

**GODORT Government Information for Children (GIC) Committee
Meeting Minutes
ALA 2015 Annual Conference**

Attendees:

Tom Adamich; Connie Williams; Helen Sheehy; Steven Woods; Bernadine Abbott Hoduski; Rich Gause [all GODORT]; Carmen Sanchez [Emerging Leader]; Amanda Ingalls [Emerging Leader]; Kim Trinh-Sy [Emerging Leader]; Dwight Powell [Library of Congress]; Richard Yarnell [Library of Congress]; Ashley Dahlen [Government Publishing Office]

1. Welcome and introductions -- Connie Williams and Tom Adamich

2. Approval of GIC Mid-Winter Minutes – No deletions or additions

3. Old Business:

a. Spanish language government documents initiative - status report - Rich Gause – Rich is proceeding with the migration of content from the Weebly to the LibGuides platform. We are also keeping the option open that the Weebly site may have to remain operational so that the Emerging Leaders participants can use.

We also received news that Jane Canfield, Bibliotecaria/Librarian at Pontificia Universidad Catolica de *Puerto Rico*, will be providing access to Spanish language Federal documents via the GIC Clearinghouse - <http://guides.ucf.edu/gic>.

b. National / State History Day -- Amy Riegelman – Amy attended the February NHD Advisory Council meeting in Silver Spring, MD [summary below]. She reported what the GIC is planning to contribute to the effort and maintain a dialog with the Emerging Leaders participants to provide them an opportunity to participate.

Friday, Feb. 27, 2015 NHD Advisory Council Meeting Report to GODORTGIC

In attendance: Noralee Frankel (chair), independent Beth Boland, independent Carol Harsh, American Association for State and Local History Justin Jakovac, National Council for History Education Esther Mackintosh, Federation of State Humanities Councils Elisabeth Marsh, Organization of American Historians Dana Schaffer, American Historical Association Amy Riegelman, Government Information for Children of ALA's GODORT Philip Soergel, University of Maryland, Dept of History Cathy Gorn, Executive Director at National History Day Kim Fortney, Deputy Director at National History Day Lynne O'Hara, Director of Programs at National History Day

Staffing concerns at the national office: More staff needed More diversified funding model needed Cathy Gorn, Executive Director at National History Day, will be dedicating time in 2015 to finishing her book on National History Day The NHD Advisory Council will be selecting 2015 NHD award recipients 1.

Behring Teacher of the Year 2. HISTORY® Award for Service The top four candidate nomination forms will be sent to Advisory Council by May 2015. Ranked nominations must be submitted by May 26, 2015 at 10am EST.

Ongoing initiatives: American Battle Monuments Commission(ABMC) & summer teacher institutes in England, France, Netherlands, and Belgium Normandy Institute 100 Leaders (www.100leaders.org) voting and results Continued international expansion of NHD and developing affiliate programs by geographic regions.

Educational Outreach: Great teacher involvement in NHD's Tech Talks in 2014 Lynne and Amy Riegelman will be communicating about a government information session for an NHD Tech Talk and possibly considering other venues such as an FDLP Academy session.

Also, National History Day connection with John Shuler's Virtual Reference Desk - http://fcw.com/articles/2005/04/04/virtual-reference-desk-is-open.aspx?admgarea=TC_ExecTech and the NoodleTools Support Center's ticket system <http://www.noodletools.com/helpdesk/index.php?action=submit> whereby GODORT librarians could assist students / teachers with questions was discussed. Tom and Connie would reach out to John and Debbie Abilock (NoodleTools) regarding next steps.

c. Constitution Day Poster Contest 2015 -- Tom Adamich – Steven Woods suggested to add Land Grant universities and state libraries to the list of populations to whom we need to reach out.

Tom contacted Keir and Paula from ConstitutionFacts.com for updates on the 2015 contest, and they reiterated their hope that the successes of 2014 could be repeated. This is a testament to Kansas GODORT and ALA GODORT who started the contest back in 2006 with less than 100 entries. Information is available at <http://www.constitutionfacts.com/constitution-poster-design-contest/> , and the 2015 contest entry form is available at http://www.constitutionday.cc/2015_EntryForm_103014.pdf . We are making plans to tie in LibGuides and Emerging Leaders efforts.

4. New Business:

a. Emerging Leaders 2015 Cohort Report -- Continuation and integration of 2015 Emerging Leaders Government Information for Children (GIC) Clearinghouse <http://govdocs4kids.weebly.com/> into the GIC Clearinghouse LibGuides platform, hosted by the University of Central Florida - <http://guides.ucf.edu/gic> was reported.

Members of the 2015 Cohort (Carmen Sanchez, Amanda Ingalls, Kim Trinh-Sy) provided an update on their effort to develop a strategic/sustainability plan for

maintaining the GIC Clearinghouse. They look forward to being a part of the transition and possible future GODORT members.

b. Migration of <http://www.govdocs4kids.weebly.com> and other legacy Gov Doc Kids Group websites to <http://guides.ucf.edu/gic> - An emphasis on focusing on themes will be made (per the Emerging Leaders Strategic Plan – available for review upon request from Tom). Plans are to tie in with topics – Suffrage, legislative process, Constitution. Rich Gause will also provide additional feedback. .

b. Constitution Day Poster Contest 2015 - needs and strategies - Tom Adamich – Tom mentioned if we can leverage the Emerging Leaders to help us with resources support and awareness strategies, that would be great.

c. Strategic planning for 2015 - 2016 - GIC group members, various –

Discussion as to how the GIC would analyze and further refine its mission, vision, and values statements to contribute to the GODORT 5-year Strategic Plan Initiative led by incoming GODORT Chair Stephen Woods was generated.

The following ideas resulted from the discussions:

VISION:

The Government Information for Children Committee fosters an awareness of the value of government information as a lifelong resource for living locally, regionally, nationally, and globally.

MISSION:

Our goal is to promote government information in order to engage K-12 students in learning about history, culture, science, and government through games and other interactive activities; to assist teachers and school librarians with locating teaching aids, lesson plans, and exciting tools to enhance students' learning, and to provide librarians with a collection of free government resources to advance their reference interview and collection development decisions.

GOALS:

- Maintaining the Weebly / LibGuides resources
- Advocacy for the Constitution Day Poster Contest

- Stronger partnerships with the GPO and the LOC
- Stronger partnerships with FDLP-member libraries

e. FDLP webinars – Government Information for Children – Susanne Caro – Tom received the following from Susanne to distribute to GIC members and others in GODORT. Participation / ideas are encouraged:

Hello,

We are looking for individuals who are interested in sharing their knowledge of age-appropriate Government Documents with other librarians. FDLP is interested in adding webinars on this subject to the FDLP academy. You can focus on a subject, grade or even how to market these materials to teachers and students. Depending on the level of interest we can have a series of presentations.

If you are interested please contact Susanne.caro@umontana.edu

Thanks again!

Susanne

(P.S. I love the naturalization test!)

f. GODORT Working Group on Preservation – GIC has representation on this subcommittee. Its purpose is to work on strategies to address two main issues:

1. The need for government documents experts to be trained, employed, and lauded
2. The need for paper materials to be preserved

Working Group on Preservation Member Sarah Erickson (Chicago Public Library) recommended a survey of current practices as well as a preservation best practices plan be drafted by the committee and distributed to FDLP members and others

The group met in San Francisco to finalize the initial recommendation and submit for leadership review.

Feel free to contact Sarah at serekson@chipublib.org as well as Tom and/or Working Group on Preservation co-chair / GODORT Founder Bernadine Abbott Hoduski (ber@blackfoot.net).

g. Library of Congress connections -- Heard reports from Library of Congress' Dwight Powell and Richard Yarnell on possible GIC / LC connections. Connie and Tom will follow up on the possible resource links, cross-promotion with other ALA divisions, etc.

h. Federal Citizen Information Center -- Informed attendees that representatives of the Federal Citizen Information Center (FCIC) are interested in partnering with the GIC / GODORT to promote awareness of Kids.gov Discussion as to how this might become a sponsored program at Annual 2016 was generated. Steven Woods indicated that he would provide feedback and next steps information if the program was selected and approved.

i. Notable GODORT attendees recognized -- Notable GODORT attendees included Stephen Woods, current GODORT Chair Helen Sheehy, and GODORT Founding Member Bernadine Abbott Hoduski.