

ALA Annual GODORT Membership Update Minutes
Sunday, June 23, 2019
4:00-5:00 PM
Marriott Marquis, Cherry Blossom, Washington D.C.

Hallie Pritchett, Chair
Julia Frankosky, Minutes

Attendees: Hallie Pritchett, Julia Frankosky, Lawrence Woodward, Victoria Marshall, Simon Healey, Rachel Dobkin, Sinai Wood, Elaine Manning, Emily Alford, Susan Cadel, Emily Wiechmann, Rebecca Hyde, Aimee Slater, Megan Hamlin-Black, Vicki Tate, James Jacobs, Karen Hogenboom, Bernadine Aboott Hoduski, Brett Cloyd, Ben Chiewphasa, Denise Jones, Emily Rogers, Tom Moothart, Kay Cassell, Brad Vogus, Susan Paterson, Wayne Strickland, John Stevenson, Samantha Hager, Shari Laster, Andrea Morrison, Bill Sudduth

Announcements

The GODORT Awards Reception will start at 6pm tonight at the Jacob Burns Law Library,

Approval of minutes

Samantha Hager moved that the minutes from the Midwinter Membership Update (available on the GODORT website at <http://www.ala.org/rt/godort/minutes#membership>) be approved. Aimee Slater seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report, Rebecca Hyde

The Treasurer's Report was distributed earlier in the week to the GODORT Membership listserv and some paper copies were available at the meeting. GODORT's finances are doing well overall, though we did spend a bit more for the very successful Census 2020 presentation at Annual. Almost the entire Awards Reception was paid for from generous sponsors.

Old Business

Report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, Shari Laster

Shari presented an overview of the final report from this ad hoc committee, including recommendations to align GODORT with ALA's mission regarding EDI. The full report was sent to the GODORT listserv, GOVDOC-L, and posted to ALA Connect. This committee would still appreciate feedback from membership at large and will bring this report to Steering for more discussion, especially in regards to implementing suggestions from this ad hoc committee. Discussion amongst members centered around ways GODORT can incorporate these suggestions into individual committees to encourage more participation and make GODORT a more inclusive round table.

Councilor Report, Bill Sudduth

This is the final term for GODORT's dedicated councilor until GODORT can increase their membership rate to at least 1% of ALA's total individual members. At Annual so far, Council has

only met once and members have undergone a two-hour Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion training session. Council II will focus on the Subcommittee on Organizational Effectiveness (SCOE) report on the restructuring of ALA to create a sustainable organization.

Continue Discussion on the Future of the Midwinter Meeting, Hallie Pritchett

ALA is examining the Midwinter meeting structure due to declining attendance. Simon Healey, member of the ALA Conference Committee, provided an overview of the future model, which would have a soft launch at Midwinter 2021 in Indianapolis. This model would be program-focused, with all events focusing on a particular theme. Business meetings would be kept to a minimum, thus allowing attendees more time to attend the professional development sessions. Midwinter 2020 in Philadelphia will still be in the current Midwinter format. Discussion followed on whether GODORT should aim to have fewer in-person meetings at Midwinter 2020 to get used to the upcoming format and if we should focus on having more programming in lieu of business meetings. Scheduling for Midwinter 2020 begins very soon after Annual and this will be a topic for an upcoming Steering Committee meeting.

New Business

Update on the Technology Committee, Hallie Pritchett

Three members have been selected for the new Technology Committee; however, the position of Chair/Webmaster still needs to be filled. An ideal candidate would have experience working with Drupal. Please contact Hallie if you are interested in this position.

2019 Emerging Leaders Group, Megan Hamlin-Black

The Emerging Leaders group created a librarian-to-librarian election toolkit and a marketing and implementation plan for GODORT to use for this toolkit. Steering will vote on this report and if approved, will assign the project to the Education Committee.