

GODORT Publications Committee Virtual Meeting  
January 21, 2016  
3-3:45 PM Eastern

Attending: Mark Anderson, Valerie Glenn, Karen Hogenboom, Shari Laster, Elizabeth Psyck, Marianne Ryan, Mike Smith, Sinai Wood

The minutes from the [November 11, 2015 meeting](#) were approved.

### **Announcements:**

1. At the Midwinter Meeting in Boston, the ad Hoc Committee on Virtual Meetings presented their final report to Steering. It is available via ALA Connect.
2. Also at Midwinter, the ad Hoc Committee on Reorganization presented a not-quite-final report, along with an appendix that was used to spur discussion and gather feedback at a breakout session during the conference. It was noted that during the breakout session, most in attendance felt that the Publications Committee should remain a separate entity (in one scenario, the Committee's responsibilities were merged with those of other committees).
3. There will be a working session of the Steering Committee on February 9th from 3-5 pm Eastern. This session will mostly focus on developing an implementation plan for a reorganization.
4. We need to decide when to meet during the Annual Conference. Valerie will check with Helen as to possible meeting times on Saturday and Sunday and survey the group on their preference.

### **Updates:**

1. **DttP**  
Elizabeth has just received the production schedule for 2016. The first issue is almost ready to send to ALA Publishing. She has received two complimentary notes on the last issue (2015:4); which she is planning to send along to the authors.

2. **Notable Documents**

The deadline for nominations was January 4th; Mark has sent all nominations to the selectors, who will send along to the judges. ~30 federal documents nominations were received; there were fewer nominations for International and state documents, which is normal.

Mark has been in contact with Library Journal regarding deadlines and total word limit. He's currently working on the introductory article for the issue. The deadline for submitting everything to Library Journal is March 31st; he has given judges the deadline of March 18th to submit everything to him.

### 3. Occasional Papers

We received a submission for the series, but it was determined to be not suited for the Occasional Papers [it was not research-focused, and was too brief]. The author did not know that there were guidelines for an Occasional Paper; Marianne had trouble discovering them as well.

Marianne and Karen had time during the Midwinter Meeting to discuss the Occasional Papers series and possible ways to move forward. They decided that the [current guidelines](#) should be reviewed and revised - Marianne is hoping to have a draft for the committee to review during the next call. They also discussed the promotion of the series to a wider audience - the series is research-focused, but not peer-reviewed, which makes it hard to attract authors. This may be a good venue to publish longer student articles that aren't eligible for DttP's student papers issue.

Marianne and Karen also discussed having a pilot year (2016/2017) where we have the new guidelines and a new approach to marketing/soliciting content, and assess the series after that - likely in the Fall of 2017.

### [Committee Mission and Goals](#)

As part of the reorganization efforts, committees were instructed to review their purpose (as stated in the Policies and Procedures Manual) and propose 5-year goals. The Committee has had previous discussions about this; additional discussion during this call involved the proper number of Committee members (all reorganization proposals call for the elimination of internal liaisons); along with other goals (including a possible goal to review GODORT's web presence, especially the discoverability of content). Valerie will edit the existing document & discussion will continue via email.