

# Draft Minutes from Annual 2008 meetings

From GODORT

**GODORT Legislation Committee I** June 27, 2008, 4-6 pm Hilton, Green Room – Anaheim, California Chair: Kevin McClure; Secretary: Kirsten Clark

## *Resolutions*

Fran Buckley presented a resolution, drafted by himself, Kevin Reynolds, and Larry Romans, calling for no changes to Title 44. He explained the history of this issue. Previous effort to change Title 44 was a daunting task and one that should be approached cautiously. Preparation for change would require major effort including building champions within Congress and the administration. The push instead should be for changes under the current law focusing on cooperative collection development by regionals within states, pushing GPO for more retrospective digitization, more curation and metadata for digital files, and better cataloging. There is a sense that GPO is pushing for a revision. CRS report says it's unconstitutional. There is also incomplete data and knowledge and more studies of the total program need to be done. The heart of the FDLP is the depository community. How do we articulate our value to library directors and others.

The group then talked about how to work with Congressional staffers and media and steps that would be needed to move any changes to Title 44 forward.

A copy of the resolution will be at the next meeting.

The committee then began work on the e-government resolution draft.

**GODORT Legislation Committee II / Joint meeting with COL –Government Information Subcommittee** June 28, 2008, 1:30 – 3:30 pm Anaheim, California Chair: Kevin McClure; Secretary: Kirsten Clark

Minutes of this meeting are available on the GIS wiki at [http://wo.ala.org/giswiki/index.php?title=Main\\_Page](http://wo.ala.org/giswiki/index.php?title=Main_Page).

**GODORT Legislation Committee III** June 29, 2008, 8:00 – 10:00 am Anaheim, California Chair: Kevin McClure; Secretary: Kirsten Clark

## *Resolutions*

Discussion continued on the e-government resolution. Kevin moved and Kirsten seconded the motion to approve this resolution. It was approved unanimously.

## *Regional Report*

Jeff Bullington reported on the FDTF meeting. The majority of this meeting centered on the Regional study (currently in draft form) and discussion of the recommendations presented by GPO. Bernadine Abbott-Huduski asked if Rick Davis discussed how this would be moving forward. There was some discussion on whether there would be consensus to make specific changes to Title 44. Is there some danger in letting the CRS report stand? If there are changes to Title 44, they would need to be very specific. Does the community need its own lawyers to look at potential changes?

Another area of discussion was the relationship between regionals and selectives. There are different levels of communication in different states.

*Additional resolutions*

The committee was asked to look at the resolution created by Fran Buckley, Kevin Reynolds, and Larry Romans and make any comments. These comments were sent to Larry Romans by Kevin McClure.

**GODORT Legislation Committee IV / Joint meeting with COL – Government Information Subcommittee**

June 29, 2008, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Anaheim, California Leg Comm Chair: Kevin McClure; Secretary: Kirsten Clark

*Regional Report*

A synopsis of earlier meetings (FDTF, Legislation Committee III) were given. Discussion continued on the report including having COL and GODORT follow-up with GPO for more input from these communities, using the regional report as a starting point for further discussion, looking at how other ALA units want to be a part of the process, the need for new champions in Congress and a broader support from constituents, how an inventory of all documents could be used and how does cataloging fit into this, and what was the outcome of these recommendations. There are potentially two pipelines within ALA (1) FDLP and GODORT and the future of the FDLP, and (2) GIS and GODORT involving other groups and members to be part of these discussions. Congress is aware that not everybody is together and could potentially hurt our image. Some ideas for doing this include a GIS/GODORT working group, bringing in experts (advisors) from other ALA groups, writing a background paper to create an understanding of the issues. There could be a GODORT group that would invite other groups to be part of the discussions.

*Resolutions*

The e-government resolution was brought forward and GIS endorsed in principle with minor word changes.

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