GODORT Legislation Committee meeting
Friday, October 2, 2020
Present: Shari Laster (chair), Valerie Glenn, Bernadine Abbott Hoduski, Deborah Yun Caldwell, Rachel Seissler, Kay Cassell
Notes: Deborah Yun Caldwell
Opened 12:00 EDT

1. FDLP One Pager
   a. Document put together to be a resource for members of Congress about what the FDLP is and why it matters to their constituents. Has not been revised in a while; Bernadine pointed out that it would be a good idea to revise it.
   b. Shari emailed Gavin Baker who responded that the overall goal is member awareness of the FDLP, and the framing and specifics should align with GPO messaging.
   c. Discussion around the suggestion to involve DLC: ALA can lobby but DLC cannot -- DLC’s job is to advise GPO, not to do the work of the community. If ALA Public Policy & Advocacy cannot do it then GODORT should do an education program.
   d. Action item: Shari will talk to Lynda, and they will email GPO on this.

   a. Shari sent out a revised draft.
   b. Voted to approve the changes.
   c. Action item: Shari will send revised version to Bylaws Coordinator & Steering.

   a. The goal of the project was to formally lay out policy points within GODORT in response to the Committee on Legislation’s FDLP Task Force -- to make a clear statement of what it is that we advocate for and support.
   b. These documents were approved by Steering. This is not the same as a resolution -- does not bind ALA policy actions Some are in alignment with previous resolutions that have been approved by Council.
   c. Thoughts
      i. Discussion centered on whether ALA may be too overwhelmed at the moment for a lot of effort into this to be worthwhile at this time
      ii. May be worth taking a look and updating, since we will need to do it eventually, but then also make sure they inform resolutions going forward. The purpose should be guiding what GODORT does on a day by day basis.
   d. Action item:
      i. Shari is going to create a version that we can collaboratively comment on and edit.

4. Adjourned at 12:37 EDT

5. In the GODORT chat that followed, a proposal emerged to develop a short list of resources to learn more about government information policy issues. This will be a discussion item for the next Leg Comm meeting.