

GODORT Publications Committee Meetings
ALA Midwinter (New Orleans LA)

Meeting I

Friday, January 18, Hotel Monteleone, 3-5:30pm Minutes

Attending: Andrea Morrison, Chair, Tim Byrne, Aimee Quinn, Ann Miller, Anthony Anderson, Angel Batiste, Christof Galli, Joan Goodbody, Suzanne Ebanues, Andrea Sevetson, Jim Church, Duncan Aldrich, Sandy Peterson, Susan Tulis, Debora Cheney

1. After welcome and announcements, the Committee approved the agenda.
2. The minutes were approved, with a change to the date.
3. Financial Report (Tim Byrne, Treasurer)-There is a need to increase revenues. Last year, membership dues did generate more money.
4. DttP Update (John Shuler, editor, report in absentia)-The Committee discussed the Editorial Board of DttP, which was instituted by the past year's PPM changes, and which is printed in the masthead of the newsletter. The report included a discussion that DttP needs an Advertising Manager and a Distribution Manager, which are to be appointed by the editor with approval of the Publications Committee. The Advertising Manager helps generate revenue by contacting advertisers for DttP. Members of the committee suggested several names and the Chair agreed to contact possible interested persons. The Committee discussed the need to increase the number of articles per issue, and the Treasurer stated that the full money in the budget line for the newsletter has not been fully used, therefore there was money to add the space for more articles per issue. The Chair will contact the editor concerning this issue. John is in favor of a GODORT Electronic Occasional Paper Series with clear criteria for submissions to avoid conflict with DttP content and purpose.
5. Report on By-Law Changes (Andrea Sevetson)- Bylaws Committee is working on By-laws changes to follow recent PPM changes affecting the Publications Committee. A discussion ensued on the organization of the committee. Some of the suggested changes to Publications Committee over the last few years have included that the number of committee members be changed, the role of the committee, and the membership of the committee. If the Past -Chair were taken off the committee, the membership might be continued as an odd number by appointing an ex-officio non-voting member. A vote on a sense of support for moving the Past-Chair was approved; a vote on the sense of the committee on appointing an ex-officio member was approved. The role of the web managers (for all GODORT) committees was also discussed, with support from the Committee for including web managers in the membership of committees.
6. Report of the Web Administrator (Christof Galli)-The Committee gave the Web Administrator positive feedback about the website.
7. Reports from Task Forces and Committees were heard. IDTF is considering an African

International Organization website as a project. A second project under consideration involves U.S. Congressional hearings on Sub-Saharan Africa, and both of these projects will be discussed at IDTF. The Committee discussed and advised on different publication approaches for these two projects with Angel Batiste, liaison to IDTF.

8. Notable Documents Chair (report for P. Jobe by Morrison)-The notable documents submissions process is proceeding with no difficulties, and the judge's positions have been filled. There will be state document notable documents this year, and the Library Journal article will be completed. Be sure to nominate titles via the WWW page form. Members of committee asked that paper submission nominations be acknowledged. PPM changes could be made to change the "Thank you for the submission" process to allow for an e-mail thank you's.

9. Reports from publications in process:

- The Committee has not been recently updated about the Cataloging Book, edited by Rhonda Marker, but the Chair has been in contact with her in the Fall concerning submitting book chapters as articles to DttP for publication. The Committee feels there is great interest in the subject of the publication and broached the idea of chapters also being part of the proposed GODORT Electronic Occasional Paper Series.
- IGO survey - Jim Chuch. It is not yet ready to be published. The Committee recommended it be published in DttP.
- Directory - co-editors Susan Tulis and Dan Barkley. This is to be published by Lexis/Nexis and royalties will be shared by authors and GODORT.
- Citation Guide - Debora Cheney. It is due out by summer 2002, published by Lexis Nexis. Royalties will be shared with authors and GODORT.

10. OLD BUSINESS

- The revision of the GODORT History. Bill Sudduth and David Larkin are updating Lois Mills first edition for a 30th anniversary publication by Lexis-Nexis. Bill requested additional help in completing the text. Lexis-Nexis will pay for 60 p. and they need it by April 1, 2002 to have it for Annual Conference. New volunteers to conclude the project were solicited: Debora Cheney, Ann Miller, Sandy Peterson, Aimee Quinn, Larry Romans, and Susan Tulis have volunteered to work on sections. Andrea Morrison will send the volunteers all past work and outlines and will coordinate authors and editors. The goal is to submit it to Steering in March. Ann Miller will review the OCR scanned text of the original history.
- The GODORT Brochure was well received by the committee and considered a good job. Andrea Morrison provided samples of the brochure to the committee and to steering as a work in progress and solicited editorial comments and contributions to text for the brochure for Annual Conference. Although there has been changes at Lexis-Nexis, our contact confirmed commitment to pay for 2,000 copies to be printed for Annual. The Chair of Publications will write a letter of thanks to helpers on the brochure project. The Committee felt that the brochure could go to new members and suggested Publications/Membership coordinate this.

- Creating and increasing revenue:
 - Action item: That the GODORT membership incorporate a recognition honoring past GODORT authors at the Annual reception.
 - There is a need to cultivate an environment to encourage committee and task forces to develop committee publications to help general revenue for GODORT. The Committee will contact the task forces and Committees to encourage them to form working groups around interest in publications.
 - Potential authors are encouraged to contact any member of the Publications Committee to consult on publications proposals.
 - The Ad Hoc Committee on Digitization's report will be discussed at Publications II Meeting, Monday 8:30-11, MCC Rm. 260.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion Document on the possibility of GODORT Publishing an The Working Group to prepare this document for Midwinter Meeting comprised Committee members and volunteers from govdoc-1. The members are published at the end of the discussion document and were thanked for their contributions. Two volunteers were present at the meeting, Joan Goodbody and Suzanne Ebanues. Discussion included these points: The timing is good for this discussion. How would it make money for GODORT? Should we just do it and worry about revenue producing later? This process could proceed in stages. Print on demand eventually possible. It would draw more people into GODORT and generate membership dues. Sponsorship of companies of individual numbers is possible and a book publication of Occasional Papers no. 1-20 is possible. Other republishing opportunities are possible. The series could be a stepping stone to full/thoroughly scholarly print publications through GODORT, in book form , as articles in DttP, etc. Working/occasional papers allows for quick dissemination and exposure of information. Visibility and credibility would be high. There is a need to review and develop editorial review procedures. The Committee may need to look at GODORT infrastructure to support planning the series.

Discussion was positive and supportive of this proposal and is to be continued at Publications II Meeting, Monday 8:30-11am, MCC Rm. 260.

Respectfully submitted, Debora Cheney and Andrea Morrison

GODORT Publications Committee - Meeting II
 ALA Mid-Winter (New Orleans LA)
 Monday, January 21. Convention Center, 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.
 Minutes

Present: Andrea Morrison, Chair, Duncan Aldrich, Anthony Anderson, Tim Byrne, Suzanne Ebanues, Christof Galli, Rhonda Marker, Bill Sleeman

Meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m.

1. Chair welcomed those present and announced that we would resume the agenda from meeting

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2. The first topic of discussion was the status of DttP. Bill Sleeman requested clarification of the "rumor" that DttP was not accepting submissions from membership as the journal was full. Chair clarified that this had come up during the first Publications Committee meeting and that there was additional money available to increase the number of articles in each issue. Andrea Morrison will contact the Editor of DttP in order to increase the number of articles to be published in each issue.

3. Rhonda Marker discussed the status of the cataloging book project. Marker had spoken with the Editor of DttP and there was interest in publishing some of the already completed chapters as articles in DttP. More articles from this project will be forthcoming. Marker asked if it was possible to be added as a regular agenda item for the Publications Committee as she felt the project had moved from the content/development phase where she reported to the Cataloging Committee, to the production phase where she felt it was appropriate to report directly to Publications. There was general agreement with this sentiment and the project will be added to the regular Publications agenda. Marker also asked if the title of the series should be changed from Cataloging Government Information Resources? Publications Committee agreed to retain the current title. There was additional discussion on how new articles in this series would be edited. It was agreed that Rhonda Marker would first edit articles before they were submitted to the Editor of DttP for any additional editing.

4. The action item from the first Publications Committee meeting was clarified to include a request for letters, signed by the Chair of GODORT, to past authors.

5. The question of creating an electronic occasional papers series for GODORT was discussed. The discussion was very detailed but fruitful. Many technological, process and editorial challenges were identified. It was decided to pursue this project by developing a test site of 3-5 papers that would be hosted on the Committee's Internet site. Submissions for the test site will be solicited in an open process. Two working groups within the Publications Committee were created to facilitate the occasional papers series concept for GODORT. The first, to be chaired by Andrea Morrison, will be devoted to identifying content for a test site and to develop the submission and review process for the on-going effort. The second will be an Electronic Publishing working group, chaired by Bill Sleeman, which will explore the technological issues involved in developing and maintaining an electronic publishing product on the Internet. Volunteers will be sought for both working groups. Andrea Morrison raised the prospect of this project eventually becoming an additional source of revenue for GODORT but stressed the need to first prove that the project was workable.

6. The Committee reviewed the report of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Digitization. The Committee was favorably impressed with the quality and content of the report but could not offer a formal recommendation or response due to a lack of quorum

7. The Chair asked for additional comments on the GODORT brochure. A template of the brochure will be added to the Committee's Internet site for future use.

8. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Sleeman