

GODORT Legislation I Minutes
6/24/2005
McCormick Place S401bc
Maureen Olle, Secretary

The meeting started at 2:00 pm. The committee started with introductions. Minutes from the Midwinter Boston conference were approved.

The task force liaisons reported on their activities. Federal Documents Task Force will be discussing the Future Digital System. International Documents Task Force will be discussing the changes in the United Nations classification scheme and the official records of the United Nations changing from paper to electronic distribution. There was not a report for State and Local Documents Task Force.

Library Legislative Day went well. The Legislation Committee launched a virtual campaign via email to mobilize librarians to contact their members in Congress regarding library issues. This effort will be repeated at next year's Legislative Day.

The committee will develop talking points on the National Weather Service and USGS issues. The committee tabled discussion on the FOIA legislation. The committee will review the situation of the Census Bureau funding. The committee will review the newly released ID 71 and ID 72 Policy Statements from the Government Printing Office.

The committee discussed taking action to call for an oversight hearing on GPO initiatives a follow up to the resolution passed at Boston Midwinter. The decision of the committee was to wait to see the presentation from the GPO at the GODORT Update and consult with the Federal Documents Task Force.

The Government Printing Office released white papers on version control and authentication on Thursday. Comments on these papers are due by August. The revised briefing topics from the Spring Depository Library Council meeting in Albuquerque have also been released.

Valerie Glenn mentioned the efforts by the FreeGovInfo site to gather stories about residents using government information. People are encouraged to post stories. This is not a GODORT or GPO effort. Larry Romans notified the committee that the ALA Washington Office now has a person responsible for coordinating state-by-state advocacy efforts.

Meeting adjourned 2:45 pm.

During the next three committee meetings, members worked on talking points for NWS & USGS privatization issues, and GPO FY2006 appropriations. Members reviewed ID 71 and decided to ask the Chair of GODORT to send a letter to the Superintendent of Documents regarding minor revisions to ID 71. Members reviewed the changes made to ID 72 and decided that no further action is necessary at this time. The committee decided to send a letter to Congress regarding ACS & Census 2010 funding, and a letter to the Superintendent of Documents regarding the lapses in communication between GPO and their depository library partners. The committee endorsed in principle the COL Privacy Subcommittee resolution entitled "Resolution on the USA PATRIOT Act and Libraries."