

GODORT Publications Committee

San Francisco CA

Friday, June 15, 2001, 3:15-5:30 p.m.

Debora Cheney, Chair & Recorder

Andrea Morrison, Chair-Elect & Recorder

Committee members present: Anthony Anderson, Jim Church, Andrea Morrison, Bill Sleeman, John Shuler, Andrea Severson, Larry Romans, Sandy Peterson, Tim Byrne, John Stevenson

Visitors: Heather M. Williamson

The Chair reported on Steering Committee meeting.

The Committee discussed the two applicants for the Web Administrator position advertised in DttP, posted in GOVDOC-L, and on the GODORT WWW site. Members of the Web Advisory Group are being consulted for input about the candidate's qualifications. Discussed further what skills and qualifications are desirable in the successful candidate and next steps for interviewing the candidates and consulting their references. A recommendation will be made to Steering at the 2001 Annual Meeting.

Report from DttP editor John Shuler--subscriptions and advertisers are now returning to DttP, thus ensuring a solid revenue base for DttP. Two positions continue to be needed to support DttP—the Distribution Manager and the Advertising Manger. It is not currently feasible to move the advertising operation to ALA as previously planned. They are no longer interested due to the revenue levels. We may need to revisit this in the future. The recent issues of DttP include fewer pages in order to balance income generated by subscribers and advertisers with the cost of production and in order to ensure DttP continue to move toward a self-sustaining publication. John Shuler presented a three-year plan for DttP that was discussed by the Committee. The goal of this 3-year plan is to develop DttP as a GODORT publication while also ensuring it remains an economically viable publication. The committee continued to discuss these recommendations at its second meeting and their implications for the Editorial Review Board.

The Committee discussed the replacement for the DttP editor position, this discussion will continue at the second meeting.

The Web Managers Group is moving the GODORT WWW site on the Berkeley Sunsite—an open site that allows all web managers to place their files on that server. This will allow future web administrators and managers to keep their files in a single location rather than changing with each position change. This will also facilitate long-term retention of historical information and greater permanent recognition of the GODORT URL. All Web managers will be directed to change their URLs to the Sunsite (<http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/GODORT/>) by February 1, 2001.

Discussed some pending GODORT publications. Discussed alternative ways to publish GODORT related publications. This discussion will continue in future meetings.

GODORT Publications Committee (Second Meeting)

San Francisco CA

Monday; June 18, 2001, 8:30-11 a.m.

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Debora Cheney, Chair & Recorder

Andrea Morrison, Chair-Elect & Recorder

Committee members present: Anthony Anderson, Jim Church, Andrea Morrison, Sandy Peterson, John Shuler, Andrea Severson

Visitors: Dan Barkley, Bubba Clinter, Kim Bishop, Barbara Miller, Catharine Reynolds, Susan Tulis

The Chair reported on following publications. CIS is interested in publishing the new edition of the Directory of Government Documents Collections and Librarians. Susan Tulis and Dan Barkley volunteered to contact the publisher and make arrangements with them for this publication). The IDTF survey is making its way through that committee and will be sent out to GODORT members soon. Discussed other publications we have learned about from the Committees and from visitors to our meeting. These were forwarded to John Shuler for consideration and consultation for DttP. The U.S. Depository Libraries brochure needs to be updated and revised. Andrea Morrison will serve as the coordinator of this project. We discussed other potential publications including examples of those from LITA. Andrea Morrison will follow up with the Membership Committee to determine if they are interested in developing such a publication. Debora Cheney will be producing a new edition of the Guide to Citing Government Information Resources, scheduled for publication summer 2002.

The Committee discussed the recommended changes and three-year plan for DttP, presented by John Shuler. The Committee discussed John's reappointment as DttP editor. Generally, the changes included the creation of an Editorial Board for DttP; changes to more content articles, and less GODORT-related information (to be grouped together in DttP tentative titled "Roundtable"). These recommendations from John seem timely and appropriate as a result of the growing presence of the GODORT WWW site as a source for GODORT-related business information and fast breaking developments. DttP will take on a greater role as an archival source for key types of information—resolutions, awards presented, by-law changes, white papers, etc. The DttP Editorial Board will replace the existing Publication Committee's Editorial Review Board. The specific changes to PPM and possibly to the by-laws will be presented at the 2001 Annual Meeting. John reported there are possible personnel changes during the coming year on the DttP staff. The Distribution Manager and Advertising Managers are still important positions to ensure the smooth operation and continuing development of ad revenue to underwrite the publication cost as DttP moves toward becoming self-sustaining by 2003 (including subscriptions and ad revenue). Clearly DttP needs to find ways to increase (ideally) its subscribers (lure back institutional subscribers whose subscriptions dropped) and continue to also increase the individual memberships received through the GODORT memberships. John Shuler hopes to be able to increase the quality of the articles and their number to create a practitioners journal for government librarianship with readership among a broader base of

librarians, generally.

Discussed Peggy Jobe's recommended changes to the PPM related to the Notable Documents Panel. These were approved and will be incorporated in the PPM.