State & Local Documents Task Force, GODORT
Mid-winter Meeting, Saturday, January 20, 2007; 8:00-10:00am
Washington State Convention & Trade Center Room: Room 606-607

Attendees:
2. Crenetha Brunson 11. Patricia Inouye 20. Mark Scott

I. Welcome and Introductions (Paul Arrigo, Chair)

II. and III. Agenda and Minutes from New Orleans Meeting approved.

IV. Reports from Committee Liaisons

Cataloging Committee (Lorna Newman)
The State & Local Cataloging Toolbox has been completed is it accessible via SLDTF website.
http://www.ala.org/ala/godort/taskforces/statelocaldocuments/sldtcataloging.htm or directly from the GODORT Cataloging website: http://www2.lib.udel.edu/godort/cataloging/toolbox/state.htm

Legislation Committee (Marilyn Von Seggern) – There will be a joint meeting with FDTF, Legislation and EPA officials this afternoon.

Program Committee (Mark Scott) Program committee would like to receive more proposals for GODORT programs, especially from the Task Forces. Reviewed pre-conference and program for the Annual meeting.

Nominating Committee (Yvonne Wilson) Any interest in running for SLDTF Chair elect or secretary contact Yvonne or anyone on the nominating committee.

Conference Committee (Barbara Miller) Due to security at the venue, conference committee will need to provide a list of attendees to the Annual GODORT awards ceremony. If anyone has any ideas how to handle RSVP or pre-registration please contact a committee member.

The following committees had not met and did not have anything to report yet.
Education Committee (Sarah Santos); Government Information and Technology Committee (Jennie Gerke); Publications (Michael L. Smith); Rare and Endangered Government Publications (Tanya Finchum)

V. Old Business

Status on Patricia Finney’s cataloging project at the Center for Research Libraries
CRL has a comprehensive collection of US State documents for all fifty states and territories, 18th C to 1950; and Legislative Journals up to 1990. In consultation with GODORT, a project to review the collection piece by piece review of the documents and establish meaningful order. Forty-eight states completed; WA and W.Va. left to do.

Web page report (Kris Kasianovitz and James Jacobs)
• If anyone is interested in becoming the next SLDTF web manager please email or talk to Kris.
• SLDTF Web & Wiki: At the upcoming web managers meeting on Sunday, there will be a discussion
about implementing the Wiki. There was general consensus to use the Wiki for SLDTF web presence. We also agreed that while the Wiki encourages participation and posting by a large number of people, there still needs to be a web manager to handle overall editorial and administrative issues.

• **To do:** As a test, James will move Dan Cornwall’s State Blue Books Wiki to the ALA Wiki. In doing so, this project becomes a project hosted by SLDTF. Once we’ve had an opportunity to work with the Wiki and get feedback from the Web managers, we will decide how to proceed with the rest of the SLDTF web content.

**VI. New Business**

**Documents to the People Update (Kris Kasianovitz)**
State & Local Documents Roundup column– next issue #2 is Secrecy (deadline Feb 28) and Issue #4 Student Papers – open topic (deadline Sept. 4). If anyone has ideas or is interested in contributing, contact Kris.

**Series policies of the state cataloging agencies (Lorna Newman)**
The Cataloging Committee is interested in finding out how the state libraries responsible for cataloging state government information treat series. **To Do:** Lorna will write up a question that will be added to SLDTF Committee of 8 Survey.

**Generate new program ideas for 2008 and beyond (Group Discussion)**
We discussed and synthesized a list of 6 program ideas. We also noted other ALA groups that would be good co-sponsors. The 7 ideas are:

1) Municipal, County, Regional Statistics for Business
2) Digitization, Preservation, and LOCKSS
3) Best Practices for State and Local Collection Development – print and born digital
4) Marketing and justifying state and local documents collections and services to users and directors
5) State and municipal wikis-how governments are using them for citizen access to information
6) E-gov – changing roles of librarians with online forms and access to information-librarians are now helping people fill out forms; what kind of training do librarians need to fulfill this role?
7) Homeland security and disappearing state and local government information

The group took a vote and the top two are:

#1 Statistics and business resources at the local level: “How many plumbers are in your town?” Local Statistics for business. Potential to include mapping component. Co-sponsor with BRASS, MAGIRT?
**To Do:** Diane Campbell and Paul Arrigo will develop the proposal for the program committee.
**To Do:** Diane Campbell is on the upcoming BRASS program committee, so she will raise this with them.
**To Do:** Also, BRASS just did a program on Public Finance, which incorporated a lot of government information sources. We will link to program information from the SLDTF website.

#2 Preservation and digitization of state and local government information. (Co-sponsor with LITA or other groups working on digital preservation).
**To Do:** Yvonne Wilson, Kris Kasianovitz and Patsy Inouye will develop a program proposal for the program committee.

**Strategic Planning Process (Group Discussion)**
Wanting to conduct a needs assessment of those who work with state and local government information, (who may not necessarily be part of GODORT), we discussed a list of survey questions generated at ALA Annual. A profile of state depository libraries by Paul Arrigo shows a high percentage are public libraries.

We want to find out: 1) How GODORT and SLDTF can better reach this and other groups/librarians who work with state and local government information? 2) What kind of professional tools and resources might SLDTF offer or coordinate that would be beneficial for their work.
The group felt it would be beneficial to query PLA and SLA since so many of these libraries have and use state and local government information. Paul will submit a list of questions to be included with the survey of members from Steering. However, we have more detailed questions about state and local government information that we would like to develop and send out to groups like PLA. We also had a list of questions that focused on state depositories and how they function which will be disseminated via the Committee of 8.

To Do: Paul will work on revising questions based on input from the group. Revisions will be distributed to those who attended the meeting for further comment; then given to Steering.

To Do: Paul will ask Steering who the target audience of the GODORT survey is; will it go beyond GODORT or be extended to all ALA and any groups outside ALA?

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