

## **GODORT General Membership Meeting**

### **DRAFT Minutes**

Washington State Convention Center – Room 620

Monday, January 28 10:30-11:30am

Convener: Barbara Miller

Recorder: Barbie Selby

- 1) Welcome, Introductions (Miller)
  - a) Introduced Executive Board
  - b) Everyone introduced themselves
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda (Miller)
  - a) Adopted
- 3) Approval of 2012 Annual minutes (Miller)
  - a) Approved without objections
- 4) Treasurer's Report (John Hernandez)
  - a) Closed the year in the black
  - b) No major surprises this year
  - c) GODORT paid membership for Freedom to Read for 2013. Never invoiced for 2012.
  - d) Royalties – none received this year.
  - e) Everything on track for the current year.
  - f) Rozkuszka Scholarship Fund – in good shape – To date - \$70,446.
  - g) Proposed FY2014 Budget –
    - i. John Stevenson moved; Bill Sudduth seconded – passed unanimously
- 5) GODORT Councilor's Report (John Stevenson)
  - a) Overview of possible dues increase. ALA will propose trying out the incremental annual increases .
  - b) See discussion below on resolutions under Legislation Committee.
- 6) Task Forces / Committees (Chairs)
  - a) Awards – no report
  - b) Bylaws – no report
  - c) Cataloging – no report
  - d) Conference –
    - i. reminder that housing is open for Annual at the GODORT conf hotel – Sheraton. Please specify GODORT on reservation
    - ii. Annual reception will be hosted at Northwestern Shaffner Library
  - e) Program –
    - i. Overview of 2014 Annual program proposal – requesting an hour and a half slot for historical program – Indian publications & WPA

- ii. Reminder of 2013 Annual Conference pre-conf on international statistics and program on collaboration
  - iii. Annual program will be filmed to be posted to the web
- f) Development – no report
- g) Education – no report
- h) Legislation
  - i. Discussed proposed resolution on Canadian government information (appended)
  - ii. Bill showed the resolution to Legislative Assembly
  - iii. Resolution being sent to the International Relations Committee
  - iv. Request GODORT to endorse in principle
  - v. Who will receive courtesy copies? Bill will take recommendations on this.
  - vi. Should a Whereas on the LOCKKS-Canadians-Docs be included. No, focusing on ALA and US concerns. James Jacobs expressed the hope that CLA would include something on LOCKKS participation by Canadian libraries if and when they do a resolution.
  - vii. Amanda Wakaruk expanded on the background of this resolution.
  - viii. Lori Smith added “the American pubic” to the third Whereas
  - ix. Endorse in principle – passed unanimously
  - x. Bernadine suggested a letter from GODORT expressing support for the LOCKSS –CAN-Docs effort
  - xi. Another letter from GODORT to the Canadian Government Information Network supporting effort to make gov info available. Less formal than a resolution, but more timely. But, it would need to go through ALA.
  - xii. Bernadine moved – letter be sent. Bill Sudduth will draft letter(s). James Jacobs will help work on it. Deal with both LOCKSS and with potential withdrawal of information.
- i) Membership
  - i. Kris had a stack of material for a booth, but she was sick and couldn’t attend.
- j) Nominating – will bring slate of candidates.
- k) Publications
  - i. Need Advertising editor for DTTP
- l) Rare & Endangered
  - i. Working on update of mission and goals of Committee. Wish to remain a Standing Committee.
- m) Federal Documents Task Force
  - i. Eliminated Agency liaison program at meeting yesterday
  - ii. E-Forum in November – successful – about 3,000 subscribers
- n) International Documents Task Force
  - i. Canadian resolution came out of their meeting
- o) State and Local Documents Task Force
  - i. Working on wiki resources. Will be adding disposal info for state and local
  - ii. Barbara – still need an editor for DTTP state and local column

- iii. James Jacobs – Occasional Paper almost ready – Analysis by John Walters of Web of Science citations of Congressional publications from pre-1980 to present.

7) Old Business - None

8) New Business

a) GODORT Conference Hotel – Marianne Ryan & Sarah Erickson

- i. Gave background on work involved and risks of a GODORT Hotel for conferences.
- ii. Steering discussed a trial year without a GODORT hotel.
- iii. GODORT has requested that meetings on the same day be in the same location. That's worked for the past few years. Our meetings don't usually ALL occur in the same hotel.
- iv. GODORT can informally recommend that all members pick hotel X to register in.
- v. Continue designating an official GODORT hotel through Philadelphia. Consensus was to continue.

b) GovDocs Kids group – Barbara Miller

- i. Barbara passed around petitions for this group
- ii. Steering will vote on this at Steering II.

c) Letter to new House Administration Committee Chair – Suzanne Sears

- i. ALA sends letters that don't necessarily point out FDSys and FDLP. Ask ALA to include information about programs that we care about to go to the new Chair. Bernadine pointed out that this is the first woman to chair this committee. We should include LC in this letter. Moved and seconded. Passed unanimously.

d) Wisc Library School Students

- i. Interested in gov info. Barbara will work with Steering on this – send them a letter to support them. Mention Emerging Leaders to them, and Rozkuszka Scholarship. Send Barbara any further ideas.

9) Adjourn – 11:40pm

1 **Resolution on Access to Canadian Federal Government Information**

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3 Whereas ALA is a long-standing advocate of open access to government information;

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5 Whereas businesses small and large in the United States rely on information collected and disseminated  
6 by the Canadian government;

7 Whereas ALA member libraries and the American public rely on open access to government information  
8 published and disseminated by the Government of Canada;

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10 Whereas the Government of the United States and the Government of Canada are major trading partners  
11 and signatories of NAFTA, in which the preamble states a commitment to strengthening cooperation  
12 between these nations;

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14 Whereas the Government of Canada's budget reductions have resulted in the following changes in access  
15 to government information:

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17 - cessation of the distribution of print materials via the Depository Services Program (DSP), effectively  
18 eliminating the distributed federal depository structure for Canadian government publications and ending  
19 this service to 41 libraries in the United States that hold depository status with the DSP,

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21 - reductions in programs and services at Library and Archives Canada, including the cessation of  
22 international exchange agreements and ILL programs,

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24 - closure of Canadian federal libraries in at least ten agencies and departments including Transport  
25 Canada, National Roundtable on Energy and Environment, and Citizenship and Immigration Canada,

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27 - removal of legacy publications from the Statistics Canada web site;

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29 Whereas the Treasury Board of Canada, the body responsible for the Communications Policy that  
30 determines how federal government information is, collected, published and disseminated by and within  
31 the Government of Canada, states that "In the Government of Canada, information is safeguarded as a  
32 public trust and managed as a strategic asset.";

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34 Whereas the Treasury Board of Canada implemented the Common Look and Feel web protocol that  
35 resulted in the removal of web content from Canadian federal government web sites, including the  
36 removal of pdfs and access to databases;

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38 Whereas the Treasury Board of Canada has been internally distributing a Web site convergence program  
39 that would realize a reduction of Canadian government web domains down to six or fewer without first  
40 consulting with external stakeholders; now, therefore, be it

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42 Resolved that ALA calls upon the President of the Treasury Board of Canada to recognize that  
43 Government of Canada publications are a strategic asset and critical to current and future research and  
44 business; and be it further

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46 Resolved that ALA calls upon the President of the Treasury Board of Canada to honor the spirit and intent  
47 of NAFTA by, in part, ensuring that Government of Canada publications, including current web content,  
48 are archived and continue to be made available in a no-fee publically accessible online environment.

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50 Endorsed in principle by the Government Documents Roundtable on January 28, 2013