

# Education Committee Meeting Minutes from ALA Philadelphia, January 2008

From GODORT

GODORT Education Committee

ALA Midwinter Meeting

Philadelphia, PA

Sunday, January 13, 2008

1:30-3:30 pm

Crowne Plaza, Independence Room

Committee members in attendance: Jennie Burroughs (Chair), Hui Hua Chua, Jim Church, Brett Cloyd, Judith Downie, Nancy Reinhold, Suzanne Sears, Carol Spector, Linda Spiro, Annie Young

Guests: Kristina Bolski, Sherry DeDecker, David Griffiths, Rachel Hally, Robin Haun-Mohammed, Catherine Jerve, Cheryl McCoy, Bruce Obenhaus, Tina Plottel, Connie Reik, Stephanie Rosenblatt, Jesse Silva, Debra S. Van Tassel, Jill Vassilakos-Long, Marilyn Von Seggern, Grace York

## I. Welcome and Introductions

## II. Approval of Agenda

The committee suggested no changes to the agenda.

III. Discussion session: Instruction technologies and government information The discussion session consisted of brief presentations from Annie Young and Judith Downie, small group breakouts, and sharing highlights of each group's discussion.

Annie discussed clickers, which are handheld wireless devices that can be used to increase student participation and assess learning outcomes. She also discussed her library's presence in Blackboard and how it might be used for government information peer training. Judith discussed Mediasite, a web video presentation tool. Presentations have incorporated Census data, FBI files, and agency organization charts.

In the breakout discussions, attendees mentioned using course management systems (DSpace, Sakai, Angel), chat/IM, wikis, podcasts (GarageBand), screen capture tools (Captive), widgets, virtual classes, and vendor-supplied tools.

Specific examples include:

Creating 3-minute podcasts of each library department, directed at students

Using GarageBand to do a voiceover broadcast for American Factfinder

Using Captivate to teach congressional research

Other points of discussion included the benefits of faculty cooperation, the importance of keeping presentations short to keep students' attention, and measuring the success of a technology via surveys and usage statistics.

## Business Meeting

## IV. Approval of Minutes from Annual 2007 meeting

The committee approved the minutes with no changes.

## V. Liaison Reports

A. FDTF (Hui Hua Chua) -

GPO is developing criteria for members of the FDLP to contribute training sessions to OPAL (a resource for creating web-based programs).

Received a report on the IMLS grant, Govt. Info. in the 21st Century.

Preconference on elections in Anaheim

B. SLDTF (Carol Spector) -

Anaheim program called 'Going Local: Statistical Sources for Business.'

With Rare and Endangered Committee, looking into what state governments are doing to capture born-digital documents. Endorsed IDTF's NGO project (see below) and may collaborate in future.

C. IDTF (Jim Church)-

The group's international agencies liaisons will describe the publishing processes of various international agencies on the GODORT wiki.

Formed a subgroup to study how GODORT could cover NGO's (Non-governmental organizations) - for example, as part of IDTF mission.

D. Literacy Assembly - Did not meet.

E. Education Assembly - No report.

F. Forum on Education for Librarianship - Did not meet.

VI. Announcements

Recent work of the Government Information in the 21st Century Project Debra Van Tassel, manager of this IMLS grant, gave an overview of the project. They have formulated a model for government information specialists to use to train non-government information library staff. The project includes a Train the Trainer conference, subject modules that include training and presentation materials, and doing actual training. The grant runs through September 2008, but, as the resources are freely available through WebJunction ([www.webjunction.org/gi21](http://www.webjunction.org/gi21)), they are looking for ways to pilot the model in other geographic areas. So far, they have interest from the Government Information Committee of ACRL's Science and Technology Section, OCLC regional network executive directors, and ASERL.

VIII. Old Business

A. Competencies for Government Information Specialists A subcommittee, led by Linda Spiro and including Hui Hua Chua, Brett Cloyd, Suzanne Sears, and Annie Young, have been working on this task. They clarified the goal for the competencies document as: identify basic competencies for new documents librarians and inform non-documents reference librarians about the most important sources related to government information.

The subcommittee decided to distribute the survey to determine competencies to librarians who have been working with documents for at least 5 years as well as to SLIS professors who teach documents classes. Specifically it will be circulated to GOVDOC-L, SLA's Government Information Division, Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Round Table, law librarian groups, and SLIS listservs. Brett Cloyd and Jim Church will work on questions for international documents competencies to add to the survey. Because of the diversity of state and local resources, these will not be covered in the survey but will be included in the competencies document.

Since years of experience will be asked for in a survey question, the decision was made not to limit the survey to librarians who have more than 5 years experience with government documents. The group also decided to change the survey language and target audience from librarians to library staff to include all those who may be documents experts.

Once the changes have been made, Linda will email the survey to the committee. Email Linda ([lindas@rice.edu](mailto:lindas@rice.edu)) with any suggestions. The goal is to have the survey completed by Annual.

B. Handout Exchange and Clearinghouse

There is now a template for this on the GODORT wiki and migration of links has begun

(<http://wikis.ala.org/godort/index.php/Exchange>). There was a question as to whether or not to weed materials.

Since the committee did a weeding project recently, it was suggested that there need not be a concentrated effort on weeding at this time. There was also discussion about older guides that might be out-of-date; the committee decided to keep them on the Exchange as long as they have some value.

VII. New Business

A. Webcasting/Virtual program partnerships with GPO Suzanne Sears explained that GPO has asked if the group would be willing to come up with training modules and work with GPO to create them using OPAL. They would be located on the FDLP Desktop and on the Committee's web page. It was agreed that this was a good idea and several suggestions for topics and trainers were made:

How to process documents

How to use DDM2 efficiently (Nan Myers)

How to market your depository collection for public libraries and academic libraries

How to be a good regional (David Cismowski, John Phillips)

Past FDLP presentations

Suzanne will work on putting together some ideas. Those interested in helping out with this should contact her at SSears@library.unt.edu.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Annie Young, Intern  
Jennie Burroughs, Chair

Retrieved from "[https://wikis.ala.org/godort/index.php?title=Education\\_Committee\\_Meeting\\_Minutes\\_from\\_ALA\\_Philadelphia,\\_January\\_2008&oldid=10206](https://wikis.ala.org/godort/index.php?title=Education_Committee_Meeting_Minutes_from_ALA_Philadelphia,_January_2008&oldid=10206)"

- 
- This page was last modified on 20 April 2010, at 15:08.
  - Content is available under a Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 3.0 License unless otherwise noted.