Education Committee Meeting Minutes from ALA Toronto, June 2003

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GODORT Education Committee Minutes
ALA Annual Toronto, Canada
Sunday June 22, 2003
2:00 – 5:30 p.m.
Dena Hutto, Chair
Kathryn Mills, Recorder
In attendance: Dena Hutto, Judith Downie, Karen Hogenboom, Joyce Lindstrom, Marianne Mason, Barbara Miller, Millis, Janette Prescod, Lynne Stuart
Visitors: Paul Arrigo (FDLP Council), Beth Clausen (ALA/PIQ), Brett Cloyd, Connie Reik, Erhard Konerding, Sheila McGarr (GPO), Marily Von Seggern
Approved agenda.
Minutes were not available to be approved.
Made introductions and liaison reports.
Judith Downie reports that at FDTF GPO announced that they:
i. Will increase training for depository librarians at Council & other venues.
ii. Will increase outreach to non-depository librarians, including K-12 & public librarians, & to subject specialists like college faculty, K-12 teachers, etc.
iii. Encourage depository librarians to teach MLS courses on government information.
Barbara Miller reports that Publications is working on a book about e-government. She has been contacted for a chapter about government documents education, but not heard follow up.
Karen Hogenboom, working with David Griffiths, has surveyed people who currently teach government documents at ALA accredited MLS schools. They are compiling the results, which they hope to write up this summer.
Brett Cloyd reports that IDTF heard three short presentations about teaching international documents. He noted that Readex sponsors a program in Vermont every summer.
Paul Arrigo reported that the SOAR subcommittee of Council has asked us to work with GPO/FDLP on increased education and training.
There were no announcements.
Old business.
Marianne Mason and Kathryn Millis reported on their focus group with new documents librarians, held at the April FDLP Council meeting in Reno. In that meeting, and in general discussion in Reno, we heard that new documents librarians want and need training that is: web based, basic, focused on common tasks or problems; and points toward appropriate resources (e.g. listservs, specific web sites, journals, and individuals or state groups) who can help with specific questions.
The committee discussed how training is/should be divided between GPO/FDLP, GODORT, and other groups. Thoughts n our role/activities included:
i. Focus on activities that help GODORT better meet the needs of new documents librarian, and help with recruitment to GODORT.
ii. Promote the GODORT website.
iii. Look at GOVDOC-L to determine frequently asked questions and plan activities related to them.
iv. The BRASS website is very useful; adapt it?
v. Several years ago a "welcome wagon" package was created. Did FDLP mail it out in the depository shipments? Should it be revised?
vi. Can we add anything to Interagency? (Probably not appropriate venue.)

vii. Could we ask the GOVDOC-L moderators to notify us or someone else when people join or leave the listserv, as a way of identifying librarians who might want help?

Paul will serve as liaison to Council on this issue. Downie, Mason, & Millis will work on this.

Steve Woods, Lynne Stuart, Joyce Lindstrom, and Barb Mann are working with Grace York and Larry Romans on the Clearinghouse and Handout Exchange to weed, archive dated material, and establish policies for further work. The committee plans to solicit new material; questions to be addressed before that include whether to get copies of files or link to them, how to annotate the files so users can tell which ones are most relevant to them, and defining basic standards. Thoughts included:

i. Balance between materials for librarians and for the public.

ii. Weeding and archiving standards vary widely by topic.

iii. CSU's "Merlot" is well organized and annotated; adapt it?

We need someone to volunteer to take on a "long term" commitment as chair of the editing and webmastering process. The committee continued discussion of how to customize and/or apply existing Information Literacy standards to government information. The ALA planning process means the soonest we could sponsor a presentation is 200???. We agreed to:

i. Arrange a one hour presentation for interested GODORT members during our Midwinter 2004 meeting.

ii. Individual members of the committee may submit proposals for several posters for ALAL 2004.

iii. Convert information on the posters to a web site so it's available to a wider audience.

2. The committee heard from Beth Clausen of ALA PIO about customizing "@your library" campaign for "Government Information @ your library." She distributed examples and asked that we (which should be all of GODORT, not just the Education Committee) provide PIO with:

a. Stories of how government information at libraries made a difference in someone's life.

b. Half a dozen GODORT members to be contacts when media call for information. PIO will provide training and help craft talking points. They must be able to address national security concerns. One problem here is who they'll be authorized to represent? ALA? GODORT? Their employment?

c. Ongoing task force to work on the campaign.

PIO can provide GODORT at no significant cost:

a. Customize the "�@ your library" text.

b. Fact sheets with taling points (GODORT pays for copying.)

c. Wallet size quotable facts GODORT pays for copying, about $200 to create, $1,00 to print. (10,000)

d. PSA scripts for live TV/radio announcers. (Tapes too expensive.)

e. Web site with files of all this for libraries to download and use.

If GODORT will pay PIO can do:

a. Audio or video tapes.

b. Customized new "� @ your library" graphic logo.

This is a matter for GODORT Steering, not Education. If they delegate it to a task force, we will provide a representative. (Somebody volunteered, who?) PIO can aim for a Midwinter 2004 rollout.

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