

Gov Docs for Kids Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2014, 10:00am EST / 9:00am CST
Conference Call

Present: Tom Adamich (Mintinet Library Services); Jeffrey Hartsell-Gundy (Miami University); Amy Springer (University of Minnesota)

Unable to attend: Connie Williams; Rich Gause; Susan Paterson; Sara Striner; Josefine Smith

Tom Adamich called the GODORT Gov Docs for Kids Committee to order at 10:06am EST / 9:06am CST.

1. Approve inaugural GIC meeting minutes from ALA Annual

The June 29, 2013 meeting minutes were approved.

2. Introductions

Jeffrey Harsell-Gundy is a Government Information & Law Librarian at Miami University Libraries. Previously he served as president of GODORT of Ohio.

Amy Springer is a Librarian of Government Information, Psychology, and Institute of Child Development at the University of Minnesota. She's involved in GODORT of Minnesota and has worked with children in the MN History Day <http://education.mnhs.org/historyday/program> to help students locate primary sources for History Day projects. There is a partnership between the Minnesota Historical Society and the University of Minnesota.

Tom Adamich is the Content/Systems Librarian and Metadata Program Manager for Mitinet Library Services. Tom summarized the history of successful Constitution Day Poster Contests and involvement from GODORT state chapters. Tom also explained how Gov Docs for Kids became a standing committee within GODORT.

3. Current project updates / old business

Tom Adamich shared that Connie Williams's and Susan Patterson are making progress on Canadian resources while Rich Gause's Florida and the Caribbean Government Information Guide is also accessible (<http://guides.ucf.edu/gov>).

4. New business - promotion of wiki / resources and preparations for ALA 2015 -

learning logistics from GODORT steering committee and examples / best practices - cc'd Suzanne Sears GODORT Chair for feedback

Example from AASL:

CHICAGO – The American Association of School Librarians (AASL) invites proposals for programs to be presented during the 2014 American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference. The conference will be held June 26 - July 1 in Las Vegas. The deadline for preconference submissions is 11:59 p.m. CDT on Monday, May 27, 2013. The deadline for concurrent session submissions is 11:59 p.m. CDT on Monday, Aug. 26, 2013. More information is available at www.ala.org/aasl/aaslrfp.

Keir Walton will be contacted regarding a needs assessment of the Constitution Day Poster Contest. ConstitutionFacts.com will be updated.

Meeting attendees were unsure about whether or not a committee needs to go through normal protocol for submitting ALA Conference proposals. The committee would like to set a realistic timeline for submitting a proposal for the 2015 ALA Annual Conference. Committee will seek input from Suzanne Sears.

Tom mentioned that one idea for a proposal would be best practices for teaching children how to locate government information. Also, we may want to reference the need for students to locate primary sources as part of the Common Core State Standards. We could assess the role of librarians in helping students locate government information as a primary source. Amy will learn more about History Day projects that have librarian involvement in other states.

Also discussed was remaining aware of other mediums such as publishing in DttP. Amy mentioned that the Winter 2013 issue included an article by Jessica J. Blanchard entitled “Using Modern Media to Reach America’s Youth: The Government’s Anti-Drug Campaigns, 1980-Present.”