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The Government Information for Children (GIC) Meeting at ALA Annual 2016 in Orlando was a productive and lively forum for a discussion of “all things government information from the child point of view - POV.”

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM EDT on Saturday June 25, 2016 at the Rosen Plaza Hotel on the grounds of the Orlando Convention Center.

In attendance were Tom Adamich (co-chair – Visiting Librarian Service), Connie Williams (co-chair – Petaluma High School, CA), Gregory March (University of Tennessee at Knoxville), Siu Min Yu (Rice University – TX), Liza Weisbrod (Auburn University – AL), Dwight Powell (Library of Congress), Richard Yarnal (Library of Congress), Jane Canfield (Pontifica Universidad Católica – PR), Katy Davis, Rich Gause (University of Central Florida – FL)

The Minutes from the ALA Midwinter 2016 meeting in Boston were approved and seconded, with no dissenting votes or corrections/amplifications.

With regard to old business, the GIC Clearinghouse (LibGuide) http://guides.ucf.edu/gic was reviewed relative to the status of current updates and proposed enhancements / additions. Mr. Gause reviewed the process for requesting pages be added to the LibGuide and how to become an authorized editor for the requested page.

Ms. Canfield and Mr. Gause will be creating a Spanish language LibGuide page to include government agency links in Spanish and notable Spanish government documents. The page should be ready for rollout at Midwinter 2017 in Atlanta.

Additionally, Ms. Yu will be working to review the status of the GIC Clearinghouse’s State pages and add links in the LibGuide to the State pages, working in concert with Daniel Cornwall (GODORT State Agency Databases - http://wikis.ala.org/godort/index.php/State_Agency_Databases – GODORT State and Local Documents Task Force) to identify possible resources to transfer and an editing production process as it relates to the GIC Clearinghouse. A project outline and status report will be ready for discussion at Midwinter 2017 in Atlanta.

Also discussed at the ALA Annual 2016 GIC Meeting was the development of GIC Clearinghouse publicity to promote awareness.


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