

DRAFT MINUTES

GODORT Federal Documents Task Force

Sheraton Park Hotel – Palm West

Saturday, June 23, 2012, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Convener: Antoinette Satterfield (Coordinator); Lori Smith (Coordinator-elect)

Recorder: Sarah Naper

Attendees

Members: Simon Healey (Free Library of Philadelphia), Janet Fisher (Arizona State Library & Archives), Frank Lester (Vanderbilt), Sandra McAninch (University of Kentucky), Mary Prophet (Denison University), Brandon Burnette (Southeastern Oklahoma State University), Jill Vassilakos-Long (California State University, San Bernardino), Mary Martin (Claremont Colleges), Bernadine Abbott Hoduski, Lynn Thitchener (Cornell University), Marie Concannon (University of Missouri), Bill Sudduth (University of South Carolina), Catherine Morse (University of Michigan), Barbara Miller (Oklahoma State University), Kathy Bayer (GPO), Cass Hartnett (University of Washington), Vicki L. Tate (University of South Alabama), Kirsten Clark (University of Minnesota), Stephanie Braunstein (Louisiana State University), Chelsea Dinsmor (University of Florida), Atifa Rawan (University of Arizona), Sarah Naper (Texas State University), Antoinette W. Satterfield (U.S. Naval Academy), Lori Smith (Southeastern Louisiana University), Mary Alice Baish (GPO), Jane Sanchez (GPO), Cherie Givens (GPO), Lynne Stuart (Johns Hopkins), Melanie Sims (Louisiana State University Law), Linda Spiro (Rice), Justin Otto (Eastern Washington University), Kathy Dabbour (California State University, Northridge)

Non-members: Steven Jeffery (Freeport-McMoRan), Hui Hua Chua (Michigan State University), Susan Bokern (ProQuest Government), Bruce Samuelson (Bernan), Barbara Olson (ProQuest), Rick Nelson (ProQuest)

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Welcome and introduction

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Adoption of the agenda -- it was announced that “Federal Depository Task Force” should be changed to “Federal Documents Task Force” on the distributed agendas.

It was moved and seconded that the agenda should be adopted as modified.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of 2012 Midwinter minutes -- it was moved and seconded that the Midwinter minutes should be approved.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Committee liaison reports: Legislation Committee reports that there are no new resolutions at this time; the third Legislation Committee meeting has been cancelled because there are no resolutions.

Committee liaison volunteers are requested; please contact Lori Smith if you are interested in providing this service.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Q&A session about Statistical Abstract product (Rick Nelson, ProQuest)

Nelson introduced Barbara Olson and Susan Bokern (both from ProQuest), plus Bruce Samuelson (Bernan representative). Nelson provided introductory remarks about the *Statistical Abstract* initiative. An advisory group has guided the process. Twenty-five people on ProQuest staff that are dedicated to statistical analysis, plus members of a licensing team, have been devoting at least some of their time to this project. Staff have been first trying to figure out where to get data; secondly, if the data is licensed, the staff have been trying to determine how to get a license.

In May, the analysis project was completed. Now, the updating part of the project is underway. It is expected to be finished in the next three months. ProQuest expects to have 95% of the content that was in government-produced version. As a reminder, *Statistical Abstract* was never a static document, there have always been a number of tables that were switched out. This will continue.

Approximately 30% of content is from a licensed source. ProQuest expects to get 80-90% of content. ProQuest's preexisting relationships have helped with the project.

Questions/comments:

Question/comment: Thank you for doing this. The library community appreciates ProQuest's willingness to step up to help with this product. With that said, I hope that you are indexing beyond the table title. Table titles are not always helpful to patrons (e.g., the number of fires started by smoking is currently listed under "tobacco").

Response: Our online version will have search functionality and facets. This will be different from the government's browsing version of the *Statistical Abstract*.

Question/comment: Will online version also have browse functionality?

Response: Yes. We had hoped to have it available to show at the Annual Conference. Unfortunately, we didn't make it, but a PDF/snapshot version is available at the ProQuest booth.

Question/comment: Will there be some way that some limited access could be provided to depository libraries without charge?

Response: There have been some preliminary conversations, but we do not know yet. We are putting a lot of resources into this project. Census Bureau had \$2.9 million budget to do this work. We are trying to keep prices low, with a structured pricing scheme. There might be an offering of a free version of previous year's data, but that would be confusing to users.

Question/comment: I have heard that there will be different pricing structures if a library already gets the ProQuest statistical package?

Response: Yes, we will try to reward customers that already have the statistical package.

Question/comment: In my state, there are Native American libraries that have a total purchasing amount of \$500. These libraries have become depositories largely because they could get resources that way. Is there some way to help those libraries?

Response: We will be trying to offer consortia pricing as well. We will continue to look into this.

Question/comment: Will print be available through retail outlets, or specifically through library vendors?

Response: Yes...maybe not Amazon...who has recently been trying to get small jobbers out of business. ProQuest doesn't do books, so that is why they have worked closely with Bernan on this project.

Question/comment: In the past, GPO provided depository access to some databases (e.g., NTDB)? Would something similar be done through GPO to provide depository access to the new online *Statistical Abstract*?

Response (from Mary Alice Baish): GPO doesn't have gift authority. GPO has not worked with any commercial publishers in the past, only federal agencies. However, GPO would be willing to have conversations about the possibility.

Question/comment: Is there some type of grant that could be available for libraries that did not have resources?

Response (from Mary Alice Baish): That would be a good idea, but it couldn't be from GPO.

Question/comment: What will the price be for the print version?

Response: \$179; prepublication or multi-copy purchases will be discounted. More information is available on the Bernan webpage.

Question/comment: The Census version has an essay at the front of each section, introducing the section and describing what is not there. Will a similar essay be in this version as well?

Response: Yes, individuals responsible for different sections are creating that type of introduction.

Question/comment: Will the electronic version have functionality to allow the user to "flip pages"?

Response: This is not the current structure. The current structure is several discrete PDF sections. We are willing to take this feedback back to team to take a look to see if that functionality could be incorporated.

Question/comment: Will data be folded into existing ProQuest statistical architecture?

Response: Yes, if you are existing customer of *Statistical Insight*, you will have that access. But, if you are not subscriber to *Statistical Insight*, you will have access only to the PDF content.

Question/comment: Is this perpetual access? Will a patron be able to search across previous years?

Response: We will keep appending to the tables. Every year, we will add new data. If tables are retired, we will put them in a “retired tables” section.

Question/comment: Can you describe the approximate size of the print book?

Response: It will be similar to the library edition that we’ve been producing.

Question/comment: Will you accept requests for additional tables?

Response: Yes. Not just this year, but in ensuing years, we hope to add data. If you have ideas for tables, let us know.

Question/comment: Religion data?

Response: Very popular, but tough to get.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Reports from GPO, regarding State Forecast Reports, Fall FDLP Conference, Training, Congressional funding, and more

Mary Alice Baish

After today’s introductions and the list of multiple responsibilities, Baish expressed appreciation for contributions during these difficult times.

Baish updated the group on GPO’s budget situation. GPO submitted a flat funding request for the year. They were the only federal agency to submit such a request, and this action was praised by the House and Senate appropriations committees. GPO requested \$83.6 million for Congressional Printing and Binding; \$34.7 million for the Salaries and Expenses of the Superintendent of Documents, primarily to fund the Federal Depository Library Program, and \$7.8 million for GPO’s revolving fund to cover the cost of certain IT and facilities improvements, including the continued development of FDsys. The House of Representatives version of the FY 2013 Legislative Branch Appropriations bill was approved. The \$4.1 million approved for GPO’s revolving fund is a slight reduction from the requested amount. However, there will be funds to support continued delivery of tangible products, plus continued development of FDsys. The Senate has not yet considered the request.

Baish described the nomination process for two Depository Libraries of Year (one regional and one selective). GPO will be looking for creativity and innovation and programs that market to community or any area of public service. Baish urged libraries to consider nominating themselves or a neighboring library.

Baish reported that registration for the Federal Depository Library Conference (Oct 15-18) has opened. She invited and encouraged attendance. The Conference will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer, the 80th Meeting of the Depository Library Council, and the 20th Federal Depository Library Conference. The theme of

the Conference is “Celebrating Past and Building Future Together.” Data from state forecasting project will be available at the Conference. Baish encouraged submission of program proposals for the Conference. Last year had wireless in one room for hands-on training. This will be available this year too.

Last year, Vicky Tate asked us to do training, training, training. This has been one of Baish’s top initiatives in past year. In FY 2011, GPO had 8 online OPAL sessions, one on FDsys. An educational curriculum has been created, plus an archive format has been developed. 32 training videos are planned (e.g, basic searching on FDsys). In FY 2012, we have had 46 face-to-face training sessions and have hosted 11 webinars. There have been 1178 attendees at the sessions: 876 in webinars and 302 in face-to-face sessions. Face-to-face training includes training for Congressional staff, federal libraries, etc.

Baish urged individuals to share suggestions on what they would like GPO to do.

As part of an ongoing study, Congress gave \$1 million to CRS to contract with NAPA (National Academy of Public Administration) on GPO. This study will review past studies of GPO (printing and dissemination). The study will also examine whether GPO should continue executive branch printing and will also consider other cost saving measures.

NAPA has endeavored to make this a very transparent process. They have met with staff and have had a good dialogue. NAPA expects to give a draft to GPO and CRS by the end of September and to the House by Jan 31. Depository Library Council members will likely be contacted for an interview, plus five who just rotated off.

Like many in this room, federal government agencies are also facing budget challenges. GPO’s primary revenue streams are coming from electronic passports and secure IDs (for Congress, agencies, and the trusted travelers program).

Jane Sanchez – new director of Library Services Content Management (LSCM)

Sanchez began her work with GPO on March 26. In 3 months, she has met individually with almost everyone in LSCM (~100 people) to determine concerns. She describes everyone as very committed to programs despite the movement from print to digital environment.

As part of her background, Sanchez noted that she was at BNA for 17 years. There, she was responsible for getting primary sources and organizing them for editors to write about. At GPO, she is doing a similar thing, gathering primary sources.

She perceives that LSCM will be doing a lot more training, both internally and externally. Legacy systems will be moved to new servers. A major initiative is that the web content management team is designing a new Desktop -- FDLP.gov – everything from one spot. This is a challenging piece of work. We expect this to be released later this summer.

Our goal is first class service.

Cherie Givens

Givens reports that she is pleased with response on the individual forecasts. Before coming to this Conference, 53.6% of libraries had responded. When Givens checked today, 20 more libraries had responded.

An extension (until August 31) has been given for the State Focused Action Plan. GPO has worked with several different state groups. They continue to be open to hosting/facilitating sessions.

Givens urges everyone to participate, even if someone believes their voice may seem insignificant. There are many types of questions (education, preservation, etc.). Getting a lot of information will help GPO make strategic changes.

There has been a very good response rate, but more responses yields better results.

Question/Comment: How can states decide how to respond if response on a question is split down middle?

Response: The intent is to try to force consensus at state level. GPO will analyze state level versus individual library response. Givens encouraged people working on state responses to consider what would other libraries in state (including depositories that don't respond and libraries that depositories market to) would consider best answer. Additionally, complex responses can be elaborated in free-text questions.

Question/Comment: Have any states submitted?

Response: Yes. 15-20 state forecast groups have submitted. This includes some multiple submissions from a state. One regional has submitted.

We are looking for ways that we can highlight you or partner with you. If a library is doing something with another state, that can also be included in the response.

Question/Comment: Can you say something about sign name on State Plan

Response: This could be the people who wrote the plan, but it could also be names of all people who submitted data. What GPO wants to see is evidence that this is from the entire state. Also, if what one library has done could be an example for others, knowing who did it would be helpful.

Preliminary analysis will be presented at the October DLC meeting. Afterwards, we will do targeted focus groups or interviews of individual libraries, probably beginning in April. We will also make sure that secondary sources are examined. This is a mixed method analysis: some quantitative and some qualitative data.

A series of white papers will follow at the next Conference. In addition to releasing the report, raw data will be released.

Question/Comment: How will this be reported to Congress?

Response (from Mary Alice Baish): This was not a report mandated that we do; we decided to do this. However, there has been great interest in the project by the acting Public Printer, by the House and Senate committees with jurisdiction over GPO, plus CRS. The process by which we are doing the report is open and transparent.

Question/Comment: I hope that the results will be presented to Congressional staff in educated way, so that they will arrive at right conclusions.

Question/Comment: What has happened to the redesign of Ben's Guide?

Response (from Mary Alice Baish): GPO staffing is down. Jane has been tasked to answer what skills are strategically needed. Web content has only 3-4 staff, but top priority is the new Desktop.

That said, GPO will have representation at forthcoming school library conference. We want to get lesson plans from school libraries in tandem with Ben's Guide. We expect to have it out in November. We will have group that will look at content. We want to make sure that what we are doing is the right thing from the perspective of the school library

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.