

GODORT Publications Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 26 at 12:00 PM EDT / 11:00 AM CDT / 10:00 AM MDT / 9:00 AM PDT.

Minutes prepared by Chris Brown

Members Present: Chris Brown (Chair), Michael Smith (Past Chair), Julia Ezzo (Chair Elect), Jennifer Castle (DttP Editor); Rebecca Hyde (GODORT Treasurer through 8/31); Zoeanna Mayhook (GODORT Treasurer from 9/1 onward); Lora Amsberryaugier (Website Administrator/Co-Chair – ex officio); Rick Mikulski (At large); Simon Healey (at large)

Other Present: Vicki Tate; Jenny Groome

Welcome and Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves, their roles on the Publication Committee, and the current situations at their institutions.

Treasurer's Report

Rebeca, joined with Zoeanna, said that there were no updates.

Notable Documents Report

Discussed the recent publication of Notable Documents in Library Journal. Everyone agreed that this was not what we intended and we were not satisfied with the situation.

<https://www.libraryjournal.com/?detailStory=2020-The-Year-of-Government-Information-Government-Documents>

Problems include:

Arrangement was changed from the one historically used for years (grouping by International, Federal, State/Local, etc.) and instead arranged by “popular subjects.”

“An excerpt from this list ran in the August 2021 print issue of LJ.”

Even in the longer online version, there was no attribution for the contributions of the editorial group.

Notable Docs has been going on for decades. Non-docs librarians have come to rely on the Notable Documents piece each year. This historical value seems to be muted by the subject arrangement.

Options were discussed: Is there another publication that can pick up the notable documents? Can we run a parallel publication in DttP after it appears in LJ?

It was decided that Chris and Emily should communicate with the LJ editor about the future of a notable documents contribution. Chris and Emily will connect with Meredith Schwartz, the Editor-in-Chief (mschwartz@mediasourceinc.com; (646)380-0745; 123 William St., Suite 802, New York, NY 10038) to try to come to a mutual agreement.

Vicki has a long history working with Notable Documents. She reviewed the general annual schedule: Nominations taken through December, in January, submissions are arranged by category and send out to selectors who then rate them. January – March is crunch time in preparation for the May LJ issue.

The submission for is migrating from University of North Texas to the ALA Website. Lora will look into the current status of this form, which is not yet live.

DttP

Jennifer Castle (DttP Editor) reported that the next two issues (Fall and Winter) of DttP may be combined because of lack of content. BUT, we now have more student articles and columns, and may revert back to original issues. She will meet with Laura Sare to make a final decision.

Simon was concerned about accessibility of PDFs of DTTP content. We need to look into this.

New Business – No New Business

Chris discussed upcoming meeting times. The group agreed that meeting in early October and early December was a good idea. Chris will send out Doodle polls to Committee members before those meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at about 10:35 MDT.