

Education Committee Meeting Minutes from ALA San Antonio, January 2000

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GODORT Education Committee Minutes
2000 Midwinter Meeting
San Antonio: Four Points Hotel, Taos Room B
January 15, 2000, 2-4 p.m.
Sherry DeDecker, Chair
Angela Bonnell, Recorder

Present:

Committee members Sherry DeDecker, Angela Bonnell, Claire Hoffman, Katherine Holvoet, Thomas Karel, Chuck Malone, Larry Schankman, Dawn Smith
Friends of the Committee Marilyn VonSeggern, Ann Roselle, Stephanie Atkins, Elizabeth Jackson, Jerry Frobom, Grace York

The meeting began at 2 p.m. The minutes of the June 27, 1999 annual meeting were approved.

Announcements

Gayle Christian distributed volunteer forms for committee attendees. Anyone wishing to run for an elected position should return forms to Gayle; volunteers for committees should send form to Ann Miller.

Claire Hoffman volunteered to be liaison to the ALA Education Assembly.

Announcements from GODORT Steering: GODORT has a large budget deficit due to DTTP publication. A resolution will be presented at the business meeting recommending transfer of NTIS functions to GPO.

Bylaws committee has approved the change in Education Committee membership from eight to twelve. If Steering approves, it will be brought to the membership for approval. Change in the PPM would read:

h. Education Committee. This committee is composed of 12 members appointed to staggered two-year terms. Nine members shall be appointed by the GODORT Chair with approval of the Steering Committee, four members to be appointed during even years and five members to be appointed during odd years. Three members shall be appointed by the Task Force Coordinators with approval of the Steering Committee. The Federal Documents Task Force Coordinator and the International Documents Task Force Coordinator shall each appoint one member during even years and the State and Local Documents Task Force Coordinator shall appoint one member during odd years. The Chair is appointed from among the committee members by the GODORT Chair with approval of the Steering Committee. The Education Committee shall identify needs and issues concerning the education of users of government documents and propose projects to resolve these needs and issues.

Liaison Reports

FDTF: Sherry DeDecker

Librarians should try out the new NTDB CD-Rom, as it requires using Adobe Pro (not available from the free download sites). The NTDB Work Group is disbanded: FDTF will recommend that GITCO consider looking at NTDB issues. FDTF is reviving the agency liaison program and will be looking for volunteers. Cass Hartnett will oversee the new program.

IDTF: Angela Bonnell

The revised IDTF web page is now hosted at University of California, San Diego. Comments on revision are welcome. IDTF is sponsoring a program at ALA annual in Chicago entitled International Data: A Crash Course for the Non-Specialist.

SLDTF: Kate Holvoet

As they are meeting on Sunday, Kate will email a report to S. DeDecker.

Continuing Business

Continuing Education Fund Working Group Web Proposals

Jack Sulzer's gift of \$2000 has funded four tutorials so far. Six other tutorials were submitted; all are great and would fill needed areas of the Clearinghouse. The CEF Group will meet this conference to decide on these remaining tutorials; there is not enough money left to fund them all, as it was agreed that each would be funded for \$250. L. Schankman suggested seeking federal grant money to help with the Clearinghouse.

Action: S. DeDecker will ask GODORT Steering if seeking grants is possible.

Action: S. DeDecker will ask those who have completed tutorials if they would approve sending them to the ERIC Clearinghouse, and will follow up with submission to ERIC.

Government Information and Depository Management Clearinghouse

Each member of the committee reported on progress of their adopted sites. Many ideas were introduced and discussed. As links are updated, they will be sent to Sherry.

Action: Participants will send revisions before ALA annual.

A. Roselle asked if someone would be willing to take over the pages she maintains on library schools and government documents courses, discussion lists, and accessing and viewing various file formats.

Action: C. Hoffman will look at pages, and let S. DeDecker and A. Roselle know if she will adopt these.

Handout Exchange

S. DeDecker and G. York explained the relationship of the Exchange as an ongoing project of the Education Committee, and discussed linkages between the Clearinghouse and the Exchange.

New Business

MS Access Check-In System

L. Schankman reported on the rationale for a universally adopted check-in system using MS Access. There are several programs in use. If MS Access was used for that system, the Education Committee could then educate users and publicize. The group discussed the need for a survey to assess the need for this type of system. It seems that this falls under the purview of GITCO.

Action: S. DeDecker will ask GITCO if they are interested in pursuing this. If there is interest, L. Schankman will send a survey on govdoc-l to assess need/interest.

Program for ALA Annual in Chicago

S. DeDecker solicited ideas for a program to be held during the Education committee business meeting at annual. The program would last approximately one hour, and would be advertised to all.

The group decided to entitle the program: Reaching Out and Handing Out: Successes and Pitfalls. It would consist of a presentation of using the various documents search engines, and information on using material in the Handout Exchange without violating copyright.

Action: S. DeDecker will ask for speakers. Grace York has volunteered so far.

Action: D. Smith and K. Holvoet will create a lists of Dos and Donts for program attendees.

New Projects

S. DeDecker sought ideas from the committee for new projects, in addition to the Clearinghouse The idea of working on an electronic Welcome Wagon for new documents librarians to use as a survival guide was suggested. Once completed, we will discuss publicity: J. Frobom volunteered to send out on regional-I, L. Schankman would find out if it could go out in depository boxes, C. Malone suggested targeting library schools.

Action: T. Karel will coordinate the project; members will send him suggestions.

The Committee adjourned at 4 p.m.

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