

ALA Midwinter GODORT Membership Update Minutes  
Sunday, January 27, 2019  
2:30-3:30PM  
WSSC 211, Seattle, WA

Hallie Pritchett, Chair  
Julia Frankosky, Minutes

Attendees: Hallie Pritchett, Julia Frankosky, Iain Williamson, Virginia Jacobs, Laura Sare, David Isaak, Jim Church, Lynda Kellam, Dawn Rapoza, Azalea Ebbay, Megan Hamlin-Black, Shelly Guerrero, Vesselina Stoytcheva, Bernadine Abbott Hoduski, Susanne Caro, Arlene Weible, Gwen Sinclair, Valerie Glenn, Rebecca Hyde, Simon Healey, Bill Sudduth, Rachel Dobkin

### **Introductions**

- Members of Steering introduced themselves

### **ALA presidential candidate**

- Lance Werner spoke for about 5 minutes

### **CRS resolution, Bill Sudduth**

- The Committee on Legislation (CO) would like GODORT's support for a resolution to acknowledge those who worked to make CRS reports available to the public. Asks GODORT to endorse this in principle.

“...Therefore be it resolved that the American Library Association Gratefully acknowledges the efforts of legislators who secured this long sought provision, particularly Representatives Tim Ryan (D-OH) and Mike Quigley (D-IL), former Representatives Kevin Yoder (R-KS) and Leonard Lance (R-NJ), Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT), and the late Senator John McCain (R-AZ) for improving the nation's access to taxpayer funded information resources, and Encourages the Library of Congress and Congressional Research Service to continue development of the website in order to provide the most comprehensive and useful public access, and to invite suggestions for improving public access from librarians and users; and Thanks all ALA members and others that have over the years advocated for access to CRS reports as well as improved access to our governments' information in all formats or media.”

- Unanimously voted to endorse this resolution in principle.

### **Councilor Update, Bill Sudduth**

- A task force was formed to look at online voting for Council between Midwinter and Annual.
- Passed a resolution to adopt sustainability as a core value of librarianship.
- Discussing eliminating library fines.

- Discussing meeting room interpretation.
- Organizational effectiveness meeting with all the round tables was put on hold till Monday from 1-2.

#### **Treasurer's Report, Rebecca Hyde**

- Copies of the budget were available at the meeting. Proposed a vote for a new budget based on slightly decreased estimates to the production cost of DttP. Rebecca moves that Membership approve this budget as proposed, Bill seconded.
  - All voted in favor, with Simon Healy abstaining.

#### **Emerging Leaders Project Update, Gwen Sinclair**

- The Emerging Leader team is present, as is GODORT's sponsored Emerging Leader individual (Azalea Ebbay).
  - Megan Hamlin-Black, Leslie Purdie, Shelly Guerrero, and Azalea Ebbay.
- Proposal from the Education Committee to create a librarian-to-librarian toolkit for election reference was accepted for their project. Our Emerging Leader team will develop a marketing, implementation, and continuity plan for this toolkit. There is a prototype using Connecticut on the GODORT LibGuide page ([godort.libguides.com/voting](http://godort.libguides.com/voting)). A roadmap for this project has been created and the Emerging Leaders will be working on this from now until Annual. They will also create a poster for this project for Annual.
- Hallie asked if it would be possible to have the poster displayed or an overview of the project given at GODORT's Membership Meeting at Annual.
- GODORT is responsible for the content for these toolkits so if you know of good resources, please share with Education Committee.

#### **Website Update, Hallie Pritchett**

- ALA has ceased supporting the wiki and all content was asked to be moved to the new Drupal site about a year ago. The website group was chaired by Hallie they successfully migrated almost all of GODORT's content to the new site. About 400 meeting minutes and agendas still needing to be added. Steering will discuss how this website will be maintained and how to handle our online presence as a whole to ensure a robust, up to date web presence. The wiki with historic content will be archived.

#### **Annual program update, Shari Laster**

- Juried program for Annual accepted: Counting on Trust, Trusting the Count: Census 2020. This program will be held on 6/23/19 at 9am.
  - This idea came from Kenya Flash and was co-sponsored between SRRT and GODORT. Includes a panel of Census experts including: John Thompson, former director of the Census; Thomas Saenz, President and General Counsel for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund; and Hansi Lo Wang from NPR (tentative). Hope to secure a fourth speaker.

- GODORT's program will be on the PEGI project. Analyzing results from 2018 progress status report on collecting, describing, and providing access to born digital items.
- Susanne Caro: Juried program GODORT co-sponsored with RUSA accepted: The Data of D.C.: Open Sources for Business Research. This program will be held on 6/23/19 at 4pm.
- Susanne Caro: GODORT co-sponsored preconference with RUSA BRASS: Guardians of the (Financial) Galaxy: Financial Regulations Generating Free Data, Tools, and Information Along the Way.

#### **Other business**

- Shari Laster: Ad hoc committee on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion has presented interim report to Steering. Will be sending report out to general membership after Steering discusses over email. Committee would appreciate feedback from membership at large.
- Simon Healey (serving as proxy for Andrea Morrison, chair of Cataloging Committee): Cataloging Committee had a virtual meeting with 20+ attendees. They've been working on three cataloging toolkits and have made great progress on the federal toolkit, which will be on the website in February. Hope to receive feedback and suggestions for changes and updates and the committee will address these suggestions as a way to move forward with these toolkits.

#### **Future of Midwinter Meeting, Hallie Pritchett**

- ALA is looking at a new model for Midwinter meetings as it's not sustainable in the current format, attendance has dropped, more virtual meetings are being held, etc. Plan to implement new format by 2021. Format will include fewer meetings, with meetings being held for higher-level work like Council. Emphasis on more professional development such as official programs curated by the Symposium for the Future of Libraries. Would ask for programs from sections on broad topics and networking opportunities instead of just committee meetings. Would keep meetings for media awards. Would look at holding the new Midwinter meetings at second tier cities like Detroit and Minneapolis.
- GODORT footprint at Midwinter: currently there are 12 committees: 4 met in person at Midwinter and all the Task Forces met in person. Federal Information Interest Group had the most attendees, other than Membership Update. FIIG had about 30 attendees, and while all the in person meetings allowed for great conversations, all had less than 20, while some had fewer than 10 attendees.
- What should the future of GODORT's Midwinter meetings be? Should we look at a different model: virtual instead of in person? High level meetings (steering, membership, maybe task forces) or should we consider looking at a model of not meeting in person at Midwinter but in person at DLC ( which had over 45 attendees) and see if we can have membership meeting at PLA and ACRL? We should focus our efforts on having a substantial presence at Annual including programs and meetings. Low attendance at Membership Meetings due to in person restrictions means that many of our members are unable to be active participants and have a voice in how GODORT is

run. We need to get feedback from membership at large (online discussions, virtual town halls, surveys, etc.) to decide GODORT's future direction for Midwinter meetings.

- Discussion regarding limitations in funding and travel opportunities for librarians, which causes lower attendance at Midwinter. Suggestion that GODORT keep Happy Hour or some other social event at Midwinter, even if we remove all other in person activities. Concern was expressed about GODORT's ability to get work done if committees, task forces, and interest groups no longer meet in person at Midwinter. Hallie asked that questions and concerns be sent to her.

Lynda Kellam moved to adjourn, Laura Sare seconded.