

Publications Committee Minutes Midwinter, 2010

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Logistics

GODORT Publications Committee

Westin Copley Place, St. George

Sunday, January 17, 2010, 8-10 a.m.

Convener: John Stevenson

Recorder: Jim Church

Chair, John Stevenson, opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m. with a welcome and introductions. The agenda was adopted with amendments.

Attendees

Members: Susan Bucks, Jim Church, Beth Clausen, Valerie Glenn, David Griffiths, John Hernandez, Starr Hoffman, Vickie Mix, John Stevenson.

Approval of minutes from Annual

Minutes of the meeting at the 2009 Annual Conference were approved as posted to the wiki.

DttP Report

Co-editors Beth Clausen and Valerie Glenn reported that there was a small drop in the number of subscriptions and not all losses were regained.

Treasurer's Report

John Hernandez reported the finances of *DttP* are in very good shape. GODORT's income for FY 2009 from publications was \$1411 of which \$1054 was from *Managing Electronic Government Information in Libraries*. For FY 2010, GODORT's reported income is just \$5 so far.

Other Committee updates

Prospects for GODORT hosting fee-based courses

Chella's report was distributed and information shared with the Education Committee. They are interested in content while we are primarily interested in ensuring that GODORT looks good and that the courses may generate revenue for the round table. GODORT's Education Committee and GITCO are partnering to explore options with a core-competencies course and this committee will encourage them to explore use of no-fee moodle software.

Discussion of digital publishing models and case studies

Jim Church noted that e-books are not "huge" in libraries. Giving away research with low-revenue potential, such as the Occasional Papers, offers GODORT an opportunity to get its work out where it can be appreciated. Fee-based digital publishing requires technology that the round table doesn't have and which ALA is beginning to get a handle on. While ALA appears to be encouraging production of e-journals, it's not clear how well ALA Editions is positioned to administer e-books so the chair will contact them to find out what GODORT's options are.

Old Business

GODORT Occasional Papers

Two papers were published last summer; two submissions have been submitted and will be evaluated by the end of this month. One is a guide to the American Community Survey and the other is "1957 Crisis at Central High: An Annotated Bibliography of Government Publications" about the resistance to court-ordered racial integration which resulted in federal action in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1957. The editorial board has not fully reviewed these submissions.

GODORT Oral Histories

Tanya Finchum started the project and volunteered to work with it through 2010. Cass Hartnett volunteered to coordinate the project for a few years. The Committee should designate a coordinator and four additional members to work on this project before the Annual conference and draft language for a position in the *PPM*.

GODORT Logo Contest

The Web Managers were judges in the GODORT logo contest and awarded no prize. The Publications Committee wants to explore other options to have a clean logo as 2012 will be the fortieth anniversary of GODORT's founding. Susan Bucks volunteered to speak with a graphic artist at her institution to see how much work would be involved in preparing the current logo as a scalable vector-based file.

ALA Connect

All the members have access. It was noted as being useful and doesn't require login if one doesn't log out. The chair encourages all members of the committee to contribute to the committee's work using this tool.

Serial Set book proposal

Aimee Quinn submitted information to the chair regarding this proposal. She reported that publishers indicated a preference for a book with a single author/voice throughout over many chapters on different topics with different

voices. It was noted that this proposal was funded through a GODORT award and the committee should keep up with its status.

New Business

Recruitment of a new GODORT Web Administrator

The initial term of office is three years and may be renewed. Starr Hoffman will complete her term at the end of the Annual Conference. The committee will work with the GODORT Web Managers' group to develop a job description and advertise for candidates.

Updated History

With 2012 being the fortieth anniversary of GODORT's founding, there is interest in the possible updating of the *History of the Government Documents Roundtable (GODORT) of the American Library Association 1972-2002*. The works' copyright is apparently with GODORT and one of the previous authors has indicated that newer members should be writing any update. The chair will contact Larry Romans regarding his possible interest in the project.

The committee adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

These minutes approved by acclamation, February 15, 2010.

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