

GODORT Legislation I

June 14, 2002; 3:00-5:30pm

Georgia World Congress Center, B201

Present: Laura Dickson (chair), Valerie Glenn, Steve Hayes, Janet Justis (secretary), Susan Pinckard, Arlene Weible, and Bernadine Abbott-Hoduski, ALA GODORT Councilor.

Prue Adler, Mary Alice Baish, Dan Barkley, Francis Buckley, Gary Cornwell, Mike DiMario, Robin Haun-Mohamed, T.C. Evans, Carolyn Kohler, Patrice McDermott, Tom Minton, Payton Neal, Lisa Nickum, Andrea Sevetson, Stephen Sexton, Lynne Siemeis, Vicki Tate, Bonnie Trivizas, Jill Vassilakos-Long, Jim Ventch, Julie Wallace and Cindi Wolff.

Chair called the meeting to order at 3:03pm.

Approval of the agenda: moved by Hayes; seconded by Glenn; approved with corrections of starting time.

Approval of the minutes from ALA Mid-winter in New Orleans: moved by Glenn; seconded by Hayes; approved.

NAAN Update: Justis reported that we still need a representative for New York. Weible will be taking over the NAAN and will need an assistant. The NAAN still needs to be tested after conference.

New Issues since Mid-winter:

Dickson reported that the ALA Task Force on the Withdrawal of Government Information met this morning. Barkley, Hayes, McDermott and Dickson are members. The Current Crisis Group is concerned with GAO's request that GPO take down the electronic report *The Brady Act : Instant Background Check is not Applicable to Antique Firearms, 2001* effectively removing the report from the depository program (there was no print copy). Now individuals who want a paper copy of the report must request one directly and provide personal information. The Current Crisis Group would like for GODORT Legislation to consider drafting a resolution regarding GAO -01-538R.

In addition, the Task Force and the Subcommittee on Government Information would like the committee to consider a resolution regarding the Card Memo that addresses "sensitive but unclassified information."

GODORT Legislation agreed to draft resolutions on both issues.

Another possible issue is the *Data Quality Act* in which OMB instructs agencies to apply quality standards to government information that is made available to the public. McDermott summarized the key issues which include concerns that the standards

(quality, utility and integrity) will place undo burdens on agencies and others who produce reports, data and publications which could cause some information to never be released or could increase instances where information is challenged and subsequently taken-down. The administrative process that agencies would have to follow could drag the process of delivering information down. Although the Act mentions “data” it really covers any information except that which is subject to FOIA.

Hayes and Abbott-Hoduski commented on former ALA resolutions regarding quality. In general, we support authentication of reports by the agency or individuals who prepare the reports, but in general, we do not evaluate the information for users. Wallace added that we need to do something substantive when this is open for public comment because it definitely could create a chilling effect on information that needs to be disseminated.

Adler mentioned that OMB is instructing each agency to review it’s reports. Vassilakos-Long stressed that information needs to be kept up while it is being challenged and that notice needs to be given if it is to be taken down. There was extensive discussion on evaluating data vs. ensuring that a report is posted as it was prepared. More information is needed to continue the discussion.

Update on Old Business:

FRUS:

Dickson reported that Swindells cannot attend, but has submitted an email report, and that there are no action items on *FRUS*.

H.R. 4187 Presidential Records Act Amendments of 2002:

Glenn reported that there is a draft resolution for *H.R. 4187 Presidential Records Act Amendments of 2002*. The act would nullify E.O. 13,233. The committee agreed to carry forward the resolution.

Commendation Resolutions:

Justis reported that there are draft resolutions commending Michael DiMario and Francis Buckley. The committee agreed to carry forward these resolutions.

Memorial Resolution:

Pinckard reported that IDTF has drafted a memorial resolution for Rosemary Little. The committee recommended that IDTF bring the resolution forward at the GODORT Business meeting and the committee endorsed the resolution in principle. Pinckard will report to IDTF tomorrow. GODORT councilors can take it to ALA Council.

Abbott-Hoduski also suggested that the Chair of GODORT sign a letter to the family in addition to the resolution. IDTF can draft the letter for the chair.

FY 2003 S & E Appropriations:

The committee endorsed in principle the FY 2003 S & E Appropriations draft resolution pending editing.

OMB Memo M-02-07:

Dickson reported on a draft resolution regarding OMB Memo M-02-07. There will be a hearing on July 10th and Julie Wallace will testify. The chair of the Joint Committee on Printing is from Minnesota. The committee agreed to go forward with the resolution.

S. 803:

Weible reported on the analysis of S. 803. McDermott provided a side-by-side comparison of changes in the bill as it has been significantly revised. After lengthy discussion, it was agreed that a brief analysis of each section might be helpful as opposed to drafting a resolution since additional changes are likely to occur in the bill. The focus will be on sections of the bill that we feel are positive for libraries and the dissemination of government information. GIS is also interested in looking at S. 803.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm.

GODORT Legislation II (joint meeting with the Subcommittee on Government Information / GIS)

June 15, 2002; 2:00-4:00pm

Georgia World Congress Center, A 315

Present: Laura Dickson (chair GODORT Legislation), Valerie Glenn, Steve Hayes, Janet Justis (secretary), Kevin Reynolds, Larry Romans, Arlene Weible, Bernadine Abbott-Hoduski, Gary Cornwell (chair of GIS), Ann Miller, Jane Sessa, Dan O'Mahony, Bob Walter, Dan Barkley, Patrice McDermott, Mary Alice Baish, Francis Buckley and Prue Adler.

The meeting was convened by Gary Cornwell, chair of GIS.

The two committees divided into small working groups to draft and edit resolutions.

- Sensitive but Unclassified (Hayes and Barkley)
- GAO taking of names (Reynolds and Romans)
- Appropriations and Commendation Resolutions (Walter)
- OMB (Cornwell)
- Data Quality (O'Mahony and Sessa)
- S. 803 (small working group led by Weible and Miller)

Some members completed work early. Copies of drafts will be printed for review and discussion at tomorrow's GODORT Legislation Meeting. Cornwell asked that as many GIS members as possible attend the 3rd GODORT Legislation Meeting on Sunday to continue drafting.

Meeting officially adjourned at 5:00pm.

GODORT Legislation III

June 16, 2002, 8:30am-12:30pm

Sheraton Atlanta, Georgia 3

Present: Laura Dickson (chair), Valerie Glenn (webmaster), Steve Hayes, Kevin Reynolds, Larry Romans, Janet Justis (secretary), Arlene Weible, Dan Barkley, Gary Cornwell, Ann Miller, Bob Walter, Jane Sessa, Ridley Kessler, Patrice McDermott, and Becky Bynum.

Dickson called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Several members of GIS attended the meeting to continue discussions and editing of the various resolutions. Members split into smaller groups to complete assignments on specific resolutions from the previous meeting. Weible and Miller lead further discussions on S. 803 and later drafted a brief analysis of key sections of S. 803.

Around 10:30am the entire group reconvened in order to review the final drafts. Each resolution was read and final edits suggested and approved. Then GODORT Legislation members voted to endorse in principle the following resolutions:

Resolution on Sensitive but Unclassified Government Information: moved by Glenn, seconded by Reynolds, approved.

Resolution on Restricted Access to GAO Report GAO-01-538R: moved by Justis, seconded by Glenn, approved.

Resolution Commending Francis J. Buckley, Jr.: moved by Glenn, seconded by Reynolds, approved.

Resolution Commending Michael DiMario: moved by Reynolds, seconded by Glenn, approved.

Resolution on Executive Agency Procurement of Printing and Duplicating: moved by Reynolds, seconded by Glenn, approved.

Resolution Concerning H.R. 4187, Presidential Records Act Amendments of 2002: moved by Hayes, seconded by Reynolds, approved.

Resolution on Agency Guidelines on Information Quality: moved Hayes, seconded Glenn, approved.

Resolution on Superintendent of Documents FY 2003 Salaries and Expenses
Appropriations: already moved and seconded at GODORT Legislation I pending minor
edits; edits approved.

The Chair will carry forward the resolutions as action items at the GODORT Business
meeting on Monday. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.