

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.
2. Policies and Procedures Manual
 - 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.
3. Digitization and Preservation of US Government Publications
 - 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.