.

XI. Liaisons Reports from ALA Committees & external groups

CUAC: No one was present.

Freedom to Read Foundation (Jill Vassilakos-Long)
Comments: National Security letters. When they are served, they are accompanied by a gag order. When there is a challenge in the courts, it is withdrawn to prevent litigation. The effect of the placement of the gag order remains though. Valerie Plame Wilson, for example, is not being allowed to comment. What is available is being reviewed by FTRF. The foundation is working at the local level and also is litigating in the courts. Anniversary. FTRF is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year on 11/20 and is planning for many events at Annual. FRTF will be fundraising this year. There will be a feschschrift in honor of Gordon Conable. It will be in the 2009 ALA Editions. Libraries are encouraged to have birthday parties.

Consumer Product Safety Protection Act. Concern about library’s requirements under this law regulating lead in consumer products, including books, takes effect on 2/10. Electronic content on devices when traveling internationally. Officials may be looking at this content.

Foreign government Internet filtering. Materials continue to be removed from databases in other countries, e.g., China redacted President Obama’s remarks.

IFLA (David Oldenkamp): Absent.

Literacy Assembly/ Literacy Committee (Aimee Quinn): Absent.

XII. Old Business
GODORT Oral Histories (Tanya Finchum)

Comments: Tanya Finchum interviewed Larry Romans. Larry Romans interviewed Bernadine Abbott-Hoduski. Plan to do more interviews at Annual. Would like volunteers to conduct some interviews, incl. performing background research so questions may be tailored to the individual being interviewed.

A suggestion to include a place on the wiki for discussion about oral histories was discussed and
XIII. New Business
Discussion of comments regarding resources at
http://wikis.ala.org/godort/index.php/Future_of_the_FDLP_Resources
A handout showing selected resources on the list was available at the meeting.

Comments:
Kirsten Clark created a resource, “Future of the FDLP Resources”, bringing together many
reports about the FDLP from many different sources, including ARL, GPO, independent sources,
etc. More resources will be added as they are identified to make the resource as
comprehensive as possible.

Discussion followed.
Suggestion for an addition included the legislative history of the FDLP legislation.
Concern about the needs of the Federal depository libraries, particularly the selectives, was
raised. What do the libraries need now to support their current information needs?

XIV. Adjourn
Steve Sexton moved to adjourn. Stephanie Braunstein seconded.

ACTIONITEMS = CORRESPONDENCE =
The Chair reviewed the work done since the Annual Meeting in Anaheim:

1. The Publications Committee Chapter of the Policies and Procedures Manual (PPM) was updated to accurately reflect the Committee make-up (and to bring it in line with the Bylaws)
2. The Emerging Leader award has been a challenge for the PPM (to accurately reflect award, process, etc.), partly because ALA keeps changing the rules. It is now required that units sponsoring ELs provide funding for the sponsorship (minimum $1K). VG will have more info on this following the Membership mtg and Steering II.

The Chair notified the Committee of some potentially forthcoming updates to the PPM:
- Membership Committee (replacing mention of new members' lunch w/that of happy hour)
- Task Forces - organizing GODORT update (VG will check with Strategic Planning Committee re: are they addressing this?)
- Possible conference committee updates

The Chair indicated that there are no proposed Bylaws changes at this time.

The Committee reviewed proposed PPM changes drafted between meetings. These include updates and corrections to the following chapters:
Chapter 4: Immediate Past Chair
Chapter 1A: Conferences, Scheduling.

The Committee decided that mentioning GODORT once at the beginning of each chapter is sufficient to identify titles as being a part of GODORT (ie, GODORT Chair, Steering Committee, etc.). AQ volunteered to review PPM chapters and the Bylaws for consistency re: the use of GODORT.

The committee briefly addressed the incorporation of the web archiving guidelines and the GODORT list guidelines into the PPM. It was decided that the Chair should ask Steering for guidance on the creation of a Communications chapter of the PPM.
The Committee discussed work to be done between the Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference:
- Review for consistency: use of GODORT (AQ)
- Finish reviewing Chapter 1 (committee)
- Discuss Chapter on Steering Committee (committee)
- Review PPM responsibilities for GODORT Secretary

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m. ACTION ITEMS = 1. Request Steering guidance on terminology used in PPM: web site vs. wiki vs. web presence (The committee prefers the term web presence)
2. Request Steering guidance on implementing GODORT@ala.org policies: timeframe for dissemination of information to Steering, GODORT list, and other discussion lists
3. Request Steering guidance/clarification on the addition of a chapter on Communications to the PPM (methods of communication would include the GODORT list, web site/wiki/etc.)
CORRESPONDENCE =
COMMITTEE = Education Committee
MEETINGLOCATION = Colorado Convention Center, Korbell Ballroom 4B
MEETINGDATE = January 25, 2009
MEETINGTIME = 1:30 pm
CONVENOR = Jennie Burroughs
RECORDER = Jennie Burroughs
PRESENT = Jennie Burroughs, Jeffrey Elliott, Lori Lester, Tina Plottel, Linda Spiro, Tom Twiss, Carol Spector
ABSENT = Chantana Charoenpanitkul, Brett Cloyd, Rhonda Fowler, John Shuler, Annie Young, Tim Dodge
GUESTS = Hui Hua Chua, Mina Pease, Jennie Gerke, Amy West, Kris Kasianovitz, Aimee Quinn, Stephen Hayes, James Jacobs, Jill Vassilakos-Long, Kathy Brazee, Karen Hogenboom, Judith Downie, Barbara Miller, Cass Hartnett, Rebecca Hyde
REPORT = The Education Committee held a discussion session on library schools and government information. A summary of the discussion will be posted on the Education Committee section of the GODORT wiki. Within the business portion of the meeting, the committee and guests discussed partnering with the Literacy Assembly to create toolboxes related to government literacy. There was a spirited discussion of the government information competencies project; volunteers will draft tiered competencies with a focus on overarching skills & knowledges that pertain to all types of government information. The committee intends to have draft documents available for review and comment by ALA Annual. Finally, there was discussion of pursuing online courses and programming for GODORT. It was advised that the committee should pay attention to existing examples and standards provided by RUSA, MLA, ALA-APA, and others.
ACTIONITEMS = No action items CORRESPONDENCE = None
COMMITTEE = Program Committee
MEETINGLOCATION = Sheraton Hotel, Aspen Room
MEETINGDATE = 1/23/09
MEETINGTIME = 4-5:30pm
CONVENOR = Amy West, chair
RECORER = Amy West
PRESENT = John Hernandez
ABSENT = Bruce Obenhaus, Crenetha Brunson, Chris Palazollo GUESTS = Rebecca Blakeley, Kris Kasianovitz, Cass Hartnett
REPORT = 1. Report on APSA Short Course from John Hernandez: "GODORT and LPSS have been collaborating on developing Short Courses for the American Political Science Association annual conference which is usually held at the end of August. It's basically the equivalent of a pre-conference. This year's will be in Toronto. We're working on a tenure-related theme- probably something on author's rights and open access journals. Still working out the topic. Chris Palazzolo and I are involved, as are Bruce Pencek and Ann Marshall among a few others. Kevin McClure was also part of this when we did it in Chicago in 2007."

2. Report on 2009 Preconference for ALA Annual
   on schedule
  c. Report on 2009 GODORT Program at ALA Annual
     on schedule
3. Discuss proposals for programs and preconferences at ALA Annual 2010
The committee received several interesting proposals. After deciding which ones to bring to Steering, we discussed possible methods for incorporating the remaining proposals into regular meeting slots. The Chair will follow up with proposal authors and relevant coordinators/chairs after Midwinter.
ACTIONITEMS = Vote to approve the preconference proposal "Technology and the New Civic Engagement" and the program proposal "Archivists & Librarians: Together We Can Save Congress". CORRESPONDENCE =
COMMITTEE = Program Committee II
MEETINGLOCATION = Grand Hyatt La Plata Peak
MEETINGDATE = Monday, 1/26/09
MEETINGTIME = 8-9:30am
CONVENOR = Amy West, Chair
RECORER = Amy West
PRESENT = John Hernandez, Bruce Obenhaus (by phone)
ABSENT = Crenetha Brunson, Chris Palazollo
GUESTS = Valerie Glenn, Rebecca Blakeley, Chelsea Dinsmore
REPORT = Brief consultations with Glenn/Blakeley on revising their proposal and with Chelsea Dinsmore on alternate venues for EU-themed proposal. Committee members proofread the two proposals; added some cost estimates and possible sponsors and printed copies for Steering II.
ACTIONITEMS = CORRESPONDENCE =
COMMITTEE = Rare and Endangered Government Publications Committee (REGP)
MEETINGLOCATION = Denver, Colorado Convention Center, Room 406
MEETINGDATE = January 25, 2009
MEETINGTIME = 10:30 AM
CONVENER = Sarah Ereksen, Chair
RECORER = Karen Hogenboom
PRESENT = Karen Hogenboom, Andrew Laas, Connie Reik, Linda Johnson, Michael L. Smith, Tanya Finchum
ABSENT = Robin Dillow, Rebecca Ohm, Nina Hagiwara, Marika Pineda
GUESTS = John B Phillips, Samantha Hager, Marilyn Von Seggern, Any West, Cass Harnett, Yvonne Wilson, Vicki Mix

REPORT = Michael L Smith, MAGERT Liaison:
MAGERT to publish RBMS (Rare Book and Manuscript Section) Map Security Guidelines.
MAGERT newsletter "Baseline" to go 'electronic-only'
Core Competencies on website
Upcoming programs at Annual:

Serial Set book project, Amy West reporting:
Still looking for a publisher.

Wilcox Survey, Sarah Ereksen reporting:
Titles from first bibliography (Guide to the Official Publications of the New Deal Administrations / Jerome K Wilcox, 1934) surveyed and entered into Survey tool.
Anecdotal evidence from Chicago Public Library, Wilcox titles in fine condition, better than others on shelf do. No Wilcox titles were in CPL’s OPAC.

Scaling up from the pilot may not be easy
Project may be beyond capabilities of committee
Next step: Andrew Laas at LexisNexis to scan Wilcox, contact ALA publications about permissions.

SLDTF project on inventory of state digital preservation projects, Karen Hogenboom reporting:
Call for volunteers on GOVDOC-L,
Project located on the GODORT wiki

New Business
No program ideas (MAGERT’s map security program was great and it’s too early for another one)
Tour at Annual to be at Chicago Public Library, focusing on Municipal Documents
Announcement:

Adjournment – Yvonne Wilson motioned, Karen Hogenboom seconded.

ACTIONITEMS = none CORRESPONDENCE =