

GODORT Legislation Committee  
Wednesday, February 23, 2022  
10am PST/11am MST/noon CST/1pm EST

Present: Deborah Yun Caldwell, Valerie Glenn, Bernadine Abbott Hoduski, Howard Carrier  
Guests: Robbie Sittel  
Excused: James Jacobs

Minutes:

1. Agreed upon the agenda
2. Update on the Task Force on a Digital Federal Depository Library Program (30 min)
  - a. Process & timeline
    - i. The task force (25 people) includes current DLC members, community members, GPO/agency representatives, and association representatives. All appointments were made by invitation. The full task force meets every other month.
      1. Task force roster:  
<https://www.fdlp.gov/file-repository-item/member-roster-task-force-digital-federal-depository-library-program>
      2. Shari is the ALA representative but what this means has not been clearly defined.
    - ii. Scope: Task force is asked to determine if it's feasible to "transform" the FDLP to an "all digital" program and if so if it should be done. The last few weeks have been spent on deciding what exactly "all digital" means. Consensus seems to be that "all digital" doesn't mean "exclusively digital;" rather, more "digital-first" or that digital would be a primary focus.
    - iii. Six areas of investigation: access, depository libraries, federal agencies, GPO & LSCM, legislation/policy issues, implementation & strategic framework. Many members on the task force are in two groups and the groups are meeting generally every week.
      1. Shari is leading the legislation/policy group and serving on the access group.
      2. Valerie is on the depository libraries group.
    - iv. Process: The groups started out by formalizing and ensuring shared definitions for their work. Lots of work being done so there can be a draft report by end of summer in time for public comment. ALA will participate in the public comment process.
  - b. Discussion: Key issues for the feasibility of an all-digital FDLP
    - i. There will be opportunities for formal input later – this discussion is just an in-group conversation.
    - ii. This is a fast process. ALA should work to make sure that there is input for gaps in the task force perspectives. As opportunities to provide feedback emerge, Shari will report back. It is not clear at this time how this feedback will be considered/incorporated prior to the completion of

the report. There will also be a public comment process, which will be an important way to get “on the record.”

- iii. There’s always going to be skepticism from some as to whether there can be accurate reflection of historical record in all-digital holdings. Managing version control is also going to be a part of the investigation. What the “historical record” looks like is going to look very different from what our current models allow access/curation/etc for. If GPO wants to keep its mission to keep America informed, the resources that agencies produce should match the needs that the audiences have, and overwhelmingly that is becoming digital-first. There is also content that is and will be or is vastly preferable in print.
  - iv. Gavin is working with Lisa from COL-GIS to have some kind of panel or presentation or something at Annual. Shari will keep us informed.
  - v. There will be an update re: the Task Force at the Spring DLC meeting in April.
2. FDLP Advocacy Plan for GODORT (30 min) – tabled from Midwinter
- a. [“What is the FDLP?” document](#) update
    - i. Want to get it updated, share with GPO to make sure our language is consistent with how they’re talking to Congress.
    - ii. This is to share with the elected officials in the Congressional districts with staffers, members, etc. This makes it time-sensitive.
    - iii. After editing, consensus that this is ready to be sent to GPO to ensure it aligns with their messaging to Congress; after that, ready to send to Gavin to send out to advocacy arms.
    - iv. Shari will let us know when she hears back from GPO.
  - b. Advocacy programming for Annual
    - i. In our plan we said we would encourage library support for FDLP by planning programming around FDLP services, and work on further education of ALA members on FDLP and FDLP advocacy.
    - ii. At Midwinter we decided that helping members learn how to identify and talk to their representatives would be valuable.
    - iii. Robbie has already submitted to ALA a request for a chair’s session called Beyond the Vote: Lessons for Advocacy and Civic Engagement. Requested seating with rounds for facilitated small group discussion.
    - iv. Also put in a session for Getting to Know GODORT, framed as something like GODORT 101 but framed in a way that should be more relevant to potential members.
    - v. Some ideas about programming:
      - 1. An interactive component will be helpful if people can make a plan that leads to action.
      - 2. We potentially have access to Congressional staffers who could give a short talk on how to lobby a committee as opposed to an elected official. Bernadine will provide some contacts.

3. If we expand the language of the program beyond just FDLP / Congress that can help appeal to audiences that might not be aware of the value of GODORT. Drawing the line between the broader topic of advocacy and matters of legislation to GODORT and our expertise.
    4. Shari and Robbie will work with Kian, Deborah, Bernadine, and others on planning.
  3. Random news
    - a. Laurie Hall is stepping down as Superintendent of Documents but remaining on as director for LSCM. Not clear yet if ALA will be involved in the nomination process.
    - b. David Ferrario is also retiring.
  4. Action Items:
    - a. Shari will send the FDLP doc to Kelly Siefert at GPO and update on results
    - b. Robbie will schedule Annual planning meeting
    - c. Shari will keep us updated re: the FDLP TF and COL-GIS.
    - d. Planning to meet in April after DLC so we can talk about anything that happens at DLC and to finalize things for Annual.