

**Government Documents Roundtable
Minutes of GODORT Committees & Task Forces**

**Midwinter Conference
January 30 – February 2, 2015
Chicago, Illinois**

Awards Committee

Not Meeting

Update from Marianne Ryan, the 2014 recipient of the Reynolds Research Award

My research project, “Keeping Score: Congressional Oversight of the National Pastime,” is progressing. Following ALA last summer, I traveled to the Library of Congress and explored, in particular, the role of the Commissioner in government-related oversight of baseball. I then went to the Annual Meeting of the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR) where I attended several sessions relevant to my topic—and connected with other researchers as well. I’ve been compiling and annotating a growing bibliography of resources, and I have an outline for what I’d like to see become a monograph over the course of a few years. I’m in the process of applying for additional funding, to keep the project going. If that doesn’t come through, I’ll revise my outline and write an article in the short(er) term.

2015 GODORT Awards Winners

The GODORT Awards committee has met and selected recipients for all 6 GODORT Awards. We need Steering approval for GODORT Award Winners. We will send out a link to a form through the Steering email list that Steering members can use to approve the award winners.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Morse, Chair

Bylaws & Organization Committee

Friday, January 30, 2015

3:00-4:00 pm

Hilton Chicago – Room 5C

Present: Gretchen Gould, Bylaws Chair; Shari Laster, Bylaws Committee

Member; David Utz, Bylaws Committee Member

Absent: Elizabeth Psyck, Bylaws Committee Member

Guests: None

Bylaws discussed the need for direction from Steering on specifically what Steering proposes to change in the bylaws and PPM in regards to GODORT reorganization and virtual meetings.

Bylaws needs the ad hoc committee on reorganization to submit proposed language to the Bylaws Committee for re-writing bylaws and PPM.

Subsequently, Steering should consider appointing the incoming Bylaws chair to the ad hoc reorganization committee as a non-voting member.

Bylaws will ask the Program Committee for the current GODORT membership structure and request that the Program Committee submit necessary language revisions for the PPM.

Bylaws has received changes to the Publications Committee and will update PPM.

Bylaws will talk to the chair of the Membership Committee about getting draft language submitted to Bylaws about social media.

Bylaws will talk to the web manager about updating information.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Gould, Chair

Cataloging Committee

Sunday, Feb. 1, 2015
10:30-11:30 am
Swissotel – Montreau

Attending

Members: Ellen Caplan, Marie Concannon, Simon Hurley, Siu Min Yu, Laurie Neuerburg, Tassanee Chitcharoen

Guests: Rich Gause, Valerie Glenn, Stephen Woods, Mina Pease, Jim Noel, Nathan Wolfe, Fang Gao

The Cataloging committee heard several reports from vendors and liaisons. These included reports from GPO, MARCIVE, HathiTrust, the State/Local Documents Task Force, the Federal Documents Task Force, and CC:DA.

The committee discussed its plans to continue pursuing ideas for a possible program proposal for Annual 2016 or 2017 and/or webinars on cataloging/metadata issues related to documents. It also discussed its plans to continue updating the Toolboxes for Processing and Cataloging Federal, International, and State/Local Government Documents on the GODORT wiki.

There was a brief discussion on one issue related to search strategies for finding all federal documents in a collection when there is no USMARC field that has been used consistently over time. The committee may pursue working on a document that could be posted with various search strategies.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Caplan, Chair

Conference
Not Meeting

Development

Not Meeting.

Education Committee

Friday, January 30, 2015

10:00-11:30 am

Wyndham Grand Lobby

- I. Introductions
- II. Reviewed GODORT Education Committee minutes from 2014 ALA Annual Conference
- III. Discussed our committee's charge and how this committee was fulfilling the charge to educate members

- a. Updated GODORT wiki

The committee has done good work, but the wiki is not widely known about or used by GODORT members. The wiki needs more promotion, but many contributors change jobs, move to different committees, etc., so consistent development and editing is difficult.

- b. Blogs

c. Rachel Dobkin's blog, LIS-GISIG, has picked up many followers throughout its existence and reaches librarians and the general public. A focus on educating through blogs could be a possibility.

d. GPO's Federal Depository Library Program Coordinator Certificate Program could assist GODORT members and new government document librarians with the opportunity to "earn certification". This program has a Trial starting in April with Julia Stewart, Helen McManus, and possibly a few other Education Committee members participating. Jaime Huaman, GPO, is in charge of the program, and is assisted by Robin Haun-Mohammed, Kathy Bayer and Ashley Dahlen. A possible goal would be to present this program to ALA for inclusion into training opportunities for all ALA members.

After preliminary review and discussion, the committee mostly likes this idea, but would like to see more opportunities for synthesis of information included in the curriculum, possibly by way of case study-based discussion, or a study of the various types of depositories. We also want to know if the trial is being evaluated, and how the evaluations would be used to further develop the program.

During February, I will contact Roz Reynolds at ALA to inform her of this education possibility, and make sure that this program fulfills certain ALA standards and guidelines. Also, GODORT Education Committee members are drafting questions, talking points, and evaluative assessments to present to Jaime Huaman and GPO so that GPO will have our feedback. If possible, the committee goal is to move forward with this educational opportunity by ALA Annual 2015.

- IV. Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Julia Stewart, Chair

Government Information for Children (GIC) Committee

Friday, January 30, 2015

8:30-10:00 am

Renaissance Blackstone - Taste

Due to sudden illness in both co-chairs families, the committee met virtually for Midwinter, but a small contingent met at the Blackstone to discuss the same topics in person.

1. Welcome and introductions -- Connie Williams and Tom Adamich

2. Approval of GIC Annual 2014 Minutes – Clarify we are on NHD Advisory Council – change to Annual 2014 minutes.

3. Old Business:

a. Spanish language government documents initiative - status report - Rich Gause – Rich is proceeding with the migration of content from the Weebly to the LibGuides platform. We are also keeping the option open that the Weebly site may have to remain operational so that the Emerging Leaders participants can use.

b. National / State History Day -- Amy Springer – Amy indicated she should hear if she has secured funding to attend the February NHD Advisory Council meeting in Silver Spring, MD. She will report what the GIC is planning to contribute to the effort and maintain a dialog with the Emerging Leaders participants to provide them an opportunity to participate.

c. Constitution Day Poster Contest 2014 -- Tom Adamich – Tom reached out to Keir and Paula from ConstitutionFacts.com for updates on the 2014 contest and received word that the entry totals were in the thousands again in 2014. This is a testament to Kansas GODORT and ALA GODORT who started the contest back in 2006 with less than 100 entries. Information is available at <http://www.constitutionfacts.com/constitution-poster-design-contest/> , and the 2015 contest entry form is available at http://www.constitutionday.cc/2015_EntryForm_103014.pdf . We are making plans to tie in LibGuides and Emerging Leaders efforts.

4. New Business:

a. Migration of <http://www.govdocs4kids.weebly.com> and other legacy Gov Doc Kids Group websites to <http://guides.ucf.edu/gic> - An emphasis on focusing on themes will be made. Plans are to tie in with topics – Suffrage, legislative process, Constitution. Also, contact names from the Library of Congress and the GPO will be forwarded to the Emerging Leaders participants so they may take advantage of the resources available.

-- **Connie Williams and Rich Gause**

b. Constitution Day Poster Contest 2015 - needs and strategies - Tom Adamich – Tom mentioned if we can leverage the Emerging Leaders to help us with resources support and awareness strategies, that would be great.

c. Google Act feedback to Legislation Committee - Tom Adamich This project was completed. Tom will reach out to Legislation Committee members for an update.

d. Strategic planning for 2015 - 2016 - GIC group members, various – GIC members are working actively to support the Emerging Leaders in our efforts and use the fact that the GIC / GODORT will participate annually in this effort to build in a sustainability factor relative to the following:

- Maintaining the Weebly / LibGuides resources
- Advocacy for the Constitution Day Poster Contest
- Stronger partnerships with the GPO and the LOC
- Stronger partnerships with FDLP-member libraries

e. IMLS Grant – Government Information for Children – Susanne Caro – Tom learned this grant is no longer being considered for funding by the IMLS.

f. Gov Docs Ask a Librarian Concept – NoodleTools: Rigele Abilock, President – Corporate Strategy and Operations for NoodleTools, a Palo Alto, California-based company specializing in educational services and resources for teachers and students, has proposed to partner with the GIC to develop a ticket-based service where students could ask gov docs-related questions and receive assistance from a trained gov docs librarian “experts”. Gov docs librarian experts would have direct access to NoodleTool’s ticket system and could possibly work in regional teams / GODORT chapter teams. The NoodleTools network contains over 7,000 K-12 schools and universities nationwide.

Plans are being made to follow up on this with the representatives. GODORT feedback is welcome.

g. GODORT Working Group on Preservation – GIC has representation on this subcommittee. Its purpose is to work on strategies to address two main issues:

1. The need for government documents experts to be trained, employed, and lauded
2. The need for paper materials to be preserved

Working Group on Preservation Member Sarah Erikson (Chicago Public Library) recommended a survey of current practices as well as a preservation best practices plan be drafted by the committee and distributed to FDLP members and others

The group met in Chicago to gather initial thoughts and plans a follow up meeting at Annual.

Feel free to contact Sarah at serekson@chipublic.org as well as Tom and/or Working Group on Preservation co-chair / GODORT Founder Bernadine Abbott Hoduski (ber@blackfoot.net).

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Williams and Tom Adamich. Co-Chairs

Legislation I – Joint with the Committee on Legislation Government Information Subcommittee (COL-GIS)

Saturday January 31, 2015

1:00 - 2:30 pm

McCormick Place West – 175A

Introductions.

I) GPO update. Mary Alice Baish and Anthony Smith.

Smith discussed the work he's doing to build a GPO strategic technology plan.

Baish discussed the draft national plan. Her slides are at <http://bit.ly/nationalplan-mw15>

The national plan is to focus on the preservation of the historic documents in FDLF libraries.

The plan is to continue the FDLF as the access piece, and create a new group, "federal information preservation network," to work on the preservation piece.

LSCM had another buyout, losing 8 FT staff and are down to 77 staff. They've posted a job for managing director of LSCM and 3 catalogers.

II) Maggie Farrell: GIS's working group on the COL FDLF Task Force work.

There are two recommendations to focus on in the coming year: 1) Develop competencies as part of ALA core competencies related to the use of government information. 2) To develop a united voice and consensus in and out of ALA on FDLF issues, we should explore the possibility of creating a "coalition" similar to "copyright" and "access to scholarly materials."

At ALA annual, the goal is to have an informal meeting of perhaps 10 or so people from across ALA to start fleshing out the framework.

Discussion and questions centered around the need for another group given that GODORT is already focused on government information.

Summary: AALL, SLA, ARL, MLA, GODORT, ALCTS, FAFLRT, MAGIRT, Washington Office

Bernadine mentioned that there was a coalition in the 1980s that could be helpful to look at going forward.

III) Resolution on NTIS

There are almost 3 million reports, about 800,000 digitized.

Some small wording changes were made to the resolution. The resolves are:

1. urges the United States Congress to fund the provision of these digital reports to the federal agencies and the public at no charge through NTIS, as well as the preservation of the print and microform collections so they will remain available for sale to the public on a cost recovery basis; and
2. urges the United States Congress to ensure that the complete NTIS collection is deposited in another national repository and funded and ensure that the preservation and public access to this important scientific and technical research if the NTIS enabling legislation is eliminated.

Respectfully Submitted,
James Jacobs for Bernadine Abbott Hoduski,
GODORT Legislation Committee Chair

Legislation II

Sunday, February 1, 2015
10:30-11:30 am
Swissotel, Vevey 1

- I. Welcome and introductions. All LegComm members present.
- II. Discussion about new Congressional term and the changes in Congressmen and Staffers at JCP and House Administration Committees.
- III. Discussion about Regional issues and advocacy with JCP. What can we offer as possible solutions – e.g. sharing across state lines, sharing within states, and sharing within MSAs, etc. – and how to go forward as GODORT. This is our LegComm assignment for Annual. We can collect examples of what some states are doing in their states. What's happening? What are the burdens? How to coordinate?

Papers on:

- Staffing
- Regional needs
- Processing
- Needs of small selectives
- Education
- Perhaps a couple of others

Purpose of the papers is to focus our thinking on certain topics in order to target our future lobbying/resolution efforts and through the legislative process.

IV. Brett reported on the UN depository program. IRC, LPSS, MAGIRT, ACRL have cosigned a letter of concern.

V. Discussion with Mary Alice Baish, GPO Superintendent of Documents, about proposal to allow regional depository libraries to substitute paper with version on FDsys.

VI. Plan for annual. We will have a conference call within the next month to begin working on these issues.

Respectfully Submitted,
James Jacobs for Bernadine Abbott Hoduski,
GODORT Legislation Committee Chair

Legislation III

Monday, February 3, 2015

8:30-10:00 am

Swissotel, Vevey 1

Meeting Cancelled

Membership Committee

Friday, January 30, 2015

3:00-4:00 pm

Hilton Chicago – Room 5D

Membership Committee discussed new ways to market GODORT membership through displays and marketing materials at the ALA Membership Pavilion. The brochure is being revised but will need to be finalized in March to be ready for Annual. We also drafted a Policy and Procedure Manual change regarding GODORT's social media policy. We hope this change will expand GODORT's presence and can highlight some of the great work that is already being done by librarians to promote government information. While Happy Hour and the Buddy Program are successful, Membership Committee will forgo its meeting at Annual to host a GODORT Kick Off. Like LITA Open House or RUSA 101 or ALCTS Fest, this orientation session will introduce new people to GODORT. This event can be listed in the conference scheduler as long as it happens before the ALA mandated no-conflict block on Friday from 4-7 p.m. By advertising in the conference scheduler, we hope to bring in folks who may not hear about social and networking events on list-servs or Connect. We plan to continue to send a representative to the ALA Membership Promotion Task Force to continue to learn more about ways ALA and its sections are bringing in and retaining new members and students.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Erikson, Chair

Nominating Committee

Friday, January 30, 2015

3:00-4:00 pm

Hilton Chicago, Room 5I

Not meeting

The Nominating Committee did not meet at ALA Midwinter. The Committee will meet virtually to brainstorm future candidates and committee procedures.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbie Selby, Chair

Program Committee

Friday, January 30, 2015
3:00-4:00 p.m.
Hilton Chicago, Room 4I

We discussed what still needs to be done for the two programs for San Francisco 2015. For the “State Government Information and the Copyright Conundrum” sponsored SLDTF we will be focusing on PR between now and annual. For the joint program with MAGIRT, “Data Visualization in the Library: Collections, Tools and Scalable Services” Stephen met with MAGIRT to talk about PR as well as finalizing whether or not we want to offer food at the venue.

Rebecca Hyde has agreed to provide leadership in helping create informational resources about submitting program and pre-conference proposals on our wiki. Similar to the ALCTS page:<http://www.ala.org/alcts/mgrps/howto/plan>

The meeting was also used to discuss other possible program ideas and ways to solicit those from GODORT members. Ideas included: What is the role of FDLP in preservation and digitization? Is it an archiving conundrum?; Free access, innovation and government information; e-government, engaged scholarship and the role libraries.

Finally, Stephen shared with the group that a smaller group from the MAGIRT joint planning committee is working on a pre-conference in Orlando to follow up with the annual program on data visualization. This group includes: Rebecca Hyde, Stephen Woods, Andrzej Rutkowski (MAGIRT) and Rich Gause.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Woods, Chair and Assistant Chair GODORT

Publications Committee

Saturday, January 31, 2015
3:00-4:00 pm
Hilton Chicago – Lake Huron
Not meeting

Rare & Endangered Government Publication Committee

Monday, January 12, 2015

REGP met virtually on Monday, January 12th. Topics of discussion included the FDLP National Plan, programming for future face-to-face meetings, and an overview of the Depository Library Council's offsite storage research project.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Laster, Chair

Federal Documents Task Force

Sunday, February 1, 2015

8:30-10:00 am

Swissotel - Gallen

Superintendent of Documents of the Government Publishing Office reported that, as a result of the recent buy-out, they have lost eight employees (and hence, eight positions) from the FDLP. (Seven of these were from Acquisitions, the people who bring materials into the program.)

Recent legislation changed the name of GPO from the Government Printing Office to the Government Publishing Office, and also changed the title of the budget line for the FDLP, Cataloging, By-Law, and International Exchange programs from "Salaries and Expenses" to "Information Dissemination."

GPO has been working with a variety of organizations to bring materials that are in scope into the program, get them cataloged, and provide educational opportunities for librarians who work with government information. They will hold the pilot of the New Depository Librarian Institute, weekly sessions of a 10 week program. They are inaugurating a monthly government information librarian community chat session with GPO. The first will be on GPO's Public Access Assessments.

GPO will soon launch the completely redesigned Ben's Guide to the U.S. Government.

GPO is developing the Federal Information Preservation Network, a new program. Plans are for GPO to work in partnership with a variety of partners including LC, NARA, depository libraries, U.S. national libraries, federal agencies, and more.

They have brought many tribal libraries into the program. Most of these are all-digital libraries.

GPO is moving forward to be designated as a Trusted Digital Repository.

The PACER records that were taken down have been restored, partly due to the good work of the AALL.

Jill Vassilakos-Long presented a draft of a page of information on the FDLP to be used as an orientation document for Congress, and to be offered to the FDLP community for their use as a document that they can tailor to fit their needs.

Shari Laster provided information on the letter that GODORT sent to GPO regarding the proposal to allow Regionals to substitute digital for tangible materials.

James Jacobs, Jim Jacobs, and Daniel Cornwall have initiated a simpler method of reporting digital fugitive documents utilizing Zotero. Everyone is urged to join, and if possible, to "adopt" an agency, or sub-agency, or regional office of an agency. James Jacobs has posted information on the GODORT Connect page.

**Respectfully submitted,
Tim Dodge**

International Documents Task Force

Sunday, February 1, 2015

Swissotel, Vevey 1

3:00-4:15 pm

Fifteen people attended the 3-4:15 PM meeting at the Swissotel, Vevey 1.

I. The following topics were discussed:

- A. Stephanie Braunstein shared the letters to and from Guy Berthiaume, Librarian and Archivist of Canada. In his letter dated August 4, 2014, Berthiaume indicated agreement with the importance of the concerns and priorities expressed by GODORT. These concerns include both the preservation of web based documents and the continued collaboration with Canadian federal government partners to provide government information.
- B. Brett Cloyd reported on the IGO Digital Preservation Letter. There was a very small response from IGOs contacted. It was suggested that the ALCTS Preservation group could be involved in revisiting the issue at a future time.
- C. Stephanie Braunstein noted that the information gathered for the IGO Mobile App Project is posted on the GODORT wiki.
- D. Brett Cloyd and Stephanie Braunstein shared the letter written to the UN concerning their Depository Program. They updated everyone on the current status of the letter: it will be brought to the International Relations Committee meeting on Monday. MAGIRT will also consider signing on after their meeting on Monday. After that, we can make final technical corrections and bring it to ALA Office for signature by President Young. Bernadine Abbott-Hoduski mentioned that after ALA approves it, we can send it to individuals and organizations on our own in order to get more exposure for the problem. Brett Cloyd thanked GODORT Legislation Committee for its assistance with the letter.

II. The following are vendor reports:

- A. OECD: Data portal is probably still in beta. More data is free, all will be free by July 1st in OECD Stat. It's possible to read everything for free, but downloads require subscription. Mandate is to offer free information, but hosting and publishing does cost the organization money. Necessary funding is coming from publishing revenue. More users are accessing OECD's materials via Google and other free sources.
- B. World Bank: First phase of integrating data from open portal to eLibrary. Data at country and regional level. More than 1000 ePub files added. Country profiles with link to World Bank projects. Mobile site for eLibrary is launched. The 2015 World Development Report – Mind, society and behavior - released.

- C. Bernan: Veronica Dove is the new representative .The Bernan digital library has been launched and includes many of their most popular titles. They are looking for feedback from librarians. Bernan has picked up the Chase Calendar of Events, to be published in October. Other new titles are serials—many useful to undergraduate student research.
 - D. United Nations Publications: The big news is that there will be no eCollection product. Instead, UN plans to work with OECD. They will use the same platform and include UN sales titles. There will be a subscription program for publications. Specialized agencies will not be part of the new iLibrary. Questions concerning the UN Depository Program cannot yet be answered. This is why the letter mentioned above is so important.
- III. Final announcements:
- A. IFLA reports, including GIOPS, from Lyon Conference tabled until Annual.
 - B. IFLA in Columbus, Ohio, August 13-19, 2016. IDTF had a pre-IFLA program when IFLA Annual was last in the USA. Discussed possibility of doing such a program again.
 - C. Suggestion that members get their institutions to sign on to the Lyon Declaration.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Braunstein, Chair

State and Local Document Taskforce Meeting

Saturday, January 31, 2015
10:30-11:30 am
Hilton Chicago – Grand Tradition

Upcoming program: SLDTF will be hosting a programing at ALA Annual entitled: State Government Information and the Copyright Conundrum. The program will include a discussion of state government information and copyright, issues that libraries, digital repositories (primarily Hathi Trust) and state agencies face with copyright ambiguity, and the work FSGI: Free State Government Information is doing to address this little discussed but major issue. The program will be held during the task force meeting time with a short business meeting to follow.

Projects on the wiki were reviewed. Members were asked to review content on the site for their states and add content where needed.

[http://wikis.ala.org/godort/index.php/State %26 Local Documents#Projects](http://wikis.ala.org/godort/index.php/State_%26_Local_Documents#Projects)

Discussion centered on the strategic plan and ways to reach out to public library members. Moving forward the task force will connect with the Public Library Association and state library associations in an effort to reach small and rural public librarians.

Respectfully submitted,
Samantha Hager, Chair

Working Group on Preservation

Friday, Jan. 30, 2015

10:30 – 11:30 am

The following four members attended: Bernadine Abbott-Hoduski, Co-Chair; Sarah Erekson Jim Noel (Marcive); and Catherine Johnson (ProQuest).

Those present agreed to develop a Strategy Plan that would address the following considerations:

- a. The need to publicize the urgency of preserving the tangible collection
- b. The need to have documents experts in libraries
- c. The development of a proposal for fundraising to assist libraries in their preservation activities

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadine Abbott-Hoduski, Co-Chair

Ad Hoc Committees

Ad Hoc Committee on GODORT Reorganization

MEMBERSHIP: The committee will be composed of 5 members. Each Task Force shall designate 1 member to represent their members, The Chair of Nominating, the GODORT Councilor. The Chair and Chair elect of GODORT shall be ex-officio members.

DURATION: The committee will dissolve at the close of ALA Midwinter 2016 unless extended by the GODORT Steering Committee.

MEETINGS: All meetings--in person or virtual--shall be held under ALA Open Meeting Rules.

PURPOSE: The committee is charged to:

- 1 Review the history of GODORT organization and past proposals to restructure.
- 2 Examine the current structure of GODORT and evaluate its effectiveness in meeting the mission and goals of the organization. Specifically the following questions should be addressed:
 - Given current membership levels is the current committee and task force organization sustainable?
 - Can the organizational structure be streamlined to require fewer elected and appointed positions, while still accomplishing the work needed?
 - Would a different organizational structure support more virtual membership and increase member participation in GODORT activities?
3. Recommend continuation of current structure or alternative structure(s) to be considered by GODORT membership.

OUTCOMES: The Committee shall present a preliminary report to GODORT Steering and the General Membership meeting at ALA Annual 2015 and a final report with recommendations at Midwinter 2016.

Ad Hoc Committee on GODORT Virtual Meetings

MEMBERSHIP: The committee will be composed of 6 members. Each Task Force shall designate 1 person to represent their members, three additional members will be appointed by the Chair. These members will be chosen for their experience with organizing virtual meetings and expertise in the technologies that might be used.

DURATION: The committee will dissolve at the close of ALA Midwinter 2016 unless extended by the GODORT Steering Committee.

MEETINGS: All meetings of this committee--in person or virtual--shall be held under ALA Open Meeting Rules.

PURPOSE: The committee is charged to:

1. Survey GODORT membership on usefulness and challenges in holding virtual meetings
2. Benchmark the use of virtual meetings by other ALA organizations
3. Consult with Committee Chairs and Task Force Coordinators on opportunities and challenges with conducting virtual meetings in their committee or task force.
4. Examine challenges that exist in ensuring that the maximum number of GODORT members can participate, and recommend the platform(s) and training that would be necessary.
5. Recommend which officers, committees, and task forces must, by virtue of their work and or interactions with other ALA units, be present for face-to-face meetings at both Annual and Midwinter.
6. Determine budgetary impacts of moving to virtual meetings (e.g. additional technology costs at conferences to stream steering or general membership meetings)

OUTCOMES: The Committee shall present a preliminary report to GODORT Steering and the General Membership meeting at ALA Annual 2015 and a final report with recommendations at Midwinter 2016.

Membership Committee Social Media Policy Proposal

Change PPM section on GODORT Communications using Social Media:

[Chapter 2: Communication and Correspondence](#)

II. Methods of Communication

B. Social Networks

GODORT has accounts on a variety of social networks, including Twitter, Facebook, and Blip.tv. The GODORT blog (<http://www.godort.ala.org/news/>) is tied to the GODORT Twitter account (<http://twitter.com/godort>), and is updated infrequently.

Membership Committee, charged with promoting membership and active participation in GODORT, will manage the administrative privileges on social media accounts.

(See *PPM* Chapter 21)

Members are encouraged to experiment with new technologies in order to expand virtual, year-round participation in GODORT.

Proposed addition:

[Chapter 21: Membership Committee](#)

V. Activities and Projects

E. GODORT's ~~Affiliated Organizations~~ Social Media Presence

~~i. Maintain a directory of state and regional GODORT-affiliated organizations on the wiki.~~

i. Membership Committee will manage the administrative privileges on social media accounts.

ii. Users with administrative privileges will be selected by the Membership Committee from volunteers expressing interest in promoting GODORT via social media.

- Account users will abide by policies set by the social media platform. For example, users promoting GODORT on the Facebook page will need to have personal Facebook accounts.

- Members of the Membership Committee will monitor a social media platform's terms of use and other policies and adapt to them.

- Volunteers may be given roles or privileges as defined by the social media platform. When possible, the ability to add administrators, delete accounts, and change other users' privileges may be limited to members of the Membership Committee.

iii. Guidelines for social media participation will be the same as the User Guidelines on ALA Connect, <http://connect.ala.org/user-guidelines>, such as refraining from political speech in an election year and not posting ads or commercial solicitations.

iv. Social media will engage with community members to promote GODORT, its publications, conferences, webinars, and events. Additionally, social media will be used to promote government information.

- Content may be shared from any community members' government information promotional media, such as blogs, pictures, and links.

- GODORT social media may connect to GODORT-affiliated organizations, government agencies, and other relevant groups.

v. New social media accounts may be evaluated and added by the Membership Committee.