GODORT Rare and Endangered Government Publications Minutes
ALA Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA

Present: Bill Sleeman, Chair, August Imholtz, Michael Levine-Clark, Roberta Palen, Jan Wolter, Yvonne Wilson, David Larkin, Ann Miller, Virginia Saunders, George Barnum, Julia Wallace, Donna Koepp, Geoff Swindell, Winston Atkins.

Meeting came to order at 9:40 a.m. with introductions of Committee members and visitors.

George Barnum agreed to take notes for the meeting (thanks George!)

Old Business

The first order of business was approval of the minutes from Mid-Winter as published in DttP and posted on the Committee's website.

Ann Miller next discussed the status of the Committee's website, indicating that as she moves into the position of GODORT Program Chair she did not believe that she would have the time necessary to devote to maintaining the list. Miller indicated that she had spoken already with Committee member David Larkin who agreed to take over this task. Miller will see that Larkin is added to the GODORT Web Managers e-mail list as well. The REGP Committee approved this change.

George Barnum next discussed the on-going internet bibliography. Barnum felt that he would have the project completed by the next Mid-Winter meeting. Left to do is a check of citations, prepare the annotations for Internet sites that are being linked to, and to restructure portions of the bibliography headings.

Bill Sleeman indicated that he had not been able to complete the scanning of the articles from DttP but hoped to provide a digital copy once he obtained a clean copy of the articles. Miller reminded the Committee of the importance to secure all of the appropriate permissions prior to making the material available on the REGP homepage. Sleeman and Barnum will work together to contact the authors.

Sleeman reviewed the e-mail correspondence with RBMS Representative Jane Gillis regarding the Library Security Officers e-mail notification of library thefts. Gillis will forward notices that involve the theft of government documents to the Chair of the REGP Committee. There was some discussion about how to share the information with the rest of the documents community. Miller thought that perhaps GOVDOC-L was too broad. Donna Koepp proposed that the REGP Chair forward the information to the regional depository librarians list and that they forward the information on to their respective members. The Committee agreed that this appeared to be the best approach. Koepp will approach the regional librarians group and report back to the Committee via e-mail.
The Committee next turned to the issue of a possible program with the State and Local Documents Task Force. Sleeman reminded the Committee that the groups mandate was to cover all levels of government information not just federal. Julie Wallace asked about the protection of municipal level documents and if they could/should be included. Yvonne Wilson (State and Local Documents TF Rep.) agreed that this area was important and ought to be included. Wilson asked if a program by REGP had to be at ALA? Roberta Palen suggested that the Public Library Association might be an option, as a member of PLA she believed that this was an issue that might be of interest to them.

Winston Atkins (PARS Rep.) indicated that his group had been trying to reach out to PLA and such a program would represent an opportunity for PARS as well. It was agreed that Atkins would approach PARS about a possible program and that he would follow up with both Wilson and Palen and then report back to the Committee via e-mail.

August Imholtz provided a detailed discussion of the Serial Set Subcommittee's efforts to date, including the group's lunch meeting during the April, 1999 FDLC. The Subcommittee's efforts will focus initially on pre-Civil War Serial Set items with the goal of developing guidelines for the identification and protection of this valuable material. Imholtz indicated that his research had already elicited several very interesting facts about the publication runs of early Serial Set volumes. The Subcommittee hopes to review it's findings by Mid-Winter and have a draft report ready by the year 2000 Annual Meeting.

**New Business**

Donna Koepp indicated that she planned to use the money from her Documents to the People Award for the creation of an Internet site devoted to the U.S. Serial Set. While the final form of this project has not been determined Koepp plans to work with the Serial Set Subcommittee to shape the goals and content of the Internet site.

Sleeman next discussed the request by William Wears of CIS to mount the Serial Set survey article on CIS' homepage. Although this had been discussed via the Committee's e-mail list the issue had not been decided. Sleeman shared with the Committee CIS' indication to provide both full attribution and indicate that copyright for the article belonged to GODORT and DttP. Miller indicated that she thought the request was appropriate given that several the authors are employed by CIS. Sleeman made a formal motion that the Committee approve CIS' request. It was seconded by Wallace and passed without dissent.

Sleeman next indicated that he had been asked to continue as Chair of the Committee for the coming year.

Barnum discussed the status of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Local Public Documents Rooms. While GPO has been involved in efforts to bring some of this material into the depository program and has facilitated the finding of libraries to house this material there was much more that fell outside the parameters of GPO's responsibility. Much of this material is unique but not necessarily rare. Barnum asked if the Committee could somehow encourage those libraries that hold this remaining material to exercise due diligence in its care and possible
distribution. Sleeman asked if a letter from the Committee would be appropriate? Wallace thought that the letter should come from the GODORT Chair with additional signatures from the Chairs of FDTF and REGP. Miller briefly discussed the process for this, explaining that it would represent an action item to be presented at the business meeting during annual. Barnum and Sleeman will discuss this and prepare a request for the annual business meeting.

Pat Finney of CRL arrived and was introduced by Yvonne Wilson. Finney discussed that status of the CRL pre-1950 state document materials. How the material is being processed and arranged and what some of her goals were for the program. This generated a good deal of discussion about the content of the collection and how the Committee could best assist the CRL in its efforts.

The Committee adjourned at 11:50

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Sleeman,