

Leg Comm Draft Annual 2011 Minutes

From GODORT

GODORT Legislation Committee I

24 June 2011, 4:00-5:15 pm

Sheraton Gallier A/B

Co-chairs: Ellen Simmons and Kay Cassell

Secretary: Shari Laster

Attendees: Ellen Simmons, John Stevenson, Richard Yarnall, Ted Priebe, Robin Haun-Mohamed, Geoff Swindells, Shari Laster, Kay Cassell, Dan Barkley

Minutes from ALA Midwinter 2011 were reviewed. Shari Laster moved to approve the minutes with minor corrections, and Kay Cassell seconded.

Kay Cassell provided an update from the ALA Legislative Assembly. The need for year-round advocacy will be a major focus this year, and the incoming ALA president will be working on an initiative called "Empowering Voices." COL-GIS is drafting a resolution about the loss of the Census Bureau's Compendia Branch. There are other resolutions under discussion, including one related to the PATRIOT Act renewal and three related to Wikileaks, but none have been presented to GODORT for consideration as of now.

The topic of reviewing resolutions that have not yet been presented to GODORT was discussed, and it was agreed that we would wait to see what comes to us from the Legislative Assembly and other bodies.

A draft of a resolution concerning GPO's funding for FY 2012 was circulated and discussed. Shari Laster agreed to modify the draft to include funding for the GPO Revolving Fund to support the continued development of FDsys.

Ellen Simmons led a discussion about the executive branch memo that would reduce the number of government websites and consolidate existing sites. As perceived redundancy and waste are addressed, access to information can be impeded, particularly when there is no mention or consideration of archiving. Ellen agreed to research the situation and work with ALA WO to see whether we know enough to write a resolution at this time.

Shari Laster moved to adjourn. The meeting ended at 5:00 pm.

GODORT Legislation Committee II

25 June 2011, 1:30-3:30 pm

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Present (Leg Comm): Ellen Simmons, Kay Cassell, Shari Laster, Lori Smith, Tim Dodge

The GODORT Legislation Committee participated in the COL-GIS meeting, which included an update from GPO and the discussion of a draft resolution regarding the Census Bureau's Compendia Branch.

GODORT Legislation Committee III

26 June 2011, 10:30 am-noon

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Co-chairs: Ellen Simmons and Kay Cassell

Secretary: Shari Laster

Attendees: Ellen Simmons, Kay Cassell, Tim Dodge, Shari Laster, Lori Smith, Richard Yarnall, Robin Haun-Mohamed, Ted Priebe, Dan Barkley, Mary Alice Baish

The Resolution on GPO FY 2012 Appropriations was discussed and edited. It will be presented to GODORT Membership.

The Resolution on the Defunding of Statistical Agencies was discussed and editorial changes were suggested. It was returned to GIS for further action.

ALA's Legislation Committee will discuss whether to write a letter to the President conveying our concerns about the consolidation of agency websites and asking for a plan to allow us to archive them prior to deletion.

It was agreed that there was no need for another meeting, so the afternoon meeting was cancelled.

Shari Laster moved to adjourn. The meeting ended at 11:30 am.

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