

Education Committee Meeting Minutes from ALA Philadelphia, January 2003

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Summary GODORT Education Committee
ALA Midwinter Meeting
Philadelphia, PA
Sunday, January 26, 2003
9:30-12:30

Sheraton Society Hill – Cook

Barb Mann, Lynne Stuart, and Joyce Lindstrom will join Steve Wood on a subcommittee to develop a recommendation for continuing the government information clearinghouse and documents exchange.

Barbara Miller will solicit comments on the 9/11 web pages developed by the committee in 2002 and add links to related information at the FDTF and other web sites.

Beth Clausen will serve as the committee's contact person with the @ Your Library Campaign. Representatives of the campaign will attend the Toronto committee meeting with proposed materials on government information. The committee discussed ways of bringing the issue of including government information in library instruction based on information literacy standards. We will explore the possibility of a program cosponsored by GODORT and other interested ALA units, as well as a tool kit.

A new webmaster for the Education Committee web site is needed. The chair will e-mail committee members with more details on responsibilities and requirements of this position after midwinter and seek to secure a volunteer as quickly as possible.

The committee discussed the need to ascertain the educational needs of documents librarians in the current environment of professional turnover and organizational change. Solutions ranged from a full-scale survey effort with support from other committees and/or ALA divisions to "quick and dirty" methods of garnering opinions and suggestions from new documents librarians. The chair will work with a small group to explore the possibility of holding an informal focus group of new librarians at the LDC spring meeting in Reno. If this can be done, the committee will discuss the results and the need for more information gathering at its next meeting.

--Dena Hutto, Chair

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