

# Education Committee Meeting Minutes from ALA Chicago, July 2000

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GODORT Education Committee Draft Minutes  
2000 Annual Meeting  
Chicago: Westin Hotel, Jackson Park Room  
July 8, 2000, 2-4 p.m.  
Sherry DeDecker, Chair  
Angela Bonnell, Recorder

Present:

Committee members: Sherry DeDecker, Angela Bonnell, Claire Hoffman, Thomas Karel, Chuck Malone, Larry Schankman, Dawn Smith

Friends of the Committee: 25 guests attended the program; several stayed for the meeting.

The program began at 2:00.

Part 1: Program: Reaching Out and Handing Out: Success and Pitfalls

Speakers:

Maggie Farrell: Search Engines for Government Information

Maggie presented a handout of useful government information web sites and discussed their merits.

Grace York and Larry Romans: GODORT Handout Exchange

Grace and Larry gave a historical overview of this 12 year old service. Handouts, created by Grace York, Dawn Smith and Kate Holvoet, and instructions by speakers, included Dos and Dents regarding submission, special needs and use of the handouts.

Part II: Business Meeting

The meeting began at 3:00. The minutes of the January 15, 2000 midwinter meeting were accepted, after some corrections.

Announcements

Education Committee will increase from 8 to 12 members if passed by membership at the business meeting

Monday night Ann Miller is seeking volunteers for Education Committee if membership increases

Silent auction is at the GODORT booth; bidding ends Monday noon

Draft guidelines for GODORT Councilor will be discussed at the business meeting

Liaison Reports

FDTF: S. DeDecker

There will be a preconference on historical documents at ALA 2001 in San Francisco. Planning has begun for a Census preconference for annual 2002. Discussion took place on the amount of Census 2000 information available only in electronic format, and the fact that no agency is taking responsibility for data migration.

IDTF: A. Bonnell

There is a program on International Statistics Monday morning. The business meeting will also cover the GODORT Cataloging Toolbox for International Documents, a draft letter to union depository libraries, and a draft survey to international governmental organizations.

SLDTF: S. DeDecker for K. Holvoet

The task force is recommending cataloging of web sites from state and local governments. They have a program City on a Hill on Saturday afternoon.

### Education Assembly: C. Hoffman

The Assembly is working on certification for librarians, and have asked groups within ALA for ideas and opinions. They would like to know if GODORT is interested in pursuing this idea.

### Continuing Business

#### Government Information and Depository Management Clearinghouse

S. DeDecker will continue to host site. Members have adopted individual sections and agreed to host at their institutions; they also agreed that they will continue to revise and add, and will notify Education if they want to relinquish their section. Larry Romans suggested a common bottom link, footer, and creation of consistent navigational links; committee agreed to adopt a common template with GODORT logo, standardized links, and a link to GODORT on each page.

Clearinghouse Topics are:

Federal Depository Library Management: Thomas Karel

State, Local or International Government Information Management: Katherine Holvoet

Providing User Access to Electronic Government Publications: Sherry DeDecker

Providing an Instruction Session on Government Information:- Chuck Malone

Electronic Toolbox: Dawn Smith

Community Advocacy: Claire Hoffman

Library Administration Advocacy: Angela Bonnell

There will be four new tutorials, as result of award winners of the Continuing Education grants. One new tutorial has already been linked: Government Documents Displays by Mark McCullough.

#### Issues for the Profession of Government Information Librarians

This paper was presented to the ALA Congress on Professional Education by Patricia Cruse. It addressed concerns and issues in providing library service for government information, including how the Internet has changed how we provide service and access, and the proliferation of merged reference desks. At the GODORT business meeting in June 1999, it was decided that Steering would appoint a special committee to recommend actions. L. Romans asked that Education provide names of prospective members. Discussion followed as to how to proceed in dealing with the issues addressed in the paper. The committee recommended that this special task force provide Steering with recommendations and specific actions that GODORT could take. Six attendees volunteered to work on this project. Action: S. DeDecker will send names to L. Romans, who will assemble a task force to make recommendations to Steering by midwinter.

### New Project: Welcome Wagon

Enthusiasm for the idea of a Welcome Wagon for librarians new to working with government information was expressed at Midwinter. Tom Karel is coordinator, and created a skeleton sheet of web resources and sources to be included.

Discussion included several suggestions for sites and topics to be included on this one-page handout, and consensus was reached on the focus of this project. Additional suggestions included the Clearinghouse, Handout Exchange, GODORT, Universities of Virginia and Michigan sites, Resources for Librarians at GODORT site, forms via Membership Committee, and how to contact your regional library.

C. Wolff mentioned the need to include information for librarians working with all types of government information, not just federal. Members expressed desire that the flyer not be too long, and that it also be available on the Internet. Questions arose on how to distribute material: ideas included GPO distribution, possibly in depository boxes every six months; GOVDOC-L and DOCTECH-L. L. Schankman received agreement from Sheila McGarr to distribute flyers in boxes. Other suggestions were distribution by regionals in paper and via regional page(s), orientation programs given by regionals, and possible inclusion in the Guidelines for Federal Depository Libraries. Discussion also included the need for mentoring programs for new documents librarians.

Action: S. DeDecker will ask about the status of the mentorship program.

Action: T. Karel will work on draft flyer with assistance from committee members, and have a flyer ready for distribution by the end of September.

Action: C. Hoffman will send a paper copy of the flyer to be distributed to GPO, after receiving authorization from Gil Baldwin. She and T. Karel will oversee distribution methods for the flyer.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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