

Publications Committee Minutes Midwinter, 2009

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Logistics

Publications Committee
Denver, CO, Colorado Convention Center, Room 106
Sunday, January 25, 2009, 8:00 a.m.
James R. Jacobs, Chair
John A. Stevenson, recorder

James R. Jacobs called the meeting to order at 8:13.

The agenda was adopted with two new items of business.

Approval of minutes from Annual '08

Minutes from Annual Conference '08 (http://wikis.ala.org/godort/index.php/Publications_Committee_Minutes_Annual%2C_2008) were approved as posted to the wiki.

DttP Report

Andrea Severson reported via email. There were no questions.

Notable Documents Report

Notable Documents (Jim Church) Jim expressed concern that the ALA website swallowed an unknown number of nominated titles. No other news to report.

GODORT Web administrator report

None

Announcements

James R. Jacobs announced that there are still spaces on the GODORT ballot. Contact the nominations Committee.

Other Committee updates

None

Old Business

- Oral Histories. Tanya Fincham appears to be back on track for oral histories. She ran into a problem because her institution could not host the project. Jacobs suggested using Internet Archive for AV files with space on the godort wiki as the jumping off point.
- Morrison book publicity: There are no updates regarding revenues from the Morrison book.
- Google Groups feedback: Using the groups seems to work, although CCing everyone sometimes seems unnecessary. Awards found it very useful for sharing large numbers of files. Wiki also seems to be working well.
- Occasional Papers: Bill Sleeman is still interested in contributing a paper. Editorial board has not met or formalized procedures. This will be further worked on by the editorial board over the next month to finalize submission guidelines, find space for hosting etc.
- DttP publication survey: John Stevenson is working on this. Rebecca Blakeley, Sandy Srivastava, and Aimee Quinn volunteered to help work on the survey. Publications committee will want to advise Steering that a small amount of money will be needed to pay SurveyMonkey's fee. The goal is to get the survey out in the spring so that the results can inform the new DttP editors going forward.
- GODORT blog proposal: James R. Jacobs will be bringing this up at the second Steering Committee.

New Business

- Suggestions for new Notable Documents chair: James R. Jacobs asked for expressions of interest. Jim Church says the job is demanding in terms of amount of editing necessary. He also noted that submissions are not edited further by Library Journal.
- There was discussion of a book about the *Serial Set* which Aimee Quinn and Donna Koepp had proposed several years ago. They laid out ideas for chapters to be written by GODORT members, with GODORT to be the recipient of all royalties. ALA held first right of refusal and exercised that right in 2006, freeing GODORT to seek other partners. According to Aimee, the book proposal was then shopped to several publishers, including some university presses. Readex is interested in producing a book on this general topic as it's own. If Readex publishes it, it will be their publication and Readex will assume all the potential profit from the publication. Publication committee agreed that Aimee should seek new venues for publishing

GODORT publications. As a previous book contract published outside ALA was signed by the GODORT Chair and Publications Committee chair, we expect to follow a similar procedure if a publisher is interested.

- Book proposal on government information literacy (Aimee Quinn): Aimee stated that Dale Lipschultz, staff liaison to the ALA Literacy Committee, is interested in a civics book or online guide for people interested in U.S. citizenship and asked if there were people interested in taking this on. This might tie-in with an ALA program on government information literacy, especially involving public librarians. There's always a question about how GODORT could generate revenue by putting information online. Contact Tom Adamich (http://wikis.ala.org/godort/index.php/Gov_Doc_Kids) for possible interest and connections to gov doc kids project.
- Discussion about online course (Andrea Morrison): Andrea Morrison wanted to have an online course developed. Sandy Srivastava pointed out that many new people need an intro, that ALA divisions are using online courses for revenue, and that ALA has some infrastructure in place (moodle) to do that. Professional development is often under an Education Committee to develop and administer such courses. ALCTS offers courses for \$200-300, which may be supported by people's home institutions. Existing GODORT resources can be harvested to create course work. A coordinator may be needed to marshal the resources for GODORT. Input from new librarians as to what they want or need to know would help direct the effort. Current library school curricula do not cover what's needed.
- DttP editor candidate interview: Valerie Glenn and Beth Clausen. (NOTE: This portion of the Publications meeting will be closed to all but publications committee members.) Non-members were excused for the interview. The Committee voted unanimously to put their names forward for approval by Steering.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Future agenda building

This is space for future agenda building, not for active action items or projects. Discussion about researching into digital publishing models and case studies and the efficacy of publishing DttP in a digital format. At ALA annual '08, Publications Committee agreed that it was an appropriate time to research this, but also agreed that the current DttP economic model is not currently broken. Exploration has not moved forward as of Midwinter '09.

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