GODORT Rare and Endangered Government Publications Minutes
ALA Midwinter Conference, New Orleans, LA
January 20, 2002
Morial Convention Center, Room 280

Present: John Phillips (Chair), David Utz, Bert Chapman, Suzanne Ebanues, Chantana Charoenpanitbul, Marian Shaabar, Winston Atkins, Yvonne Wilson, Jackie Druery, Roberta Palen, Sheri Irvin, Lou Malcomb, Mike DeMario, Peter Clifford, Karen Nordgren, Noriko Gines

Meeting was called to order at 8:30. This was followed by introductions.

The Minutes of the ALA Annual meeting were not available so John Phillips summarized what took place during the summer meeting. These minutes have been added to the REGP website.

As many were new to the committee or were visitors, a brief review of the Summer ALA Pre-Conference on the Serial Set was given.

The Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Digitization of Government Information was mentioned since a member representing REGP is on the committee. People were encouraged to read the report and/or attend the group’s meeting on Monday. The draft report will be discussed in detail. How the committee was formed and its charge were read from the report to the group.

Donna Koepp's Serial Set inventory was explained to those present. Only two groups have turned in their inventory and others were encouraged to finish their work or begin an inventory if one is not underway. Warning was given that the inventory took a lot of time if a library wanted it to be accurate.

The GODORT Policies and Procedure Manual shows that REGP has a Serial Set Subcommittee that is no longer active and this should be removed from Section II under Activities of Chapter 20.

The Supplementary indexes and Resources for Regional Federal Depository Libraries was mentioned as the idea for this originated in REGP. This listing is being done by the regional libraries and so far 15 libraries have included their holdings.

With August Imholtz's position being terminated at Lexis-Nexis, he was not present to discuss his Pre-Serial Set Inventory. He had sent a summary of his findings to the chair of REGP to update the committee. There were questions of who would continue this work as August had access to collections that were not easily available to others and whether it would be published. It was mentioned that Norman Ross might be interested in finishing the project and publishing the results.

Reports from Task Force Representatives:
SLDTF will be having a program after the CIS breakfast entitled "Innovations in State Government Information Sources". They are also preparing a toolbox on how to catalog state documents.

IDTF discussed a survey that had been done of 20 IGO's. Part of the survey dealt with archiving of reports and 50% said they were going to keep their pieces on the Internet.

PARS had a discussion of preserving audiovisual publications. The Smithsonian is working on irradiated materials. LC is looking at the aging of CDs and a report will be issued soon.

**Old Business**

There was a question of whether the papers given at the Serial Set Pre-Conference will be issued in Dttp. It was assumed that they would.

**New Business**

The group agreed that a letter needs to be written by the Chair of REGP to August Imholtz thanking him for all the work that he has done over the years. There was a question whether GODORT could write a resolution about this as well. The matter will be investigated further.

David Utz asked about what is being done to preserve local city documents. His library in Philadelphia has a very large collection of old city publications and he is interested in what others are doing in the area. David, Roberta Palen and Yvonne Wilson will talk about this and see if others can be interested in having a program with PLA.

David also asked how he should handle his pre-SuDocs documents that are in the 1909 Checklist. He received a lot of suggestions from those present on how they could be inventoried, preserved and have their value determined.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20.

Minutes submitted by John Phillips, Chair-REGP.