

## **GODORT General Membership Meeting Minutes**

July 1, 2013, InterContinental Hotel – Toledo Room - 10:30-noon

Chair: Barbara Miller

Recorder: Barbie Selby

- I. Welcome & Introductions
- II. Adoption of Agenda
  - a. Moved, seconded, passed
- III. Approval of Midwinter Membership Meeting Minutes
  - a. Typos will be corrected. Moved & seconded to approve.
  - b. Passed
- IV. Announcements
  - a. Change of rooms for steering II to Toledo.
  - b. Suzanne reminded everyone to be sure to attend the GODORT Program at 1pm.
  - c. Treasurer's Report - John Hernandez
    - i. Generally – strong position. Budget in good shape
    - ii. Current year – revenues – on target with last year. Slightly behind in some areas, but not a big problem. Revenue – collected a lot for the reception – around \$5,700. Marianne Ryan did a good job in soliciting vendor support. Revenue – also got revenue from selling the GODORT tote bags.
    - iii. Emerging Leaders – still fine, but members encouraged to support this program.
    - iv. No royalties from Andrea Morrison's book any longer. Most royalties from DTTP.
    - v. Pre-conference \$4,375 revenue.
      1. Helen Sheehy, Amanda Wakarak, Jon Schuler – were congratulated on the pre-conference.
    - vi. Bank fees – broken out on this version of budget
    - vii. Conference expenses – haven't shown up yet.
    - viii. Expenses – Emerging Leaders, DTTP, Awards activities – all on target
    - ix. No questions about current budget
    - x. 2014 Operating Budget – expecting positive budget outcome
    - xi. Rozkuszka Scholarship Fund
      1. Received \$1500 in donations for Fund. Received interest, gains
      2. Ending balance \$74,760
      3. Paid out \$3,000 to two winners.
    - xii. No questions.
    - xiii. Membership thanked John for his hard work as Treasurer.
- V. Councilor's Report – John Stevenson
  - a. No report
- VI. Task Force Reports – Action Items only
  - a. Fed Docs

- i. Resolution - GPO as lead agency to Manage Lifecycle of digital U.S. government information - voted to support.
  - ii. Resolution – SRRT resolution on digitization of U.S. government documents – voted to support. (see <http://freegovinfo.info/node/3964> for text)
- b. SLTF – no action items
- c. IDTF – Preconference – “Amazing.” Full house, well worth it. GODORT should make around \$4,000. 38 registrants. Helen Sheehy even learned some things! They hope to get articles for DTTP out of the pre-conference. No action items

## VII. Committee Reports – Action items only

- a. Program
  - i. GODORT chair to send speakers and organizers of the Pre-Conference letters of thanks. Barbara will send. Sponsors ensured that GODORT pre-conference was very successful.
  - ii. October is the deadline for pre-conference submissions. People are encouraged to submit ideas to Helen Sheehy. Can be approved virtually
  - iii. Program for next Annual – Historical resources – Indian, WPA. Hope to get co-sponsors – RUSA for instance.
- b. Legislative Report – Action Items
  - i. Encouraged everyone to look over NAPA report.
  - ii. Also look at the FDLP Task Force Report
  - iii. Leg Assembly – good discussions
  - iv. Leg Comm has a new RUSA contact person.
  - v. Resolutions
    - 1. Res on Digitization of gov docs – fast tracked to COL. Bill will be going to COL to see what happens with it.
    - 2. Res – designate GPO as lead agency to manage lifecycle of digital gov info.
      - a. COL will take this up today
      - b. Bill asks for endorsement in principal from GODORT membership
      - c. Thanked FDTF – good example of doing the work of a resolution prior to conference
      - d. Passed with one abstention.
      - e. [COL passed the resolution on GPO as lead agency to manage lifecycle of ditigal US government information. Appended to these minutes.]
  - vi. Barbara and Bill urged members to submit resolutions early in possible. Kris mentioned that sometimes things do come up at the last minute. Barbara added that if something comes up at midwinter, then a resolution can be written and vetted prior to Annual.
  - vii. FDLP Task Force of COL – Bill encouraged everyone to look at it and read it. React to Steering and GODORT Leg with reactions. (see <http://connect.ala.org/node/208679>)

James Jacobs – recommended that folks read the FGI white paper in response to the FDLP Task Force report. (see <http://freegovinfo.info/node/3961>)

- viii. Bernadine – SRRT reacted quickly to the Illinois/CIC government documents digitization project and other calls for digitization with a resolution – presented in a way that non-documents librarians can understand. [see <http://freegovinfo.info/node/3964> for the text] Bill says we have many perspectives on the Task Force and developments. Barbara says that GODORT has a chance to react in detail to the FDLP Task Force report. Shari Lasiter urged people to look at the GPO Library forecast data. Bill mentioned that Larry Romans will be chairing COL Resolution Committee.
- ix. Lori asked about a letter Leg Comm wants the GODORT chair about the closing of LC reading rooms, including the Newspaper and Gov Docs Reading Room. Bill reported that Leg does want GODORT to write such a letter.
  - 1. Mary Alice Baisch – reports that LC is consolidating 6 reading rooms together to make user experience a bit more seamless than it currently is. According to Blaine Dessy at the LC booth – this is to make the user experience better. Bernadine – this seems to be a bit of a back track on what the situation is. Her main concern is the Newspapers and Gov Docs Reading Room. She’s worried that people might be required to set up appointments to use these resources. She’d like us to ask questions about how this will work. Barbara said maybe the letter should ask these questions. This letter would need to go through ALA.
- c. Membership - Kris – urged people to buy GODORT totes. Thanked everyone who requested a buddy. Asked others to consider being buddies.
- d. Cataloging – will ask Steering for a letter complimenting GPO on effective transition to RDA cataloging.
- e. REGP – Aimee – will ask GODORT to reinstate the relationship with PARS – Preservation and Reformatting Section ALCTS (Association for Library Collections and Technical Services). Over 30 attendees at REGP. Bill announced that ALCTS will be sponsoring a meeting on section 215 of the Patriot Act at midwinter
- f. Conference – Marianne Ryan - Good reception turn out. Any money not expended will carry forward. Thanked committee and Northwestern staff. Vendor thank you letters will be ready next week.
- g. Nominating – deadline – Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>  
Please consider running and ask others to run.
- h. MAGIRT/GODORT discussion – demise of CUAC – having difficulties of getting members  
Barbara mentioned the possibility that a large round table could share a Councilor with a smaller roundtable, rather than all small roundtables having only one councilor.

VIII. Old Business

a. University of Wisconsin –Madison Student Group contact

Barbara reported that some of these students are attending ALA this time. Maybe a possibility of student interns on committees. They could contact Suzanne, incoming GODORT chair, about this possibility. Andrea Severson – they could be on committees. Rachel Dobkin, one of these students – started a blog – <http://gov-info.tumblr.com/>. Group is called Government Information Student Interest Group (GISIG). Good Emerging Leaders project. Andrea – Emerging Leaders do have to have their degree, but could Barbara said they should consider applying for an Emerging Leaders grant. [Discovered subsequently that Emerging Leaders do not have to have their degree. Emerging Leaders information has been send to Rachel.]

- i. Aimee – her virtual buddy – asking how to prepare for a career as a gov docs librarian – possible pre-conf idea. Suzanne says that if we did this as a “special librarian” – could include MAGIRT and FASLA. MAGIRT’s Annual program next year is “The Accidental Map Librarian.” Simon Healy – seems that this would be a good program idea. Barbara said we’re not limited to ONE program, so this could be an additional program. Rachel – SLA does some stuff about becoming a specialized librarian. Steve mentioned joint group of ALA and SLA Business librarians working together. There are partnership opportunities between the two. SLA does have a big gov docs group. Barbara would like to get other similar groups’ programs on the GODORT schedule for Annual.

IX. New Business

a. Barbara Stripling’s initiatives – “Declaration of the Right to Libraries” (see <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/declaration-right-libraries>)

Barbara read the ten point declaration.

- i. Bill moved support, Lori Smith seconded  
ii. Passed unanimously.

b. Suzanne reminded everyone of program at 1pm in Exchange Room of Intercontinental Hotel.

c. Kris – Read IDTF Minutes – lots happening to UN Depository system – moving to an e-library.

d. Mary Alice Baisch – thanks ALA and GODORT for strong commitment to agency and FDLP. Mentioned proof of concept pilot project on ebooks to depositories – contact - [fdlpoutreach@gpo.gov](mailto:fdlpoutreach@gpo.gov). GPO looking at how to commemorate 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of JFK in depositories – contact Cindy Etkin at GPO about this – [cetkin@gpo.gov](mailto:cetkin@gpo.gov).

e. Aimee – REGP – urged folks to look at minutes.

X. Thanked Barbara for her work as Chair.

XI. Adjourn – 11:36am

1                                   RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO DESIGNATE THE  
2                                   GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE AS THE LEAD AGENCY TO MANAGE  
3                                   THE LIFECYCLE OF DIGITAL UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT INFORMATION  
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5       whereas Federal information produced at taxpayer expense should remain permanently  
6       accessible to the public free of charge;  
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8       whereas “In the past half-century, information creation, distribution, retention, and preservation  
9       has expanded from a tangible, paper-based process to include digital processes managed largely  
10       through computerized information technologies.” (<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R42457.pdf>  
11       p. ii);  
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13       whereas some Federal agencies have created independent web sites and/or have worked in  
14       partnership with each other and with external entities to build integrated web sites to share  
15       information with the public;  
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17       whereas web archiving is a fundamental part of managing digital government information, there  
18       exists an ISO standard for web archive formats (ISO28500:2009, WARC), the preferred format  
19       for web sites harvested by the Library of Congress;  
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21       whereas some Federal agency web sites, such as the Census Bureau's *American FactFinder*,  
22       provide data and publications only for a specific period of time and make older information  
23       unavailable, often without providing an explanation for withdrawing that information or ensuring  
24       archival access to it;  
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26       whereas when, due to funding or other reasons, a Federal agency can no longer maintain a web  
27       site either in whole or as a partner, this web site is dismantled and the information made  
28       inaccessible because no procedures or policies are in place to assure that the data will be  
29       transferred to another publically accessible repository, along with appropriate metadata, software  
30       applications, or other means for manipulating, analyzing or evaluating the data retrieved;  
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32       whereas organizations, such as the Internet Archive, the California Digital Library and the  
33       University of North Texas, are unable to comprehensively archive information found on  
34       government agency web sites, but are archiving information only selectively at their own  
35       expense and/or with limited connection to the Federal government;  
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37       whereas agencies such as the Government Printing Office (GPO), the National Technical  
38       Information Service (NTIS), the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) and the  
39       Library of Congress (LC), are already authorized by law to provide information services to other  
40       agencies and should be included in a plan for the disposal or transfer of information in web sites;  
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42       WHEREAS the National Academy of Public Administration recommended that “Congress  
43       should establish a collaborative interagency process, and designate a lead agency or interagency  
44       organization, to develop and implement a government-wide strategy for managing the lifecycle  
45       of digital government information;” now therefore be it  
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1 Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA):

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- 3 1) urges Congress designate the Government Printing Office the lead agency to develop a
- 4 United States federal government-wide strategy for managing the lifecycle of digital
- 5 government publications, documents, information, and web sites;
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- 7 2) urges Congress authorize the Government Printing Office to develop and administer
- 8 standards and procedures for the United States federal government which include rules
- 9 for dismantling sites and archiving web content, including the preservation of all
- 10 pertinent data protocols, documentation, and software programs for evaluating and
- 11 manipulating the content for permanent public access;
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- 13 3) urges Congress require that the Government Printing Office consult with the United
- 14 States federal publishing agencies, the National Libraries, and professional library and
- 15 archiving groups in the development of these standards and procedures;
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- 17 4) urges Congress provide the Government Printing Office sufficient funding to handle the
- 18 archiving of web content, to perform its duties on an ongoing basis and additional
- 19 funding as necessary to fully assist agencies when they are forced to decommission a web
- 20 site.
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22 Passed in principle by COL-GIS Saturday, June 29, 2013

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27 [http://www.napawash.org/publications/rebooting-the-government-printing-office-keeping-](http://www.napawash.org/publications/rebooting-the-government-printing-office-keeping-america-informed-in-the-digital-age/)

28 america-informed-in-the-digital-age/

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30 The first recommendation made in the report is:

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32 "Recommendation 1. To enable the federal government to carry out its role of providing

33 information to its citizens, Congress should establish a collaborative interagency process, and

34 designate a lead agency or interagency organization, to develop and implement a government-

35 wide strategy for managing the lifecycle of digital government information."

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37 A pertinent quote from page 21:

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39 "Data needs to be managed, maintained, and stored. Cloud storage may provide an opportunity

40 for originating agencies to standardize formats, and simply transfer control of the information to

41 another agency (like NARA, LC, or GPO) at appropriate times in the information's lifecycle."

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44 *Sources:*

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46 <http://www.digitalpreservation.gov/formats/fdd/fdd000236.shtml>

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2 [http://archive-it.org/static/files/archiveit\\_life\\_cycle\\_model.pdf](http://archive-it.org/static/files/archiveit_life_cycle_model.pdf)

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4 [http://www.iso.org/iso/catalogue\\_detail.htm?csnumber=44717](http://www.iso.org/iso/catalogue_detail.htm?csnumber=44717)

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