

Membership Committee I  
Friday, June 25, 1999  
3:00-5:00 PM  
Ernest M. Morial Convention Center, Room 335

Committee members attending: Bill Sudduth (chair), Phyllis Christenson (recorder), Christine Fletcher, Louise Treff-Gangler, Jill Vassilakos-Long  
Guests attending: Michael Aldrich, Jim Galbraith, Linda Johnson, Lynn Walshak.

The Membership Committee chair, Bill Sudduth, opened the meeting by welcoming members and visitors followed by the introduction of attendees.

The minutes for the Membership Committee meetings for ALA Annual in Washington and ALA Midwinter Meetings were approved.

Announcements: Bill announced that he had 600 badge ribbons (300 white and 300 blue) to distribute to GODORT members at the booth and meetings. He gave ribbons to committee members and attendees and encouraged members to take extra to give to others. Ribbons will also be available at the GODORT booth.

Bill presented a copy of a job announcement for the position of Head of Government Documents and Associate professor of Library Administration at the University of Illinois. The announcement is open until August 31st.

GODORT Booth: Jill Vassilakos-Long announced that the GODORT booth schedule had been covered. A total of 25 GODORT members had volunteered to work the booth. The outgoing chair (Bill Sudduth) will write letters to the volunteers.

Local Arrangements (New Orleans) - The New Members Lunch will be held at the Crescent City Brew House on Saturday, June 26th from 1-2:30. There were 23 advanced registrations. The GODORT Conference Reception will be held at the Compass Room of the Hilton Riverside on Sunday, June 27th, 5:30-8:00.

The committee will meet again during the conference on Monday, June 28th, 2-4 PM at the Sheraton Hotel, Oakley Room.

Local Arrangements for San Antonio (Midwinter Meeting) and Chicago (Annual Conference). Bill has received information from Diedra Ross, ALA Housing, on obtaining a block of rooms for GODORT at one of the ALA hotels in both San Antonio and Chicago. For San Antonio GODORT must notify ALA by September 1 with the number of rooms we will need each night and whether we will want a hotel that provides meeting rooms (conference hotel) or no meeting rooms (overflow hotel). For Chicago, GODORT has to notify ALA by November 1.

If GODORT decides to reserve a block of room, reservations can be made up to 45 days in advance of the conference. At that time, ALA will take back all rooms, which have not been booked. For an additional 15 days, or up to 30 days before the conference, members can cancel reservations without penalty. After that time, members will be charged for cancellations;

however, Bill will ask ALA if this applies to cancellation because of a family or health emergency.

The Membership Committee must present our recommendation to Steering for approval. The committee agreed to resume discussions of the issue at our next meeting on Monday and develop a process, which we will refer to Steering. A list of hotels and prices will not be available until after the New Orleans meeting.

#### Old Business

Promotional materials - no action

Mentoring program - no action

"Big Blue" and Annual Conference Booth - The booth is not displayed at Midwinter Meetings (San Antonio), but will be displayed at Annual (Chicago). Bill will take "Big Blue" apart on Tuesday. Bill asked if anyone on the committee wanted to house "Big Blue" during the next year. Also if anyone knew of a local or regional meeting that would like the use of "Big Blue" that they should contact the Membership Committee. There was also a brief discussion about updating and adding new material to the display.

Affiliates Program - Bill announced that he had sent a message via GOVDOC-L to state and local documents groups regarding the GODORT Affiliates Program. He received responses from 23 groups interested in continuing in the GODORT Affiliates Program. To become an affiliate a group must submit a statement of purpose and \$20 annual dues. The group must reflect an interest in government information issues. Benefits include a copy of DttP, the opportunity to bring state and local document issues to GODORT attention for support and advice, and increased communication. Bill has compiled a list of organizations and contact persons. Actions will be finalized at the Monday meeting of the committee.

#### New Business

Discussions about local arrangements for San Antonio will continue at the Monday meeting. Jill Vassilakos-Long will be the incoming chair of Membership pending Steering approval on Tuesday.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 PM.

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Comments and corrections: Jill Vassilakos-Long