

ALA-GODORT
Membership Committee, Second Meeting
Monday, January 12, 1998
NOCC Room 55
8:00-9:00 AM
Karen Russ, chair
Bill Sudduth and Catherine Hansen, recording

Attending: Karen Russ (chair), Catherine Hansen (co-recorder), Bill Sudduth (co-recorder), Frances Skiffington, Yvonne Wilson, Phyllis Christenson, Linda Fredericks, Kathie Brinkerhoff

Frances will check the number of rooms that were booked at the Hampton Inn. Frances will check about booking the same hotel for Annual in 1999.

The new members lunch was very successful with 25 attending including seven new members and 2 potential members.

It was agreed that the mentoring program should start up again but will discuss more at annual.

The dropped members survey was discussed (see below). Karen will write up a full report. Karen recommended that Membership Committee be sure to meet and greet new faces at meetings.

Web Page Design - Need to use guidelines from the Web Presence Committee. The Membership Committee Web should have a link to committee roster, link to the committee's by-laws entry, list of membership benefits (brochure), minutes to committee meetings, committee events like the new members lunch and accommodations information. Link to GODORT main page. The Cataloging Committee seemed to have a good basic design with which to start.

We should avoid using frames.

Bill and Catherine will work on mock-up, get comments, and also check about hosting sites.

There was brief discussion about the need to order new GODORT membership ribbons. We will hold off until the ASCLA merger decision is finalized. Part of the discussion included the need to make the ribbons more available. Ribbons should be at Steering, task force and committee meetings as well as the GODORT booth. Karen will check with Dan about ordering ribbons.

Handout from GODORT-Membership Meeting #2

TO: Karen Russ, Chair, GODORT Membership Committee
FROM: Kathie Brinkerhoff
DATE: January 9, 1998
SUBJECT: Membership Survey

I received 16 survey cards from former GODORT members. The reasons given are shown below. Several people gave more than one answer, so reasons will total more than 16.

1. ALA Dues Increase: 3 responses
2. Job no longer Involves Government Information: 9 responses
3. Other Reasons:

Needed to cut the budget this year—decided to let ALA membership lapse or a few or couple of years

There are other groups which are much less cliquish. It's hard to talk to people unless you're "in"

My mistake-I thought I signed up for it but apparently I didn't. Plan to join again.

While my job still involves gov't info, I am spread so thin, something had to give. I am not coordinator of gov't info anymore—but do serve reference needs in the area—as well as all other areas!

I have more reading material than I can keep up with and I am not a gov documents librarian.

I really miss it but can't justify cost when not relevant to job.

Job no longer involves government information or libraries.

I teach in this area but my current interest is in YA Lit. so I switched division memberships. My budget only allows for a certain amt. of memberships.