

GODORT Legislation Committee meeting
Tuesday, March 30, 2021

Present: Shari Laster (chair), Bernadine Abbott Hoduski, Valerie Glenn, Deborah Yun Caldwell, Kay Cassell

Excused: Rachel Seissler

Guests: Rebecca Hyde, Simon Healey, Aimée Quinn

Opened: 12:00 PDT

Minutes: Valerie Glenn

1. Preservation grant discussion
 - a. It isn't this committee's mandate to develop a full proposal for Steering - if we agree that it's something to pursue, it would go to Awards to develop and move forward.
 - b. Rebecca presented some of the issues and opportunities around creating an endowment. An endowment allows donations to go directly to the program and protects the funds for this purpose. GODORT could plan ahead and spend its reserves in future years, or fundraising can lead to its establishment, especially if a donor is willing to commit a significant amount of funding. Right now awards from sponsors are paid by the sponsors, not through GODORT.
 - c. It is clear that there will need to be more thought given to this proposal, given the challenging nature of funding preservation projects.
 - d. By consensus, the committee agrees to send this proposal to the Awards Committee for development and Steering consideration.
2. FDLP advocacy plan draft
 - a. Bernadine developed a rationale and some activities that GODORT should undertake; Shari would like to take this and turn it into an action plan endorsed by Steering, for future Legislation (and other) Committees to complete.
 - b. This is a draft - Bernadine was hoping that LegComm members would flesh this out and also share it with other GODORT Committees to see who can execute the plan.
 - c. Are there short-term projects that the committee could do?
 - i. Become a part of state delegations for ALA's National Library Legislative Day
 - ii. Draft a boilerplate letter for depository libraries to customize when sending to their members of Congress
 - d. It would help to know more about ALA resources supporting outreach and communications
3. Next steps:
 - a. Shari will move the Preservation Grant proposal forward to the Awards Committee.
 - b. Shari and Valerie will revise the advocacy plan and structure it as an action plan for discussion at the May LegComm meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 PDT