

ALA Annual GODORT Steering Committee Meeting  
Monday, June 24, 2019  
8:30-10:00 AM  
Washington Convention Center, Room 101, Washington D.C.

Hallie Pritchett, Chair  
Julia Frankosky, Minutes

Attendees: Hallie Pritchett, Julia Frankosky, Laura Sare, Susanne Caro, Jim Church, Megan Hamlin-Black, Emily Alford, Kian Flynn, Shari Laster, Rebecca Hyde, Lynda Kellam, Andie Craley, Susan Paterson, Vicki Tate, Andrea Morrison, Emily Rogers, Kay Cassell, Rachel Dobkin, Samantha Hager, Aimee Slater, Simon Healey

### **Introductions**

Those present introduced themselves.

### **Changes to the Midwinter Meeting, Simon Healey**

Simon, a member of the ALA Conference Committee discussed upcoming changes to the Midwinter Meeting. There will be far fewer business meetings, all taking place on either the Friday or Monday of conference, and the focus will be on professional development/programming centering on a theme selected by ALA. This new model will have a soft launch in 2021 in Indianapolis. Midwinter 2022 in San Antonio will be the new format, under a new name. Midwinter 2021 in Philadelphia will be in the current format.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Vicki Tate moved that the minutes from the Midwinter Steering Committee Meeting (available on the GODORT website at <http://www.ala.org/rt/godort/minutes#steering>) be approved. Susanne Caro seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

### **ALA Executive Board Update, Andrew Pace**

Andrew Pace, GODORT's Executive Board liaison, provided an update regarding ALA's finances. They embarked on a three-year investment strategy and this year there was a large deficit, with revenue and overhead costs being problematic. ALA is in the process of selling their Huron Street building in Chicago; profits from this sale will go into an endowment fund. The Subcommittee on Organizational Effectiveness (SCOE) will have a virtual meeting on July 8 and they will be soliciting feedback throughout July. They plan to submit a report to ALA in October. There will be areas on ALA Connect containing SCOE reports and plans and providing members an area to leave comments and concerns. The search for a new Executive Director is underway with finalist candidates being announced in October. The new Executive Director will be announced at Midwinter 2021.

### **Treasurer's Report, Rebecca Hyde**

The Treasurer's Report was distributed via the Steering listserv. GODORT's finances are doing well overall, though we did spend a bit more for the very successful Census 2020 presentation

at Annual. Almost the entire Awards Reception was paid for from generous sponsors. There has not been any discussion on how funds from the round tables would be handled under the proposed SCOE reorganization.

**Committee/Task Force/Interest Group Reports (action items only)**

Awards (Emily Rogers): Awards will be kicking off their season starting with Emerging Leaders in September. Please consider nominating yourself or others for appropriate recognition.

Cataloging (Andrea Morrison): Will be linking on the cataloging libguides to two new toolkits on processing and cataloging government information: international and state.

Education (Kian Flynn): Gave an overview of the Emerging Leaders project on a librarian-to-librarian toolkit for election information, including a marketing and implementation plan. Next steps will be reaching out to our partners in the state agency database project to assist with developing these toolkits.

Government Information for Children (Emily Alford): Would like develop a more standardized program for Constitution Day.

Legislation (Kay Cassell): Will continue to monitor federal legislation to see if there are items that are needed to bring to GODORT's attention. Will work with GPO in regards to their preservation needs.

Membership (Rachel Dobkin): GODORT 101 was standing room only and Happy Hour was a success.

Nominating (Susanne Caro): There are still a few liaison roles that need to be filled as well as chair of Government Information for Children.

Program (Shari Laster): The PEGI Project presentation had 85 attendees and the Census 2020 presentation co-sponsored with SRRT had 260 attendees.

Publication (Laura Sare): DttP is now open access and they are working on getting a new ISSN.

Rare and Endangered (Aimee Slater): Will be examining the mission of the Rare and Endangered group as it is very vague. Investigating creating a toolkit and guidelines to help librarians when accessing their collections.

Federal Information Interest Group: Had a well-attended program with speakers from the Census Bureau and the Federal Reserve.

International Documents Task Force (Jim Church): Supports changing IDTF to an interest group but voices concern about losing a voice on Steering once changed to an interest group.

## **Old Business**

### **Report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, Shari Laster**

Shari would like to propose that Steering endorse the recommendations from the EDI report in principle and that Susanne Caro, as incoming GODORT Chair, would bring forward to Steering a forthcoming document on implementation. Andrea Morrison moved to endorse in principle the report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. Susanne Caro seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Program Ideas for Annual 2021, Hallie Pritchett**

The deadline to submit proposals for consideration by ALA is September 10. These proposals first need to be approved by Steering so please submit proposals by August 15.

### **Update on the Technology Committee, Hallie Pritchett**

Three members have been selected for the new Technology Committee; however, the position of Chair/Webmaster still needs to be filled. An ideal candidate would have experience working with Drupal. Please contact Hallie if you are interested in this position.

### **Continue Discussion on the Future of Midwinter, Hallie Pritchett**

With the new format being introduced in 2022, should GODORT consider organizing more towards this program-focused format for Midwinter 2021 so we have time to make adjustments before we must change? Susanne Caro is encouraging all committees, task forces, and interest groups to conduct their business meetings virtually only. They can have an in-person component at Midwinter, but it should be more like a program than a business meeting. Discussion will continue at a future Steering Committee meeting.

## **New Business**

### **Emerging Leaders Report, Megan Hamlin-Black**

The Emerging Leaders group created a librarian-to-librarian election toolkit and a marketing and implementation plan for GODORT to use for this toolkit. Steering will vote on this report and if approved, will assign the project to the Education Committee. Aimee Slater moved that GODORT accept this report and offer our thanks to the Emerging Leaders group. Susanne Caro seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

### **Proposal to change the International Documents Task Force to an Interest Group, Jim Church**

Currently the International Documents Task Force is the only remaining task force and the term could be off-putting to people. Jim expressed concern that by changing to an interest group, the coordinator would not be a member of Steering. Coordinators were intentionally left off of Steering during the reorg. This is a complicated issue that will require future discussions at Steering in order to find a solution that would allow the coordinator of the International Documents group to have a seat on Steering, while also changing the name of the group to make it more appealing and inclusive. One proposed solution for further consideration is to make this group a committee.

Vicki Tate moved to adjourn. Aimee Slater seconded.