

GODORT Publications Committee
Sheraton Hotel, Ohio Room
July 7, 2000
3:00-5:30pm

Aimée Piscitelli Quinn, Chair & Recorder

Debora Cheney, Chair-Elect & Recorder

Committee members present: Aimée Piscitelli Quinn (Chair), Debora Cheney (Chair-Elect), Anthony Anderson (FDTF liaison), Tim Byrne (GODORT Treasurer), Jim Church (SLDTF liaison), Peggy Jobe (Chair, Notable Documents Panel), Marcia Meister (Chair, Editorial Review Board), Andrea Morrison (IDTF liaison), Andrea Sevetson (Web Manager), Kathy Tezla (Past Chair, GODORT)

Friends present: Linda Chia, Rebecca Spencer, Tom Twiss, Erminio D'Onofrio, Nan Myers, John Hernandez, Angela Bonnell

Committee members absent: John Shuler (Editor, DttP)

Due to the extension of the GODORT Steering I meeting, this committee was called to order at 3:30pm instead of at 3:00pm. The agenda was amended to include discussion of the proposed policy and procedures for the GODORT Councilor. This discussion was lively and candid.

The minutes from the Midwinter Meeting were approved. Sevetson announced that the GODORT Booth for the Silent Auction changed to # 3449.

Quinn announced that DttP is doing well and was not the focus of Steering at this meeting. Also, she noted that the overall GODORT budget is in better shape. As a result, the stipend for the Assistant Editor/Distribution Manager for DttP was approved. Quinn updated the committee on her activities since Midwinter including the creation of the "mini-program" at the end of the this meeting. Shuler emailed a report to Quinn detailing the status of DttP and an over view of the finances. However, Quinn did not have time to thoroughly review the contents before this conference. She will share with the committee via email later.

Discussion continued related to the need for an Editorial Review Board (ERB). Meister's term ends at the conclusion of this conference. Cheney suggested that an ad hoc board could be utilized in the future especially to review electronic documents in the future. Church raised the issue of the IDTF proposal from midwinter. This proposal includes IDTF sponsoring a series of working papers available via the GODORT/IDTF web page. These papers would be reviewed by an IDTF editorial board who also may be tapped to contribute papers. The committee viewed this proposal as noteworthy, and determined that the Publications Committee, ERB, and the proposed IDTF ERB were not the same, but could easily co-exist. After much discussion, the committee concluded by consensus the need for at least a new chair of the ERB is still vital to the Publications Committee mission. During the upcoming year, this committee will develop clearer procedures for the publication process within GODORT including raising this issue at each of the task force business meetings.

Church presented a proposed IGO survey developed by the IDTF. The purpose of this survey was reviewed and suggestions for improvement were provided. The committee approved ITDF sending out this survey as amended to approximately 30 IGOs on GODORT letterhead.

Quinn raised the issue of recruitment for several positions. Both the Editor of DttP and the Web Manager positions are up for renewal in 2001. Cheney will work with Severson over the next year in the recruitment process. Shuler will be consulted about reappointment before further efforts are made to recruiting for his position.

Other vacancies on this committee include new representatives from SLDTF and IDTF as well as a new chair for the ERB (discussed above). Now that DttP is back on a regular schedule, several columnists would like to move on to other things, so Shuler will be actively looking for folks interested in writing columns. For further information, contact John Shuler.

Jobe and Quinn raised the issue of filling in several vacancies on the Notable Documents Panel (NDP). To Quinn's knowledge, representatives will be needed for the following areas: SLDTF - 1 selector and 1 judge; FDTF - 1 selector; and IDTF - 1 selector. We have not advertised or recruited for these positions in the past, but a review of this practice may be necessary. In the past, recruitment was left in the hands of the NDP Chair, which can be problematic if they are new to GODORT. Quinn, Jobe and Cheney will continue to work on this issue after conference. Quinn ended the business meeting at 5:02pm and called for a quick break before the program began.

Quinn introduced the program (Web Publishing: Where GODORT Has Not Gone Before) by providing a brief overview of what is going on within ALA with web publishing as well as what is happening out in the rest of the world. A new initiative within ARL and ACRL entitled "Create Change" was introduced and Quinn shared an article from the Chronicle of Higher Education on this new initiative. Quinn then introduced the speakers. Andrea Morrison began the program with a quick overview of what is currently happening in many workplaces as well as the advantages and disadvantages of web publishing versus reprinting/republishing. Anthony Anderson quickly reviewed his activities digitizing Los Angeles city documents related to the Rodney King riots. The digital collection can be accessed at:
<http://www.usc.edu/isd/archives/cityinstress/>

Andrea Severson reviewed a list of questions developed by Marcia Meister, Kathy Tezla and her, that GODORT will need to resolve before much further action is taken in this direction. Cheney will continue this discussion during her tenure as Chair of this committee. Quinn commended the committee members for their efforts and thanked each of them for a very productive year.

The meeting adjourned at 5:42pm