

GODORT Steering Committee
December 13, 2022
Virtual Meeting

Zoom Link: <https://ala-events.zoom.us/j/99957118866?pwd=WUU1Y3Q2MXNibzIRVTBIREdjeE4zdz09>

Meeting Began: 1:00 pm Central Time

Attendees: Brett Cloyd, Kelly Wilson, Kian Flynn, Zoe Mayhook, Alison Downey, Andie Craley, Angela Bonnell, Angela J.A. Kent, Benjamin Aldred, Chris Brown, Jen Rose, Larry Eames, Liza Weisbrod, Sinai wood, Rachel Olsen, Sarah Erekson, Jim Church. Lauren Hall

New Gavel - Kian presented GODORT's new gavel that Susanne Caro sent to Kian with a note: "this gavel was made for GODORT's 50th anniversary by Marcus Krueger, a woodworker artist, and the program director at the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County. The wood comes from the Clay County archives after they renovated the space. The Historical Society is located in the city of Moorhead, Hemshkam's Center, which also is home to the Viking Ship and Moorhead Stave Church.

Approval of minutes: [November 8, 2022](#). Larry moved and Ben seconded, the steering committee approved the minutes.

Treasurer's Update - Zoe is working on the FY24 budget and will present it during the LibLearnX meeting time period. Let Zoe know if you have any goals or updates to budgets for your committees.

Announcements - Kian (10-15 minutes)

- [Friday Chats](#) - last one of the year this Friday 12/16. 12/30 canceled for the holidays. The open floor chats have been helpful to a lot of attendees to have a chance to share ideas.
- GODORT Midwinter Meetings LibGuide is live: <https://godort.libguides.com/2023VirtualMidwinter> – committee meeting agendas should go to Kian or the Tech Committee (godorttechnology@gmail.com) and we can get them up on the guide.
- Awards - update from Alison. Nominations have been received in every category, plus 2 for several others. Should deadline be extended. Another call will take place with deadline extended to 12/23 (little downside noted)
- Nominations for DLC (end of this week!) and GODORT officers (ideally, end of this week or next, but technically end of the year): – Look for an email about a steering vote on slate of candidates

- ASSISTANT CHAIR/CHAIR-ELECT
- PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE, CHAIR-ELECT
- SECRETARY
- ~~BYLAWS COORDINATOR~~ **TREASURER**
- There was discussion about the bylaws position in the bylaws vs. org manual (possible differences) that should be reviewed.
- GODORT's Emerging Leader for 2022-23 is Jennifer Castle. Our full team is Kelly Bilz, Amanda He, Laura Tedana, Hale Polebaum-Freeman, and Jennifer. Kian is unable to attend LibLearnX, if anyone else on Steering is able to attend let me know. If not, Danielle (our staff liaison) or a rep from SRRT will represent? Ben will be attending LibLearnX and offered to represent GODORT.

New Business

Kenya Flash Memorial Lecture Series update - draft charge for review, where should eventual PPM chapter go in PPM? Should it live within a committee (members drawn from certain committees)? Jim Church asked that this fit within the International Documents Task Force, with input from the Program Committee, plus an at-large member and a person to speak to DEI issues. ACRL's Politics, Policy, and International Relations Section is an important partner in this program. Robbie Sittel, Jim Church, and Michelle Donlin will be working on the Series this year.

GIC LibGuide Title Change - Lauren presented on a proposal to change the guide name to – Educational Resources from Government Agencies: A GIC Guide. She hopes to clarify that this guide is to help share lesson plans for children and to be more reflective of current practice.

Definition of Government Information Librarianship - Kian shared that he was asked if there was a recognized definition by an LIS educator. This may also be helpful for job postings. More discussion and review will be helpful. Jim shared IFLA's: "Government information is defined as any information issued by an organization considered to be an official body, and available to a public wider than that body, which is adapted from the definition of "official publication" issued by IFLA/Government Information and Official Publications Section (GIOPS) in 1982 (Johansson, 1982) to be relevant in the world of digital government information. A "government publication" (or official publication) as codified by many countries refers to "lawfully published materials by the executive, legislative, and judicial functions of government at all levels at the government expense" <https://repository.ifla.org/handle/123456789/842>. Sarah Erekson also pointed out some definitions put forward by Australian libraries. Is there something GODORT can agree to and put on its web site?

Advocacy Programs: Chair's Program at Annual + Advocacy series leading up to Annual – request for GODORT funds. Looking to build on the program GODORT sponsored at ALA Annual 2022 from David Lusk on how to approach policy makers to support library issues. Would we want to organize some virtual programming to expand potential audience? Would GODORT want to financially support presenters who can speak to our members? Would government employees who do not accept honorarium be helpful to this purpose? An initial meeting with Lusk would be no cost but after that we would need to decide to pursue. We talked about purpose of these sessions including advocating for libraries, access to government information, etc. Also interested in advocating to library leadership to help budgets and policies that support collections and staff (Education committee is working in this area). Kian will work on developing a proposal for Steering that addresses scope and costs.

Committee reports / updates / new business (25 minutes)

- Awards →
- Bylaws →
- Cataloging → Working to prepare for presentation at January 27, 2023 Friday Chat instead of December 16. Working to contact committee members in preparation for January 17 meeting. Starting to think about recruitment of new members, have 4 members (including me) who are in their 2nd consecutive term and will roll off in July.
- Conference → The Gleesner House is reserved for GODORT's event in Chicago in June. The contract is in process for being signed. We'll consider catering options during the January/LibLearnX meeting.
- Development → The Development Committee met on November 11th. Zoe shared updates from the GODORT FY22 financial report. The committee discussed the events held in 2022 including the GODORT 50th anniversary program and the Readex/GODORT Silent Auction, which is the Rozkuszka Scholarship Fundraiser. The committee will explore options for electronic payment from silent auction winning bidders. Committee members are compiling testimonials from previous silent auction winners and scholarship recipients. In the next meeting, the committee will begin planning the 2023 Annual GODORT Appeal.
- Education → January meeting scheduled. Working on advocacy document. Possibly a webinar on declassification is forthcoming..
- GIC → The committee continues to work on best practices and update the guide. Now that the name change has been approved we will move forward with changing the title of our guide to Education Resources from Government Agencies: A GIC Guide.

- Help! → Larry reported there will be a January webinar. There are 2 openings in spring so if you have ideas please get in touch with Larry.
- Legislation → Preservation Award group looking at scheduling first meeting
- Membership Updates →
- Nominations → Kian working on nominations for officers, with call for committee chairs happening soon. Will be considering ways to reach new members.
- Program →
- Publications → Waiting on number of submissions for Notable Docs from Emily Alford. Publications will be meeting on January 18 at 2:30pm ET.
- Rare & Endangered →
- Social Media & Outreach → Send your announcements to godortsocialmedia@gmail.com. Remember that there are character limits, so please be concise! Please do not assume that our committee knows about your event; when in doubt, send it to us! Would like to have a little more impact around Emerging Leaders - work on a profile featuring Jennifer Castle, and introduce other leaders to GODORT.
- Technology → The committee continues to work on developing best practices for GODORT LibGuides. Please remember to submit any meeting minutes to godorttechnology@gmail.com so they can be posted on the website. A drive has also been set up where minutes can be dropped: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1JS2jjFjeCtNjsecGEDbJVICTwDEV9tr?usp=sharing>
- International Task Force → Jim reported on the UN's announcement that the League of Nations documents and archives have been digitized. The UN has been contacting history departments and librarians in the US, and Jim will share messaging if able. There's interest in training or perhaps a Help! Webinar to introduce this to GODORT members (and more broadly), and help support educational institutions. There might be opportunities to have a speaker at ALA Annual. Kian and Jim will collaborate.
- Federal IG → No updates
- State & Local IG → No updates
- Council ->

New business?

Motion to Adjourn: Ben and Zoe motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting ended: Adjourned at 2:20 pm Central