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Washington Marriott, West End A
June 27, 2010
Convener: John Stevenson
Recorder: Susan Bucks

Attendees

Attendees: John Stevenson (chair), Chellammal Viadyanathan, Valerie Glenn, Beth Clausen, David Griffiths, Starr Hoffman, Helen Sheehy, Susan Bucks.

Welcome

Chair John Stevenson brought the meeting to order at 8:10 AM and the agenda was adopted as posted.

Approval of minutes from Midwinter

Minutes were previously approved electronically on ALA Connect.

DttP Report

Editors Beth Clausen and Valerie Glenn distributed a report which they had posted to ALA Connect in advance of the meeting. Journal publishing and advertising trends, and concerns about access to current online issues of *DttP* were discussed. The editorial team is investigating options, including ALA Connect and open access. Each option offers advantages and problems. Open access could have a negative impact on advertisers and subscribers.

Other Committee updates

Education Committee Workgroup on Online Courses
Chellammal Vaidyanathan reported on research carried out with Linda Spiro regarding the feasibility of GODORT offering online courses. She distributed a draft survey for potential presenters to submit course proposals. Due to rapidly changing technology, the workgroup advised that using open source course management software such as Moodle is preferred. Reviewing course proposals online offers an opportunity for members who cannot attend meetings. Courses are likely to be workshop type programs appropriate for new librarians, subject librarians, or continuing education. Also, online courses offer an alternative to pre-conference sessions. Education Committee will be responsible for content of courses, and Publications Committee will be concerned with quality and branding of documents, such as syllabi and outlines, as well as marketing courses.

GODORT Occasional Papers
John Stevenson reported that two papers were published. Proposals for next submissions are due by September 1. John noted that there is an ISSN record for the series (OCLC record #325066120.) He will check to see if the series has been indexed.

GODORT Oral Histories
No report

Web Managers Group
Starr Hoffman reported that a new web manager, Sandy Schiefer was interviewed and appointed. Starr will work with Sandy as she transitions into the position.

Notable Documents Report

David Griffiths reported that the period covered for the annual round up is unclear. He also noted that most annotations submitted using the online form were publisher's summaries and proposed having the reviewers or judges write the annotations in the future. David remarked on the difficulty of getting nominations, especially state and local documents. There was a suggestion that agencies nominate their best publications.

Old Business

GODORT Logo clean up
Susan Bucks submitted proposal from graphic artist for creating scalable logo for web site. Before moving to accept his proposal, Susan will follow up with artist, requesting samples of his work, and feasibility of black and red logos.

Treasurer's Report

John Hernandez submitted a written report but was not available to answer questions due to a scheduling conflict.

New Business

Larry Romans, a co-editor of *History of the Government Documents Roundtable (GODORT) of the American Library Association 1972-2002* has volunteered to lead a project to compile GODORT activities since 2002. He emailed current members of GODORT's Steering Committee to solicit chapters. John Stevenson suggested that ALA Connect be used to locate people who are active and knowledgeable about specific GODORT unit activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 AM.

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