1. The agenda and meeting minutes for the ALA Annual Conference 2007 (June 23) were approved.

2. Presentations by Guest Speakers:
   
   a. Update from the Government Printing Office (Ric Davis, Acting Superintendent of Documents, GPO)
      
      - Robert B. Tappella has been appointed Public Printer.
      - William Kurtz has replaced Kevin O’Toole as Director of Publications and Information Sales.
      - Congress will probably appropriate $35 million for GPO’s budget; this is $7 million less than needed for new programs and initiatives.
      - There is a new FDLP Desktop. It emphasizes user interaction.
      - Authentication project: GPO is testing methods of providing a digital signature for Public Laws and Private Laws and hopes to have a plan ready for the next Depository Council meeting.
      - The new interface of ILS should be ready in February.
      - GPO is seeking comments on the Web harvesting pilot project started in 2006 at the EPA web site.
      - The *FDL Handbook* is replacing the *FDL Manual*.
      - GPO will be seeking public or private sector involvement in accomplishing the digitization of all government documents as proposed by former Public Printer Bruce James.
      - GPO received many comments on the 2006 draft guidelines for shared regional depository libraries. There are conflicting opinions on whether shared regionals are constitutional. GPO is hoping for eventual support from the Joint Committee on Printing for this concept.
      - Judy Russell got the free access to PACER project started with 17 libraries participating; seeks expansion.
      - “Handles” will replace PURLs as persistent identifiers. Beta testing successful. Need to transfer 80,000 PURLs to Handles.
      - Outreach efforts have been hobbled due to uncertain funding caused by the use of continuing resolutions to fund federal...
b. ASERL Collaborative Documents Program (Valerie Glenn, Government Documents Librarian, University of Alabama)

- ASERL (Association of South Eastern Research Libraries) Board of Directors authorized a steering committee to explore options for cooperation and shared collection development of government documents.
- Currently the project is focused on assessing the collections and services and identifying centers of excellence at the 11 regional depositories located in the 10 states comprising ASERL. See http://www.aserl.org/ and click on “Collaborative Fedl Depositories” link for more information.

c. Government Information in the 21st Century, IMLS Project (Debra Van Tassel, IMLS Grant Project Manager and Government Publications Librarian, University of Colorado)

- IMLS grant application written to establish a train the trainer program on locating and using electronic government information to address general lack of awareness and lack of confidence in electronic government information sources.
- Accomplishments: trained 48 government information professionals in five states to expand the base of electronic experts. Currently 218 library employees have attended training workshops. Goal is to have over 600 library employees trained by September when grant funding runs out.
- Ultimate goal is to have a new model from training in electronic government information that can be adopted on a national level.

3. Committee Liaison Reports and Announcements

- Legislative Committee. Kay Cassell reported committee is working on two resolutions: one concerns full funding for FDsys and the other concerns ALA’s support for membership of tribal colleges in the FDLP.
- Program Committee. John Hernandez reported on plans for two pre-conferences to take place in Anaheim, Calif. This summer (see Old Business below for more information).
• GITCO. Grace York noted some potential problems with GPO’s digitization priorities and concern over commercial products versus GPO’s products. She is seeking volunteers to form a subcommittee on data librarianship.

4. Old Business


Will focus on elections resources. Title: “Got Elections? Informing the Public.” Four basic units on voter information, candidate information, information on issues and public opinion sources, and ballot initiatives, and on election results.

b. Update on FDTF virtual membership proposal. Sarah Gewirtz.

More investigation is needed. Twelve volunteers are needed to test the concept out. John Stevenson noted ALA’s requirement for a quorum and inquired about voting eligibility for virtual members. Valerie Glenn suggested using the GODORT listserv to solicit the 12 volunteers needed before using the GOVDOC-L listserv.

5. New Business


After seeking input from GODORT, including FDTF, ALA sent a letter on January 2 to Robert Tapella, the new Public Printer, on expectations for the position of Superintendent of Documents.

b. Budget of the United States. Grace York expressed thanks to GPO for making a print copy available when the Office of Management and Budget would not.

c. New GPO building. Acting Superintendents of Documents Ric Davis said there was no action taking place on the possible construction of a new building for GPO. More research is necessary.