

Chapter 30: Affiliates

I. Purpose

An affiliate is any organization outside of ALA, concerned with issues relating to government information who seeks to formally interact with GODORT, share information, and collaborate on areas of mutual interest. Members of the group who are not personal members of ALA and members of GODORT will not be eligible to vote or hold office in GODORT.

II. Requirements of Affiliation

- A. Any organization seeking to affiliate with the Round Table should submit a statement of membership and purpose.
- B. Affiliation status is subject to approval by the GODORT Steering Committee.
- C. Upon approval, the designated Affiliate Group Leader's contact information will be included within the GODORT Directory.
- D. The duration of the affiliation will continue until such time as the GODORT Steering Committee or the affiliated organization deems that it no longer serves its stated purpose.

III. Affiliate's Duties

- A. Affiliate Group Leader:
 1. Posts activity updates to GODORT membership.
 2. Disseminates publications of the Round Table to affiliate members.
 3. Is required to contact and coordinate with either the GODORT Chair or an appropriate Committee Chair or Interest Group Leader for the purposed of scheduling virtual sessions, not including ALA Annual and Midwinter conferences.

IV. Meetings and Communication

- A. Affiliates will be provided access to GODORT virtual meetings, virtual meeting technology for GODORT-sponsored events, communication tools, and educational resources.

V. Current non-ALA Affiliates to GODORT

A. Freedom to Read Foundation (FRF)

1. Purpose: The First Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees all individuals the right to express their ideas without governmental interference, and to read and listen to the ideas of others. The Freedom to Read Foundation was established to promote and defend this right; to foster libraries as institutions wherein every individual's First Amendment freedoms are fulfilled; and to support the right of libraries to include in their collections and make available any work which they may legally acquire.

2. Membership: Any person, corporation or organization interested in the purposes of the Foundation may become a member upon payment of the dues provided herein.
3. Duration: Duration of the affiliation of Freedom to Read will continue until such time as the GODORT Steering Committee, or the Freedom to Read Foundation deems that it no longer serves its stated purpose.

B. International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)

1. Purpose: An independent, international, non-governmental, not-for-profit organization representing the interests of library and information services and their users. GODORT's primary affiliation is with the Government Information and Official Publications Section, which promotes the discovery, collection, bibliographic control, preservation, and dissemination of information from and about governments, intergovernmental organizations, and public non-governmental organizations.
2. Membership: National associations of library and information professionals, of library and information services and of educational and research institutes, within the broad field of library and information science; other organizations in the library and information sector; and individual practitioners in the field of library and information science.
3. Duration: The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) will continue until such time as the GODORT Steering Committee, or the International Federation of Library Associations deems that it no longer serves its stated purpose.

C. State Documents Collaborative Group

1. Purpose: Provide an all-inclusive, collaborative environment in order to raise awareness, preserve and ensure public access to state and local documents.
2. Membership: Open to government information professionals and other interested parties.
3. Duration: The State Documents Collaborative Group will continue until such time as the GODORT Steering Committee, or the State Documents Collaborative Groups deems that it no longer serves its stated purpose.

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