

# Government Documents Roundtable

## Minutes of GODORT Committees & Task Forces Annual Conference June 28-July 2, 2013 Chicago, Illinois

**Awards Committee**– No minutes

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**Bylaws & Organization Committee** – No minutes

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**GODORT Cataloging Committee**  
**Monday, July 1, 2013 – 8:30-10am**  
InterContinental - Michigan  
Chair: Chelsea Dinsmore

Updates were given by Yalan Qi (GPO), Tim Byrnes (OSTI) and Valerie Glenn (HathiTrust). Work will continue this year on the transfer of the cataloging toolkits to the GODORT wiki. Calls will be going out for volunteers from the Task Forces to help edit and test the pages. A motion was passed to send a letter congratulating GPO on their effective and successful conversion to RDA cataloging.

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**Conference** – No minutes

**Development** – No minutes

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**GODORT Education Committee**  
**Sunday, June 30, 3-4pm**  
Hyatt Regency McCormick – Clark 22AB  
Co-Chairs: Jesse Silva & Lynda Kellum

EdComm heard a presentation from Stephen Woods at UPenn about a digitization project he is working on with Department of Commerce materials at UPenn. We also reviewed a report from our working group on the Handout Exchange (the report will be posted on the EdComm wiki). A brief summary is as follows: rename the "Handout Exchange" to the "Exchange," archive the old site, advertise the new concept and solicit new materials from Godort members.

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**Gov Docs for Kids Committee**  
June 29, 2013, 1:00-2:30 p.m.  
Hilton Chicago, Conference Room 5F

Co-Chairs: Tom Adamich & Connie Williams

Present: Tom Adamich (Mintinet Library Services), Co-Chair; Connie Williams (Teacher-Librarian, Petaluma, California High School), Co-Chair; Rich Gause (University of Southern Florida); Jeffrey Hartsell-Gundy (Miami University); Josefina Smith (New Mexico State University); Sara Striner (Library of Congress)

Tom Adamich called the first meeting of the newly formed GODORT Gov Docs for Kids Committee to order at 1:00 p.m.

Tom began the meeting by providing background on the origin of the committee. The first Gov Docs Kids group was formed in 2006 as a Kansas state GODORT initiative. Tom became involved as manager of their web resources. It became a national group of government information librarians, focused on the use of government resources in schools, K-12. The earlier Gov Docs Kids group provided virtual resources via a Wiki, online space provided by ALA GODORT, and space on the Federal Depository Library Program community website. From the beginning, the group sponsored an annual Constitution Day poster contest for school children, K-12. Last year the contest received some 31,000 entries. Gov Docs for Kids was established as a GODORT standing committee this year.

The purpose of the GODORT Gov Docs for Kids Committee is to support the needs of K-12 teachers, pupils, and school librarians in using government information, and in reaching out to public and other librarians as to the value and availability of government resources for school children. This is particularly relevant in light of the new common cores standards for public schools, which place emphasis on use of primary resources.

Tom stated that he will recommend addition of Rich Gause and Jeffrey Hartsell-Gundy as official member of the committee. Rich, as a member of the State and Local Documents Task Force, volunteered to serve as liaison to that committee. Josefina Smith is a member of the GODORT Education Committee. Tom stated that he will stay on as co-chair during the committee's first year, and then hopes that the others will take over, bringing fresh perspective to the effort.

The committee agreed to continue to support the Constitution Day poster contest as its first key focus in the coming year. To publicize the contest, the committee will work on outreach to teachers, school, and public librarians, through school, educational, and library organizations in their areas.

The committee considered an additional initial focus of activity. It was mentioned that while K-12 teachers are now expected to promote use of primary resources in research, teachers themselves are often unaware of where to go for such resources and need guides, websites, activities, and sample lesson plans. It would be beneficial to extend study from traditional documents, such as the Constitution and Declaration of Independence, to current and 20<sup>th</sup> century documents to engage students. Examples of 20<sup>th</sup> century issues that could be studied through government documents include, for example: World Wars I and II, the Marshall Plan, freedom riders, voting rights, and women's rights.

The University of Southern Florida is currently developing plans for LibGuides for government resources as part of the state FDLP plan for Florida and the Caribbean. The guides will be hosted on the university website. Part of the plan is to make available U.S. government documents in Spanish.

The committee decided that making Spanish language versions of government materials more widely available in schools would be extremely valuable. Therefore, this will be the committee's second major focus in the coming year.

The Gov Docs for Kids Committee can use the Florida guides, when developed as a source for developing teacher, student, and librarian guides for the K-12 community. Committee members will share source suggestions with Rich and, in turn, will share editing rights to Florida LibGuides, so sources can be pulled and customized for school needs. In later years, lesson plans including government sources may be prepared.

Other action items for the group include: Josefine Smith will look into best practices for teacher/library guides. Connie Williams, who presents to social studies teachers in California on working primary materials into lesson plans, will integrate use of government documents into her presentations and provide a handout. Jeffrey

Hartsell-Gundy, who works with the teacher education program at his university, will work to re-enforce the idea of government resources as a source with professors and students. Sara Striner will discover and report on government primary resources available to teachers and pupils through the Library of Congress website.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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### **MAGIRT/GODORT GIS Discussion Group**

**Saturday, June 29 – 8:30-10am**

**McCormick Place South – S504a**

Minutes to be added later

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### **GODORT Legislation Committee**

Annual Conference Report for GODORT Business Membership Meeting  
submitted by Bill Sudduth, chair

Legislation I – Joint with COL-GIS

Saturday, June 29, 2013

Hyatt Regency McCormick Place – Regency Ballroom A

Report from Superintendent of Documents

Discussion and approval of "RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO DESIGNATE THE

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE AS THE LEAD AGENCY TO MANAGE  
THE LIFECYCLE OF DIGITAL UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT INFORMATION”

Legislation II

Sunday, June 30, 2013

Hyatt Regency McCormick Place Clark 22AB

Discussion and technical edits to FDTF resolution.

Discussion of draft SRRT resolution of Digitization of Government Publications”

Discussion of Library of Congress closing Reading Rooms including the Government Documents Reading Room

Discussion of COL/FDLP Task Force report and what should GODORT’s role be in the next step of the process

Discussion of GPO/NAPA report – discussion to continue at ALA Midwinters in Philadelphia  
Discussion of pending confirmation of Davita Vance-Cooks as next Public Printer of the United States.

Legislation III

Monday, July 1, 2013

CANCELED

Action item – Move approval of the “RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO DESIGNATE THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE AS THE LEAD AGENCY TO MANAGE THE LIFECYCLE OF DIGITAL UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT INFORMATION”

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**Membership Committee**

Meetings via Skype in March, May, and June.

Chair: Kris Kasianovitz

No Action items.

**NMRT Conference Orientation and Association Fair**

Membership Committee member Ava Iuliano represented GODORT at the NMRT Orientation on Friday and the Association Fair on Sunday. The session was not as well-attended as in the past; there were about 35-40 new librarians. There was an opportunity for each RT and division in attendance to speak about their groups and drum up interest. Ava spoke to a few new librarians that were interested on joining and although the number was lower then last year, there were more library students specifically interested in joining GODORT. All in all, it was a great opportunity- as always.

## Buddy Program

This Conference we had 8 buddy pairings, with our first virtual pairing. Thanks to Aimee Quinn for taking on this new approach to working with our buddies. Most of the buddies are new GODORT members, so it was great to welcome so many to GODORT. Kris will follow up with the buddies to send electronic copies of the information in their buddy packets as well as do a brief survey to get feedback about what they found most/least useful in the packet and program. Thanks to Kirsten Clark for making new GODORT buttons for the packets as well to give away at the membership pavilion booth, happy hour, reception. We raffled off a pair of GODORT Totes to one lucky pair of buddies.

## Happy Hour

Thanks to all who came out to the Chicago River to mingle with colleagues. An interesting venue, with both indoor and outdoor areas, thankfully, since it rained. Buddy pairings had a chance to meet at the Happy Hour.

## Membership Statistics as of May 31, 2013

Snapshot:

Total 785 vs. 853 for 2012

Personal 655

- Renew 28
- New 10
- Reinstate 5
- Drop 16
- Regular 482
- Student 63
- Support Staff 16
- Retired 16
- Trustee 1
- Associate 6

- Non-Salaried 22
- International 11
- Cont - 2 Free 0
- Coot- No Free 30
- Life Installment 3
- Life - 2 Free 1
- Life -No Free 3
- Friend 0
- Other/Misc 1

Organization 130

Corporate 0

Kris will be creating a member statistics page on the Membership Committee wiki to upload the monthly statistics reports. This will help with reporting to Steering and membership as well as enable people who are interested in statistics about the government information profession as a whole. There were several requests over the past year for this type of information. ALA has a historical statistics site that show aggregate member statistics up to

2010 [http://www.ala.org/membership/membershipstats\\_files/rndtblstats#godort](http://www.ala.org/membership/membershipstats_files/rndtblstats#godort)

## ALA Membership Task Force

Kris attended this meeting to represent GODORT. ALA membership passed the member fee increase; the work to put this before membership was handled by this group. <http://www.ala.org/groups/committees/ala/ala-mb> Other divisions and roundtables in

attendance were ALCTS, IFRT. We discussed what type of activities each group was doing to promote, increase and support our members.

Submitted by Kris Kasianovitz, outgoing chair of Membership Committee

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### **GODORT Nominating Committee Summary**

**Friday, June 28, 2013, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Hyatt Regency McCormick Place (HRM), Boardroom 5**

The Committee discussed and agreed upon minor PPM changes to better reflect current practices. The Committee also discussed the 2013-2014 GODORT Elections process, including how to improve next year's nominations process. The Committee began brainstorming potential candidates for 2013-2014 DLC nominations and GODORT Elections. For the information of membership, The names of GODORT Nominees for Depository Library Council and newly elected GODORT officers are included below.

### **GODORT Nominees for Depository Library Council, Forwarded by ALA Executive Board to the Public Printer for Consideration**

Sarah Erekson (Chicago Public Library)

Bill Sleeman (Supreme Court of the United States)

Robbie Sittel (Tulsa City-County Library)

Karen Russ (University of Arkansas at Little Rock)

### **New GODORT Officers Elected in 2013**

Assistant Chair/Chair-Elect: Helen Sheehy (Pennsylvania State University)

Secretary: Linda Spiro (Rice University)

Treasurer: Michael Smith (UC San Diego)

Councilor: Bill Sudduth (University of South Carolina)

Publications Committee Chair-Elect: Marianne Ryan (Northwestern University)

Awards Committee:

- Catherine Morse (University of Michigan)
- Lucia Orlando (UC Santa Cruz)
- Stephen Wood (Pennsylvania State University)

Bylaws Committee:

- Shari Laster (University of Akron)
- Gretchen Gould (University of Northern Iowa)

Nominating Committee

- Barbie Selby (University of Virginia)
- John Stevenson (University of Delaware)

FDTF Assistant Coordinator/Coordinator-Elect: Tim Dodge (Auburn University)

IDTF Assistant Coordinator/Coordinator-Elect: Chelsea Dinsmore (University of Florida)

SLDTF Assistant Coordinator/Coordinator-Elect: Samantha Hagar (Colorado State Library)

Anyone interested in running for office should contact a member of the 2013-2014 Nominating

Committee: Cass Harnett ([cass@uw.edu](mailto:cass@uw.edu)), Bill Sudduth ([sudduthw@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:sudduthw@mailbox.sc.edu)), Barbie Selby ([bms8z@virginia.edu](mailto:bms8z@virginia.edu)), and John Stevenson ([john.a.stevenson@gmail.com](mailto:john.a.stevenson@gmail.com))

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### **GODORT Program Committee**

Saturday June 29, 2013, 4:30-5:30pm

Hilton Chicago Room 5D

Present: Suzanne Sears, Chair; Committee members: Emily Rogers, Marilyn Von Seggern, Amanda Wakaruk, Helen Sheehy

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Mid-Winter 2013 minutes (Marilyn Von Seggern moved, Emily Rogers second)

APPROVED

Old Business:

1. Report on ALA Annual 2013 Preconference program  
Successful program—38 registrants (room capacity 45)  
Revenue \$4375  
Strong vendor support and support from UIC and John Shuler helped keep costs down  
**ACTION ITEM:** Motion for GODORT Chair to send thank you letters to speakers and sponsors of GODORT preconference. (Amanda Wakaruk moved, Marilyn Von Seggern second)  
MOTION PASSED
2. ALA Annual Program Update  
Reminder of time and location of GODORT PROGRAM Monday 1:00-2:30 InterContinental Chicago Hotel Exchange Room.  
Discussion of concerns over placement of program so far from convention center. Request from Helen Sheehy that the panelists write brief summaries of their comments for DttP.
3. ALA Annual 2014 Program Update  
Discussion of program approved at Mid-Winter on historical resources. Possible co-sponsors like RUSA need to be contacted to increase awareness of program and attendance.

New Business:

1. Discuss PPM Chapter 23  
No changes. Emily Rogers volunteered to be Web Manager for 2013-2014

Adjourn (Helen Sheehy moved, Emily Rogers second) ADJOURNED 5:34pm

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## **GODORT Publications Committee**

Saturday June 26, 2013 - 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Hilton Chicago – Conference Room 5D

Attendees: Frank Lester, Kris Kassianovitz, Linda Johnson, Karen Hogenboom, Helen Sheehy, Brett Cloyd, Chair, and John Hernandez

1. **Membership Committee:** electronic access to GODORT logo. Who should have access and under what conditions? Who should administer this? And what format should the files be in? Discussion, committee should explore issue.
2. **SRRT** asked Barbara Miller to report on GODORT activities in their newsletter. Does this need to be incorporated in the Publications Committee PPM? Barbara asked Kris Kasianovitz to do this as chair of Membership, and it could broaden participation in GODORT. The committee will determine whether ALA has copyright to this material (or Creative Commons license?); it is not on ALA servers.
3. **Minutes** from Midwinter 2013 were approved
4. Children's committee: Publisher holds copyright. This was discussed at Steering 1 and GODORT waived its rights to the publication.
5. **FDTF:** meeting tomorrow at 1 and Frank will distribute a report.
6. **DttP:** no report was received and the editor was not in attendance at the meeting. The current and incoming Publications Chair will consult with GODORT leadership.
7. **Mobile version of DttP.** We should figure out what ALA as a whole is doing with this issue.
8. **Notable Documents Panel:** changes to bylaws were drafted and will be put forward. Brett and Karen met with Marianne Ryan to talk about the changes to three year, and Marianne will work on putting these forward.
9. **E-Learning initiatives** offered by Education Committee have been successful, as has the Accidental Government Information Librarian series. Membership also administers the Facebook and Twitter accounts for GODORT and it might make sense to have the Publications Committee participate in creating content.
10. The **GODORT treasurer (John Hernandez)** reported that we have switched to centralized payments to ALA for DttP advertising. We were concerned about losing personal contact with advertisers, though there are benefits in payment processing. We need to evaluate how this is going. Also, the treasurer currently comes to Publications meetings to report on advertising revenue; maybe this report should come from the advertising editor. Currently the subscription and advertising revenue is about where it was at this time last year.
11. **Occasional Paper Series.** We haven't gotten any response to current call for occasional papers. Next call should come in mid-September. Kris and Helen are working on papers.

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## **Rare and Endangered Government Publications**

**Sunday, June 29 10:30-11:30am**

Hyatt Regency McCormick – Boardroom E

Chair: Aimee Quinn

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## **GODORT Federal Documents Task Force**

### **McCormick Place North (MCP) n229**

**Sunday, June 30, 2013**

Convener: Lori Smith (Coordinator); Jill Vasillakos-Long (Coordinator-Elect)

Recorder: Tim Dodge

**Attendees:** (All are GODORT members except Mr. Coyle). Deborah Balsamo (Environmental Protection Agency), Kathy Bayer (Government Printing Office), Stephanie Braunstein (Louisiana State University), Crenetha S. Brunson (Library of Congress), Tim Byrne (Department of Energy Office of Scientific and Technical Information), Dan Coyle (ProQuest), Chelsea Dinsmore (University of Florida), Rachel Dobkin (University of Wisconsin-Madison, School of Library and Information Studies), Tim Dodge (Auburn University), Michelle Donlin (Louisiana State University), Rory Elliott (Texas State University), Julia Frankosky (Michigan State University), Richard Guajardo (University of Houston), Jeffrey Hartsell-Gundy (Miami University), Steve Jeffery (Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold), Linda Johnson (University of New Hampshire), Paul Kohberger (University of Pittsburgh), Shari Laster (University of Akron), Kevin McClure (Chicago Kent College of Law), Marcia Meister (University of California at Davis), Barbara Miller (Oklahoma State University), Laura Newman (University of Cincinnati), Justin Otto (Eastern Washington University), Beth L. Rone (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), Melanie Sims (Louisiana State University Law), Kelly Smith (University of California at San Diego), Lori Smith (Southeastern Louisiana University), John Stevenson (University of Delaware), Lisa Stienbarger (University of Notre Dame), Wayne Strickland (National Technical Information Service), Vicki L. Tate (University of South Alabama), David Utz (Free Library of Philadelphia), Jill Vasillakos-Long (California State University at San Bernadino), and Amanda Wakaruk (University of Alberta).

#### **FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

Welcome and introductions.

#### **SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**Adoption of the Agenda.** It was moved and seconded that the agenda be adopted. Approved.

#### **THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**Approval of 2013 Midwinter Conference Minutes (January 27, 2013).** It was moved and seconded that the Midwinter Conference Minutes of January 27, 2013 be adopted. Approved.

#### **FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**The Effects of Budget Cuts on Federal Statistical Programs** (Dan Coyle, Product Manager, ProQuest Statistical Products).

Mr. Coyle observed that the federal government is discontinuing its participation in many statistical programs, for example, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has discontinued the production of three important series and the Census Bureau has delayed production of the 2012 Economic Census by at least six months. Key reports such as the monthly futures market report, quarterly financial data from energy companies, and current industrial reports are now no longer available.

ProQuest is responding to this trend of the federal government dropping its role in the aggregation of data but Mr. Coyle emphasized that ProQuest can't fill the role of collecting the primary data used in publications such as *The Statistical Abstract of the United States*, although ProQuest has now taken over production of this major resource.

Mr. Coyle noted the trend continuing with the introduction of the Census Reform Act in the House of Representatives. Among the bill's provisions are reducing the Census to only the production of a decennial census of population. He noted that some members of Congress as well as some members of the general public regard the American Community Survey as too intrusive despite the fact that the allocation of \$400 billion in federal funding is based on the data collected by the Survey. Although the Census Reform Act is unlikely to be passed, Mr. Coyle warned that an amendment doing pretty much the same thing might be attached to any other bill in an attempt to get this legislation through.

Mr. Coyle concluded by quoting the remarks made a century ago by a Census Bureau official that history could be divided between a non-statistical era dominated by superstition and a modern statistical era characterized by the progress of civilization. He noted that current trends suggest we are now regressing and the lack of authoritative statistical information provided by the federal government will encourage bias and superstition to take over once more.

#### **FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**Report from Web Decommissioning Committee** (Jill Vasillakos-Long, Bernadine Abbott Hoduski, Caron Rollins, Fred Stoss, and Jesse Silva)

Ms. Vasillakos-Long thanked Bernadine Abbott Hoduski for producing the first draft of a resolution from the committee titled "Congress to Designate the Government Printing Office as the Lead Agency to Manage the Lifecycle of Digital United States Government Information." Ms. Vasillakos-Long read aloud the four statements of resolution.

The resolution was produced in response to the ongoing situation of federal agencies taking down large sets of data from the Web without warning and often with no plan for curation or for future access. Other concerns include the use of obsolete formats making it potentially impossible to retrieve the data once removed and who is going to house it and provide access.

A motion was made and seconded that the FDTF approve the resolution. The motion passed.

Barbara Miller reported that RUSA counselors are interested in the resolution and that she will forward a copy of this resolution to RUSA since it will be helpful to have an ally.

#### **SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**Draft Resolution on Digitization of U.S. Government Documents** (Bernadine Abbott Hoduski).

Ms. Abbott Hoduski noted that the source of this resolution was the Social Responsibilities Round Table and that it grew out of a concern over a growing trend that encourages the destruction of government documents in order to digitize them. In other words, some library directors see digitization as an opportunity to discard or destroy print copies.

There was some discussion concerning the White Paper produced by James Jacobs in response to this situation. Mr. Jacobs noted that digitization projects such as Google Books or the Hathi Trust do not ensure high-quality permanent digital access. Ms. Abbott Hoduski also noted that we do not yet have all the information needed to proceed with destruction of documents: all regionals and selectives are not the same. There is no need to rush the destruction of documents as they become digitized. Observations were made that in the production of microfilm copies of newspapers the original print copies were destroyed. This was a major mistake since microfilm copies are not always of a high quality and now the print original copies are gone forever. This situation was repeated later on with the production of microfiche copies of government documents. No master copies exist in many cases, leaving the researcher with poor quality microfiche copies as the only alternative. We want to avoid a similar situation in regard to the digitization of government documents. While it may not be feasible to keep all print copies, we need to avoid unnecessary destruction of paper originals.

A motion was made and seconded to support the resolution in principle. Two votes were taken: one by voice and one by raised hands. The motion was approved.

#### **SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

##### **Report from Debbie Balsamo, National Program Manager, EPA National Library Network**

Ms. Balsamo provided an update on the status of EPA libraries; she said they were “alive and well.” In the six years she has been National Program Manager, Ms. Balsamo has been working on the goal of rebuilding the EPA library community. In 2005 a number of EPA libraries had been shut down and access to important materials needed by EPA employees as well as the general public had been restricted or made unavailable in consequence.

Ms. Balsamo reported on positive developments including the development of lead service centers, specialty libraries, and three repository libraries for the preservation of print copies. The focus is on the delivery of services to all EPA staff in the United States by centralizing services when possible, providing Web support, and remote services.

A digitization project has been going on for almost 20 years and at last count over 59,000 EPA documents are now in digital format.

Ms. Balsamo reported on the Three-Year Strategic Plan started in 2011. Several ‘big ticket items’ were accomplished including a Live Chat computer service open 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Eastern Standard Time for EPA staff; plans are for this to become available to the general public. Ms. Balsamo reported on the National Training Program that involves EPA librarians voluntarily providing Webinar sessions of their own choosing.

#### **EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

##### **Report from GPO (Mary Alice Baish, Superintendent of Documents and Cindy Etkin).**

Ms. Baish thanked GODORT for its partnership. She noted the *FDLP Connection* online newsletter now has 800 subscribers and encouraged those present to subscribe.

In October the Depository Library Council will be meeting in Washington, D.C. The theme is “Engage, Innovate, Transform.”

Registration is now open for the 26<sup>th</sup> Interagency Seminar to be held July 29 – August 2.

The 2013 Biennial Survey was released early and featured questions relating to preservation. This information is needed for the new FDLP Strategic Plan.

The Cataloging Team led by Laurie Hall has been recognized by OCLC and reported 17,310 new records added in 2012.

Ms. Baish reported on a 10-month study that had been requested by Congressional Appropriations Committees concerning the GPO Business Model. The report found that GPO has played a critical role for the past 152 years and that the core mission remains vital. The report provided 15 recommendations and five concern FDSys and FDLP regarding revenue. One or more recommend charging the public for access to digital content, however, Acting Public Printer Davita Vance-Cooks has firmly opposed this. A better alternative source of funding is to charge federal agencies a fee for service.

Regarding the National Digital Registry, Ms. Baish reported that there is a lack of listings, so there is an ongoing review to ensure listings are correct. She urged libraries to inform GPO about what documents have been or are being digitized. Since no starting date was listed for this project GPO will take this project back with documents dating from 1789 onward. Working in partnership with LC and NARA, an inventory of documents needs to be done.

The NAPA 3 Working Group has several subgroups in connection to digitization efforts including a) a group working on a timeline of U.S. historical events and assessing the physical quality of paper dating from earlier eras; b) a research group looking at digital preservation; c) an inventive group to investigate ways of getting libraries to work on digitization of documents in a time of budget cuts; and d) an outreach group whose purpose is to reach out to libraries that have robust print collections such as land grant universities.

Cindy Etkin addressed the issue of electronic books: if e-books are available for purchase at the Government Bookstore, will these titles be distributed to depository libraries? In response GPO is conducting a pilot project July 8 – August 2 via the FDLP.gov web site. Six titles will be used and GPO is seeking feedback via a short survey concerning usage, process, ease of use, and suggestions for improvement.

Ms. Etkin also discussed the issue of determining the future of microfiche distribution via the FDLP. There are few microfiche producers whose products meet the standards of GPO. There is also a decline in the number of depository libraries selecting this format. The House of Representatives has made a decision that certain House publications will be distributed via FDSys only. Ms. Etkin noted that currently GPO staff devote 141 hours per week to microfiche-related work and that it is desirable to move this time to digitization and other types of work. She noted that only nine House and Senate series are being distributed in microfiche. However, questions need to be addressed such as how depository libraries would be affected by the elimination of microfiche distribution. No final decision has yet been made; GPO is seeking feedback first.

The meeting was adjourned.

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## **International Documents Task Force**

Sunday, June 30th - 8:30 am – 10:00 am

Hyatt Regency McCormick Place (HRM) – Regency Ballroom B

Coordinator: Julia Proctor

Coordinator-Elect: Amanda Wakaruk

Secretary: Ava Iuliano

Convener: Amanda Wakaruk

Recorder: Ava Iuliano

### **Attendees**

Please refer to sign-in sheet.

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 am. The agenda was approved with the change to have the discussion on the UN Depository Program moved to be the first order of business. The Midwinter 2013 minutes were approved.

Discussion: Changes in the UN Depository Program (Tal Ayalon)

UN fee-based database for the depository program raised questions in previous meetings. As a result, Tal Ayalon has joined us today to clarify. Last year, the UN planned to phase out the print copies of UN publications by 2014 in order to have depository libraries replace the print deposit with subscription to eCollection. In 2012, Hurricane Sandy disabled printing plant in NY and therefore no publications were able to be disseminated, although Vienna and Geneva are still distributing paper. The eCollection has been postponed until a later time with no solid date as of now. The depository libraries will receive a letter from the Office of Public Information that will have a reduced subscription fee for all current depositories. Once eCollection is launched, depository libraries will receive a discount of 25%. The UN is hoping to launch eCollection as soon as possible in order to avoid gaps in content. After the initial launch, there will also be a special introductory discount. Both tiers of depository libraries will receive the same discount. Depository libraries in low-income countries will receive a greater discount. The eCollection contains material that includes regional commissions, although not all agencies and funds will be included. After the transition from print to digital from 2014 onwards, changes to depository will yield unknown levels of print. Subscription fees should remain flat over the years, as opposed to journal subscriptions. At present, the eCollection is similar to the OECD iLibrary model, in which there will be perpetual access to publications in the event of a subscription cancelation. Ownership of content remains unclear although the ability to download copies of documents is part of the subscription. The UN is aware of perpetual access need. The UN Digital Repository will replace ODS in the future to increase structure and ease of access and will not include for-sale titles. For further questions, please contact the UN. Their boot is 1244.

Reports from committee liaisons:

Cataloging: Cataloging is still in the process of moving Toolkits for cataloging questions for each task forced. State and Local have been moved but please check the links and any updates. Volunteers will be needed to go through pages and send updates. Please contact Chelsea Dinsmore at the University of Florida if you are interested in volunteering.

Legislation: There is a resolution in the works to request that federal agencies taking down websites to inform the public and allow for an opportunity for others to capture the information. There is particular interest in this resolution serving as an example for Canadian initiatives to archive government websites.. Urging Congress to have GPO announce and allow time for archive. ALA Connect has drafts GODORT public folder if you would like to see Congress to designate life cycle of digital information. Will be exemplar for Canadian documents.

Publications: The committee is looking to make DttP a little more robust in coming issues. Financially, DttP is solvent and not a drain. Please consider contributing an Occasional Paper or articles for publications. Ideas for articles are also welcome. Presenters at preconference are encouraged to turn presentation to articles for DttP. All GODORT membership as well as individual and library subscribers receive DttP and articles are indexed. There is a need for someone step up to write column on international documents on a regular basis. Agencies can also contribute articles to outline policy changes or new products.

Programming: Preconference was very well-attended with great speakers. There were 38 registered participants, \$4,000 in revenues for GODORT to use in other ways. The great success of the preconference led to interest that we offer preconference or programs on a regular basis, with one suggestion being a focus on NGOs. Discussion of a possible 2015 program on NGOs received a lot of support. Please contact Helen Sheehy with any program ideas.

IFLA: In the past, GODORT did contribute funds for people to visit to IFLA and it would be great to increase support for GODORT to support travel to IFLA Conference. The resulting discussion yielded support for IDTF to requested GODORT to provide IFLA funds, although specific wording and further discussion on the amounts to be used is needed. Possible suggestions are having a set amount or matching funds. The suggestion is to have monetary amount for every year. Previous GODORT support was \$1,000. There was support among members to bring up an action item in the future to the Membership meeting and/or Steering Committee for Midwinter. The incoming president of IFLA will be Donna Scheeder from the Library of Congress. The next IFLA conference will be in Lyon, France.

Education and Rare & Endangered Committees are in need of liaisons. Please contact Amanda Wakaruk if you are interested in acting as a liaison.

Reports from vendors:

PDF versions of the reports will be available in the Wiki.

Bernan: The Statistical Abstract will be available in late November/early December 2013. Bernan will also be publishing the State and Metropolitan Area Data Book in September 2013. Please see the vendor report for more information.

Canadian Official Publications: Access to Canadian publications was a large concern at the last IDTF meeting. Library Archives Canada cannot do archiving and there is no one in the federal government currently pursuing archiving online content, leaving the task to Universities and other special interest groups. Internet Archive crawls are more comprehensive than originally thought. Communications policy changed sections to DSP to continue to collecting/cataloging publications. Media support and coverage has been helpful to enact changes as well as advocacy initiatives from the Canadian Association of University Teachers.

IMF: The eLibrary website has been updated and has a new look and new features. Access has been improved via a new user interface. A new toolbar has also been added to allow for better searching and the recommended reading list is now more prominently displayed. Monthly training webinars being offered to compliment text guides. Economic Issues will be re-launched in digital format.

OECD: Regarding mobile access, the OECD iLibrary displays a 'read' icon to allow mobile users to access content. People who are not subscribers can still read content off the mobile website. OECD has added more charting tools that allow for more manipulation and analysis and there is an off-site beta version of an interactive data visualization tool called OECD Data Lab which is publically accessible and will be moved onto the OECD website in the future. This year's Student Ambassador program was very successful. Please consider applying for an OECD Student Ambassador. Schools who have not yet participated in the program are strongly encouraged to apply. This year's schools included Harvard, Boston College, NYU, Johns Hopkins, American University, Northwestern, University of Arizona, UPen, and the University of Ottawa.

Renouf: Renouf has launched a brand new website to allow for easier access for online products, a one-stop shop for publications from organizations. Renouf has also struck an agreement with IMF on forming Canada-wide consortia and works to bring products smaller campuses.

WorldBank: WorldBank has redesigned the eLibrary website to allow for easier access to content. Topic & country pages will have quick links to related information. Search options have also been improved, with search results at chapter-level. In addition to mobile access, there are now citation export options. All subscriptions will be migrated.

Report from Angel Batiste on the International Government Information Competencies project:

Julia Proctor is the chair of the project and Angel has been working on portal site to African organizations, including national governments, regional, and IGOs in order to increase familiarity with African international information. The project seeks to expanding competencies beyond basics. Anyone with area of specialization who would like to volunteer to expand on any of the competencies

is encouraged to contact either Chelsea or Julia. It was suggested that the call for volunteers also be distributed via the INTL DOC listserv. There will be a further update at the Midwinter meeting in 2014.

Mobile Content from IGOs and access – Kris Kasianovitz :

A new issue emerging is access to mobile content. Mobile content is often not included in subscription services and as a result, cost and licensing make maintaining access to users a challenge. There was a discussion as to how other libraries were dealing with the challenge. The concern is that authentication through mobile libraries website might not be enough to address all the unique challenges of this issue. Ultimately, access to our users should be maintained and we should discourage confusing users into purchasing access when the library has already done so. Kris has created a checklist of IGOs who are offering mobile content and will upload this spreadsheet onto the Wiki.

New business: There was no new business.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.

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## **State and local Document Taskforce Meeting**

**Saturday, June 29 – 10:30-11:30am**

Tour of Chicago Public Library

Chair: Robbie Sittel

In lieu of a traditional business meeting, the State & Local Documents Task Force (SLDTF) with the assistance of Sarah Erekson, State and Municipal Documents Librarian with the Chicago Public Library (CPL), offered a tour of the State and Municipal collections at the Harold Washington Library. SLDTF welcomed 12 for this tour and discussion. Sarah began the tour by offering some history of the Harold Washington Library, which opened in 1991. We then proceeded to the 5<sup>th</sup> floor, home to CPL's federal, state and municipal collections. Sarah walked the group through the documents reference desk, staff work area, and the closed stacks that hold the state and municipal collections. She pointed out card files holding shelf lists and indexes to newspaper clippings. In anticipation of the tour, Sarah pulled several gems from the local and state collections, some old, some new. Many of the items on display offered a historical look at Chicago and illustrated many of the dramatic changes in the community over recent years such as the closure of public housing units and redistribution of families within the City of Chicago. Sarah talked about the issues of acquisitions in an ever growing digital environment and the lack of IT infrastructure to capture and retain state and local digital born documents. Sarah also talked about some of the ways that her collections are accessed and used, often by authors or historians or local aldermen. From the collections and information shared by Sarah, the group discussed similar struggles, challenges and triumphs in their own libraries. We deem the tour a success and SLDTF would like to extend our gratitude to Sarah Erekson and the Documents Department at the Harold Washington Library for hosting, sharing their collections and

experiences and creating a relevant dialog about the past, now and future of state and local documents collections.