

GODORT Membership Committee
ALA MidWinter 2000, San Antonio
Hilton, Palazzo del Rio
January 14, 2000, 3- 6:30p.m.
Jill Vassilakos-Long, Chair,
Jill Vassilakos-Long, Secretary

Present: Jill Vassilakos-Long (chair), Bill Sudduth, Christine Fletcher, Earl Shumaker, James Galbraith, Janette Neal, Karen Nordgren, Kathryn Brazee, Louise Treff-Gangler.

Housing for Annual 2000

1) Deidre Ross (from ALA, Director of Conference Services) came to speak about the options for GODORT's housing in Chicago. Committee members asked about the prices, bus route, meeting rooms, restaurants, and locations of seven hotels that had been recommended. Then we asked about our options in terms of GODORT reserving a block of rooms from ALA, bringing up significant concerns which had been voiced at the ALA GODORT Business Meeting in ALA New Orleans.

The proposal:

- GODORT would reserve a block through ALA for MidWinter by the end of August and for Annual before Thanksgiving. (That would normally make it too late for this year, but since we've been discussing this with D.R. frequently and she knows the situation she extended the deadline to right after the MidWinter convention.)
- GODORT would receive comp. Rooms at whatever rate ALA receives comp. Rooms, but only for rooms where GODORT members specified that they were GODORT members as they registered through ALA. (Comps. would be cumulative over the entire stay, for instance if GODORT members booked 150 nights over the course of the conference, and the contract that hotel has with ALA specifies 1 per 50, then GODORT would get 3 free hotel nights.)
- 45 days out from the conference all unbooked rooms in the GODORT block would revert back to ALA, at no penalty to GODORT.
- Once GODORT members have registered for a hotel the cancellation policy would be the cancellation policy of the hotel. (i.e. If the hotel charged for the first night if you cancel less than 72 hours before the first night, then that rule would still apply.)

The committee thanked Deidre Ross for her fast work in getting us the Gunter when the Menger was unavailable.

The committee looked up some of the recommended hotels in a guidebook and discussed their relative merits. The committee then voted unanimously to recommend that GODORT reserve a block of 100 rooms at the House of Blues in Chicago. (Later discussion during GODORT's Business Meeting upped the number of rooms to 110.)

Corrections to past Minutes:

The minutes of all the 1999 meetings of the ALA GODORT Membership Committee were approved as corrected. The correction- These people volunteered for and staffed the GODORT booth at ALA Annual, the Membership Committee extends its thanks to: Michele McKnelly, Mary Mallory, Betsy Richmond, Jan Goldsmith, Becky Byrum, Georgia Chadwick, Sue Hemp, Barb Mann, Cathy Hartman, Jill Moriearty, Christine Fletcher, and Tammy Stewart; along with thanking Bill Sudduth, John Shuler, Lynne Stuart, Jan Swanbeck, Duncan Aldrich, Aimee Piscitelli Quinn, Erhard Konerding, Judy Horn, Robin Haun-Mohamed, Rhonda Marker, Janice

Wolter, Sherry Dedecker, Sandy Peterson, Cass Hartnett, Michael Cotter, Jill Vassilakos-Long and Kathy Jones, who also staffed the GODORT booth (and were properly thanked in DTTP).

Ongoing Business:

2) Committee members agreed to examine a report on membership statistics and then to proceed as appropriate.

3) Committee members decided that several ideas were worth pursuing regardless of the statistical information and will discuss the viability and the steps to accomplish:

- Inserting the names and states of new members in a list in DTTP with a recommendation that other government information librarians in the state get in touch.
- Expanding the internship program.
- Reviving the conference mentors program.
- Creating a system of recommending to librarians (via email) in the local area that they get in touch with new members.
- Sending personal letters or phone calls made to new members from the Chair of GODORT.
- Offering education and involvement opportunities to members who cannot afford to attend Conference. We agreed that the bylaws of GODORT or of ALA might preclude "virtual involvement" and will research what it would take to be able to offer this option to our members.
- Holding a National teleconference.
- Holding virtual meetings.
- Making committee appointments to perform specific tasks outside of Conference.

These ideas will be discussed and developed in a virtual meeting. (GODORT members welcome, www.voy.com/3508)

4) Other items to be discussed in the virtual meeting:

- GODORT Membership Web page enhancement: contribute more to the education and support missions of GODORT.
- Program for Annual (during Membership meeting) Gov. Docs. Librarianship 101. (If it is well received we will explore turning it into a pre-conference.)
- Work with SLDTF to develop the Affiliates program.

5) Committee members agreed that Jill should explore ways to get more timely lists of new members from ALA.

6) Committee members agreed to propose the Chicago Public Library as the site for the Chicago (ALA 2000) GODORT reception. They further agreed to work with Jim Galbraith to develop leads for funding the reception.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30.