

Federal Documents Task Force, Business Meeting
ALA Midwinter Conference 2006
San Antonio, TX – Saturday, January 21, 2006- 8:00-10:00am
Presiding: Beth Clausen, Chair
Secretary: Sarah R. Gewirtz

1. After the welcome and introduction by Beth Clausen, Chair, the agenda for this meeting and the minutes for the 2005 Annual meeting were approved.
2. New Business
 - a. What members want from FDTF- Introduction of topic by Beth Clausen, discussion expected to continue after the conference via e-mail.

Arlene, our chair, asked for a discussion regarding this topic. GODORT membership is low and we need to know if we are possibly not meeting the needs of our members, and what members are getting out of the group.

Suggestions:

- Have speaker at task forces
- Separate task force and updates from agencies
- Speaker at FDTF meeting to discuss government information- not just at depository meetings
- Web conference/educational (possible topics Patriot Act) put on by GODORT
- More collaboration with ALA (not enough cross-opportunities)
- Do programs with Washington office
- Do presentations outside of ALA and GODORT – possibly ACRL

- b. DLC Visioning Discussion- led by Representatives from the Depository Library Council

The “Federal Government Information Environment of the 21st Century: A Vision Statement and Plan of Action for Federal Depository Libraries” was discussed. Comments were asked to be given on the goals, with the question “Do they capture our expectations?” being raised.

Suggestions/Comments/Concerns:

- Customer Focus (Goal A) needs different terminology
- Advocacy (Goal J)- possibly create a form letter that can be sent out to members of congress; spend time with congressional leaders while in Washington for fall conference
- Deploy expertise (Goal C) – it was felt that it was “implied” but not actively stated that we proactively share reference expertise by referral
- Role of regional and selective libraries need to be addressed
- Include flexible structure for each state to divide out responsibilities

It was encouraged to continue to post suggestions/comments/concerns on <http://wikihost.org/wikis/nextsteps> (this also has a RSS feed).

- c. GPO Update from Judy Russell, Superintendent of Documents (http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/events/ala_update06.pdf)

Judy Russell updated us on the following initiatives from GPO:

- Registry of Digitization Project now online
- Spring council meeting will be April 2-5th in Seattle, WA
- Annual Interagency Seminar will be from July 31-August 4th

- Integrated Library System is getting closer to being done
- Online Government Bookstore has gone through substantial changes
- Bi-Annual Survey- 200 library not yet submitted; have some preliminary results
- GPO is working with NARA (National Archives and Records Administration) to make dark archive

Judy then discussed the annual item selection. The staff is currently revising and putting into a paper the two documents GPO put out for tangible and electronic selections in the fall and which they asked for depository libraries comments. The floor was opened to questions regarding item selection, NARA, and survey for Future of Digital System