GODORT Rare and Endangered Government Publications Minutes
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Present: John Phillips (Chair), David Utz, Yvonne Wilson, Jackie Druery, Roberta Palen, Suzanne Ebanues, Karen Nordgren, Jonathan Perry, Dan Stanton, Christof Galli, Deborah Yerkes

Meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m. This was followed by introductions.

The agenda was adopted and the minutes of the Midwinter 2002 meeting were approved.

As the new history of GODORT has been published, Phillips mentioned that the section dealing with our committee gave a background of how and why the committee was established. While the committee was charged to look at all rare government publications, the U.S. Serial Set has been its primary focus over the last few years. Utz pointed out that at his library the focus has been more with the cataloging of their pre-SuDocs publications. Even though he realizes its importance, he is not able to spend time working on the Serial Set inventory.

With Donna Koepp moving to Harvard, concern was expressed about the location of her inventory. Would it stay at the University of Kansas or would it move with her? Phillips will investigate this and will report back to the group.

The guest speaker at this meeting was Jonathan Perry from Norman Ross Publishing. He was asked to talk about the possibility of publishing government documents that have been identified as possible candidates for reprinting. He explained how the company began and how the census was selected to be their first major series to be reprinted for the documents community. Other series have been selected and are in the process of being reprinted. However, Norman Ross has also been working in the international arena by microfilming publications of a number of international organizations. Perry pointed out that the company is interested in any series or single publication that members of the documents community feel are important. Even though state publications have not been singled out for reprinting, Perry mentioned that they could be included as well.

Reports from Task Force Representatives:

Yvonne Wilson reported on SLDTF and the program that was planned for this summer's conference. Areas of concern of the committee include preservation of publications, digitization and legislation within state governments concerning state libraries. SLDTF will also be looking at preparing a toolbox.

Jackie Druery reported on IDTF and their concern for the preservation of publications of IGOs. She also mentioned that CRL is working on their foreign documents collections to determine what needs to be kept and cataloged.
Old Business:

Phillips mentioned that work is still progressing on the *Supplementary Indexes and Resources for Regional Federal Depository Libraries* survey and how it can be useful to libraries in identifying the location of some of the large historical microfilm collections that are being purchased by Regional Libraries.

At the last meeting of the committee in New Orleans, the group agreed that a letter should be sent to August Imholtz thanking him for his work with the committee as well as GODORT. Phillips mentioned that the letter had been written and would be sent by Cindi Wolff.

New Business:

As Midwinter will be held in Philadelphia, the committee asked David Utz to investigate the possibility of visiting his library's (Free Library of Philadelphia) documents collection on Sunday afternoon.

T. C. Evans had mentioned at FDTF that there was a proposal in Washington to digitize the *Congressional Record* and its predecessors back to 1800. This was of interest to the members of the committee. Phillips will keep in contact with Evans to check on the status of this project.

An issue of concern was that libraries that collect publications of other states need to remember to add them to their Needs and Offers lists as many of these are being discarded and libraries in other states could have secured them for their collections.

The REPG website will need to be moved to Oklahoma State University as David Larkin is no longer on the committee. Once it is moved, the minutes for 2002 will be added as well as a link to the Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D.C. Serial Set information page.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Minutes submitted by John Phillips, Chair-REPG.