

Education Committee Meeting Minutes from ALA Orlando, June 2004

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Education Committee Meeting Minutes

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Orlando, Florida

Renaissance Orlando Resort: Walu

8:00-10:15 AM

Barb Mann, Chair

The meeting was called to order by Barb Mann, Chair, at 8AM. Members in attendance were: Barb Mann, Beth Clausen, Esther Crawford, Marcy Allen, Judith Downie, Larry Romans, Dena Hutto, Marianne Mason, Karen Hogenboom, and Joyce Lindstrom. Visitors were: Jenifer Abramson, Barbara Miller, Stephen Woods, Lorna Newman, Grace York, Sally Lawler, Lori Smith, and Paul Arrigo.

OLD BUSINESS

Poster Sessions

Education Committee members presented two poster sessions during ALA. Marianna Mason, Joyce Lindstrom and Jan Fryer (non-member) presented Government Document Competencies for Non-Documents Librarians on Saturday, June 26. Barbara Miller (non-member), Barb Mann, and Earl Shumaker (non-member) presented Information Literacy Competencies for Government Information on Sunday, June 27. Another poster session idea on statistical literacy by Karen Hogenboom, Stephen Woods (non-member) and Paul Arrigo (non-member) was not accepted, but is being developed by the three as a possible idea for ACRL.

@ Your Library

Beth Clausen is leading a group that is developing a plan for the @ Your Library campaign relevant to government information. Participants in this group include Sherry Dedecker (Publications), Barbara Kile (Development), Beth Clausen (Education, FDTF), and Tanya Finchum (SLDTF). A representative from IDFT has not yet been named. Guidelines and designs are being considered, but GODORT's financial difficulties have hampered the work of this group, especially in developing a design.

Handout Exchange/Clearinghouse

The bulk of the meeting focused on the merging of the Clearinghouse and Handout Exchange. Grace York has done an outstanding job of managing this project and the Committee and Chair expressed their deep appreciation for her efforts.

Questions were raised about the definition of a handout. After discussion it was decided that a handout could be a tutorial, Web-based guide, PowerPoint, etc. Content was more important than format.

Issues to be addressed included oversight, citation, acquisition, retention, and arrangement.

Oversight will remain within the Education Committee. For the present the site will remain at the University of Michigan. However, when it gets closer to time for Grace to retire the location will have to be re-visited, perhaps moving it to the GODORT server.

Copyright protection was another issue raised. After much discussion the Committee agreed that each page should have a disclaimer stating that if the page is copied it should be cited, but it is not necessary to request permission unless specified.

Publicity will be pursued as an acquisition tool. Suggestions included periodic messages on GovDoc-L, an article in DttP, state GODORT groups, etc.

As far as retention, the Committee agreed that each handout will be re-examined at five years to determine its relevancy and historic value. Older guides that are deactivated will be archived under the same arrangement scheme. The Committee will review those guides, which are currently available and five or more years old, during Midwinter 2005. Any changes to CD-ROM guides should be discussed with GITCO. The Publications Committee

may want to be involved in discussions re weeded handouts.

A work group of Barb Mann, Larry Romans, Stephen Woods, and Jenifer Abramson was constituted to create a controlled vocabulary and arrangement scheme.

Librarian Web-based Training

Esther distributed a listing of web sites that pertained to librarian training. The Committee discussed the need for a future project on creating core competencies for government documents librarians.

NEW BUSINESS

None

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Mann, Chair

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