GODORT Rare & Endangered Government Publications Committee
ALA Annual Meeting (virtual business meeting)
Virtual Meeting
Tuesday, July 7, 2015
Noon–1:00 pm EDT

Committee members present: Shari Laster (chair), Tara Das (IDTF), Sandra McAninch, Aimee Quinn (secretary), Michael Smith (MAGIRT), Vicki Tate (FDTF), Marilyn Von Seggern, Tammy Zavinski (SLDTF)

Guests present: Brandon Burnette (webmaster), Sarah Erekson, Cindy Etkin (GPO), David Walls (GPO)

I. Welcome and introductions

Thank you to Aimee Quinn for taking notes.

II. Announcements

Shari Laster welcomed new committee members Sandee McAninch, Nathan Wolfe, Vicki Tate, and Tara Das. The tour of San Francisco Public Library was a success, with 11 attendees from GODORT. A summary of the FIPnet panel will be posted to the wiki.

All REGP calls and virtual meetings scheduled between conferences fall under ALA’s open meeting policy. In addition to announcements made via the REGP & friends email list, an announcement with an agenda will be posted 10 days in advance on the public GODORT space in ALA Connect. The agenda and a summary of the discussion will be posted to the wiki.

III. The agenda was approved as presented

IV. Minutes from the Midwinter meeting are on the wiki: http://wikis.ala.org/godort/index.php/Rare_and_Endangered_Government_Publications#Previous

[After the minutes were approved, it was discovered that the date is incorrect. A corrected version will be posted to the wiki.]

V. Liaison reports

SLDTF (Zavinski): The program “State Government Information and the Copyright Conundrum” was successful and generated good discussion. SLDTF is using virtual tools to plan its goals for the next five years.
FDTF (Zavinski/Tate): Most of the discussion focused on GPO's update and some of the work underway in the Legislation Committee. The group also discussed goals for FDTF, including connections with federal agencies.

IDTF (Mallory/Laster): The UN Publications discussed the changes being made to its depository library program.

MAGiRT (Smith): The program with GODORT on data visualization was really successful, so they plan to have a preconference next year with the same speakers. MAGiRT has also held a number of successful webinars. The next is on July 30th, Improving Access to Geoscience Information. MAGiRT is also revising an electronic version of its Guide to Geographic Resources, to be published to the web.

RBMS: No report.

VI. Old business

A. Outreach: During the May 4th conference call, it was agreed that the outreach volunteers would send written reports about items of interest in their organization to the chair, who would compile them for a discussion under new business each meeting. Shari has not received any reports for this call. It was asked whether specific organizations could request a more formalized relationships or liaisonship and, if so, whether the chair could be involved. Shari responded that she is happy to work with anyone to help establish these relationships.

B. Programming: Attendees generally felt that the FIPnet discussion held during the REGP timeslot was a valuable use of conference meeting time. There was not agreement within the committee as to whether to add back a brief business meeting to the face-to-face meetings at Annual, or keep the business meeting as an extra virtual meeting. This will be discussed and voted upon at the virtual Midwinter meeting. There is interest in arranging a tour in Boston even though REGP is not meeting in person, so this will be discussed in the next conference call.

VII. New business

A. There were no outreach reports, so there were no action items at this time. Volunteers are welcome to sign up to connect with an organization: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1YIPRAHunwVu5nP3VtYfAaG0GRuCjV0H0ri4ylh5lY/edit?usp=sharing.

B. & C. As requested by the incoming chair of GODORT, the committee began a discussion regarding goals for the next five years. The purpose is both to help GODORT
committees and task forces accomplish work every year, and also to contribute to GODORT’s strategic planning process. Discussion about the mission statement overlapped with the goals discussion.

REGP’s mission includes assessing the condition of materials, which was a substantial component of the committee’s work in the past. At this time, the need may be greater for organizing and providing training for this type of evaluation, but there are also opportunities to help GPO prioritize federal documents needing preservation attention.

There is continued interest in having REGP work more with fugitive documents, particularly local documents and digital fugitives. Although this work is frequently taken up by GODORT task forces, REGP may be able to contribute by hosting discussions and connecting projects with volunteers, particularly with its outreach and liaison programs.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm EDT.