

GODORT Membership Committee
ALA Annual Conference, Orlando, FL Membership Committee I
Friday, June 25, 2004
Present: Doralyn Rossman, Marilyn Von Seggern

There was no meeting for lack of quorum.

Membership Committee II
Sunday, June 27, 2004

Present: Bill Sudduth, Nancy Kolenbrander, Marilyn Von Seggern
Guest: Jill Vassilakos-Long
Chair and Recorder: Marilyn Von Seggern

Announcements: Bill asked for suggestions for the Nominating Committee for next year's ballot.

The agendas for the two Membership Committee meetings were merged since the first meeting was not held due to lack of quorum.

The minutes from the Midwinter Meeting in San Diego were approved.

A GODORT Mentoring Program was discussed. Nancy and Marilyn have been surveying state/regional government documents organizations about mentoring programs. There are a few formal programs (for example the one run by the Texas Library Association Government Documents Round Table) and some mentoring is being done informally. Bill noted that GPO is starting a consultants program which may assist with this effort; also, regional depositories are a logical entity to address the issue. Responses from participants of the 2001-02 GODORT Mentoring Program indicated that close geographic proximity of mentor and mentee is important; mentoring programs offered at state or regional levels would address this criteria better than a program administered nationally. It was decided that the Membership Committee could work on a mentoring program model that could be used by other groups. We already have mentoring program goals, participation forms, program evaluation forms, and a list of questions to address in setting up a program. Nancy will work on drafting a document on mentor training and Marilyn will draft recommendations for best practice drawn from recommendations of the Mentoring Program report. The committee needs to talk further about whether there are additional materials to be compiled and how to make all of it available. Nancy suggested that we request information from state/regional government documents organizations about everything they are doing to help new members and new government documents librarians.

Jill asked about conference mentoring. It was agreed that this would be worthwhile and will be discussed further by the committee.

The New Members Lunch, held Saturday noon at Lulu's Bait Shack, was successful with about 30 people present. There was a nice mix of new and veteran members. During discussion about how the lunch could be used to better advantage it was noted that a committee interest sign-up sheet should go around and information could be provided about GODORT, committee work, the conference schedule, etc. Committee chairs should be encouraged to attend to help with this.

The group discussed the best way to get the brochure printed. Because we have need of it immediately and locating funding would take time, it was decided that it will be printed locally black and white. Bill offered to print 200 at his workplace and mail them to Marilyn.

The PPM draft for the reorganized Membership Committee, drafted at the San Diego meeting, will go forward for approval at this meeting.

We would like to get membership information into DttP. Marilyn will ask Andrea Severson if ads of a quarter page and less would be used as filler. A column or article on mentoring might be a possibility for a future issue.

We brainstormed about communicating with state/regional government documents groups. The newly-updated list now linked from the Membership Committee page could also be linked on the page, Information for New and Prospective Members. Other ideas: summarize conference programs and preconferences for state/reg. group newsletter and Web pages; distribute handouts from the GODORT Update. A note to govdoc-I about the state/regional group list would serve to update directory information and add groups that have been missed.

We also brainstormed about welcoming new members at conferences. Should committee chairs be introduced at the GODORT Update? On the Reflector (Steering Committee list) before a conference a note should go out reminding committee chairs of ways to welcome and involve new and prospective members at meetings. Remind them again at the first Steering Committee meeting at the conference.

The Membership Committee is responsible for a GODORT gathering at FDLP conferences. The best time for a meeting seems to be Monday evening (the conferences usually run Sunday afternoon through Wed. noon). A reaction panel on current issues from a GODORT perspective would be a possible program, combined with introduction of GODORT officers and chairs. Marilyn will contact the appropriate person at GPO to secure the time and location.