1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Agenda

3. New Business

   a. Suggested program for SF from Gary Cornwell: have founder of Google (Craig Silverstein) come chat; issues: early program slot, problems hooking up equipment, membership interested; have a government search engine person - FirstGov; John Hernandez & Eric Forte will help & T. C. Evans will help to organize.

4. Approval of Minutes

5. Reports from Task Force representatives

   a. Eric Forte/IDTF: GODORT web site moving to Sunsite within the next couple of weeks; IDTF is surveying IGOs re: archiving electronic documents
   b. Carrie Ottow/SLDTF
   c. Luke Griffin/Ad Hoc Committee on Digitization: Luke Griffin is web master; site on Sunsite; intended to provide guidance to librarians as they digitize publications
   d. Megan Dreger/DttP Tech Watch: will try to have a regular update section of column.

6. Old Business

   a. Web page template statistics: roughly 500 hits per month on that site
   b. FirstGov: John Hernandez coordinated responses on it; combined with ALA-GIS and posted on NCLIS web site; John did comparison of FirstGov with other specialty search engines and presented report
   c. Census Issues: Grace York & Trudy Suchan of Census re: Allocate software for 2000 Census. Key point: GPO needs to distribute the CD/DVD version as a depository item because its functionality makes it a different product from American FactFinder. It was resolved that GITCO would request Ann Miller, as chair of GODORT, send a letter to the Superintendent of Documents stating these distribution preferences.
   d. Grace York brought a presentation regarding government CDs that was given to many
members of federal agencies

e. NTDB: Esther Crawford & Carrie Ottow: so far unable to get answer to question about comparison between methods of access; specific tests of the two indicates that the CD/Internet are not exact copies of each other; suggestion of posting question on GOVDOC-L about whether anyone has had any problems (ex. out of date reports on STAT-USA), plus it’s not clear how much unique content is on STAT-USA; Esther Crawford will continue to pursue a written policy of inclusion and removal of publications on site

f. CD-ROM Doc. Project: Aaron Dobbs & Anne Liebst: reworking opening page, discuss roles of editors v. contributors, step up recruiting efforts; Grace York suggested a demonstration of the Service at the next meeting; Doralyn asked them to describe what role they see GITCO playing in the future; publicity is suggested as role for GITCO; perhaps have a program at 2001 DLC; soliciting marketing coordinators to ensure adequate publicity while they will write up the materials to be used in publicity; Beth Clausen & Wendy Mann-Elliot will get on the CD-ROM subgroup while Amy West will leave; Beth will head up publicity efforts; http://dobbsa.apsu.edu/godort/CdDoc.ppt is an initial presentation on the Service; will add another field for workarounds

g. FDTF: Aimee Piscitelli Quinn: GODORT is concerned about the conclusions of the NCLIS Comprehensive Assessment on Public Information with the exception of the revision of the mission statement of agencies to include information dissemination and a written report will follow. GODORT has been asked to give ALA a response to the GAO study of the transfer of the FDLP to LC. A letter articulating our concerns will be forthcoming.

7. New Business

a. perhaps create a GITCO version of www.searchenginewatch.com using John Hernandez’s report as the basis for the page - John will create draft; John would like suggestions of other searches to try; John will ultimately send comments and suggestions to FirstGov

b. What should GITCO do next?

- Grace York: try to act as agency advisors;
- Barbara Levergood suggested organizing projects around diversity of expertise/interest in GITCO to avoid marginalization;
- Megan Fitch suggested a toolbox segment analogous to that on FDTF;
- Doralyn suggested linking to Tech Watch columns;
- Aimee P. Quinn suggested putting articles on toolbox segment and also having a person scan GOVDOC-L to generate ideas for GITCO; GITCO could go through FDTF liaisons to formally interact with agencies regarding their electronic publications;
- Grace suggested that GITCO spearhead efforts toward the preservation of agency web sites.

Announcement:
American FactFinder: block-level maps with street names & block numbers and 2000 maps will appear in late spring!! (from Grace York)

There will be a 2000 Census program in 2002 at Emory University.
MAGERT will have a program at Annual 2001 with Gerry O'Donnell, Census Regional Office in Denver, Angie Lee from ESRI, Barbara Levergood from UNC-CH, Lucinda Hall from Dartmouth and a representative from Geolytics.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm
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