

**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**GODORT Membership Meeting**  
**Pennsylvania Convention Center, 102A**  
**Monday, 27 January 2014, 10:30-11:30 am**

Convener: Suzanne Sears  
Recorder: Linda Spiro

Attendees/ Officers and Chairs:

Chair – Suzanne Sears	Education –
Chair Elect / Program – Helen Sheehy	Gov Docs Kids –
Councilor -	Legislation – Bernadine Abbott Hoduski
Secretary – Linda Spiro	Membership – Sarah Erikson
Treasurer – Mike Smith	Nominating – Cass Hartnett
Awards –	Publications – Karen Hogenboom
Bylaws – Vicki Tate	Rare and Endangered – Shari Laster
Cataloging – Andrea Morrison	FDTF – Jill Vassilakos-Long
Conference –	IDTF – Amanda Wakaruk
Development –	SDTF – Simon Healey

General Attendees: Barbara Miller (Past Chair); Antoinette Saterfield; Barb Mann; Samantha Hager; Valerie Glenn; David Utz, Andrea Severson; Hallie Pritchett; Rachel Dobkin; Emily Rogers; Kristen Northrup; John Stevenson; James R. Jacobs; Sarah Chapman; J. Shore; Diane Smith; Susanne Caro; Tim Dodge; Tim Byrne; Connie Rick; Mina Pease; Timothy Young

**I. Welcome & Introductions**

**II. Adoption of Agenda**

Changes to the agenda:

Councilor Bill Sudduth will report at Steering II since the Council meeting conflicts with our meeting.

Awards reported under New Business at Steering I.

Helen Sheehy moved and Tim Dodge seconded to approve the agenda. Agenda approved.

**III. Approval of 2013 Annual minutes**

Moved by Barbara Miller and seconded by Helen Sheehy to approve minutes.

Minutes approved.

**IV. Announcements**

Bill Sudduth is in a Council meeting so will be at Steering II.

**V. Treasurer's Report – Mike Smith**

GODORT's total revenues at the end of the 2012-13 fiscal year were \$44,797 and total expenses were \$38,208 for a net gain of \$6,589 and an Ending Fund Balance of \$117,245. For the current fiscal year, Net Revenue has been \$5,900, for an Ending Fund Balance in December of \$123,794.

Mike will investigate a discrepancy in our favor of \$648 between FY 13 Ending Fund Balance and FY 14 Beginning Fund Balance. There is an outstanding check from Newsbank for \$990 that has yet to be deposited. The Rozkuszka Scholarship Endowment Fund in FY 2013 had a net gain of \$5,739 and an Ending Fund Balance of \$75,531. The current Ending Fund Balance for FY 2014 is \$82,984. Mike passed out detailed budget sheets for anyone who wanted more details.

**VI. Councilor's Report** – Bill Sudduth will give the report at Steering II.

### **VII. Presidential Candidates**

**Maggie Farrell** – See <http://maggiefarrellforalapresident.com/> for her background information.

A. She is glad to be in GODORT where she grew up. She spoke briefly with Steering about the Task Force ALA formed. Access her web, FB, and twitter pages for her background information. Her philosophy was formed in the FDLP. Government documents is a good proving ground since you learn about reference, cataloging, etc. She has been active in ALA as an at-large councilor and Division Council representative and is familiar with the management, budget, and processes of ALA.

She is particularly interested in cultural expressions. Her strength lies in bringing together diverse voices. She will move issues forward and focus on the higher level within ALA. She will bring those skills to bear work with GODORT.

#### **B. COL/FDLP Task Force**

The task force met on Saturday for an open forum, one part of a three-legged stool. Divisions and roundtables representatives will speak in an official capacity as the second leg. An online survey to be completed by Feb. 14 is the third leg. Please take the survey. The link is posted on ALA Connect.

The task force selected one recommendation from their initial report submitted in June 2014. They decided to concentrate on one overarching issue (digital collections) with subsets under it. What is really important is the process to discuss the issues brought up under the preservation plan. If there is a national preservation plan, how would ALA advance the plan? Since it does not oversee the FDLP, ALA serves in an advisory capacity to the FDLP. When looking at all the stakeholders, ALA is biggest and brings the most power to the table. How do we speak with a more united, stronger voice? ALA must outline core values, find common values shared across the association, build bridges between units in ALA and hold conversations outside ALA. ALA understands its role and knows how to pull people together on the FDLP. The group is working hard to achieve the ideal if not today, in the future.

Please take the survey open through Feb. 14. The task force will look at all responses and conversations and bring them together to make solid recommendations. They are not sure if they will be able to release report in May or will give it to COL to take forward. Before ALA there were 150 survey responses.

Question - What can ALA do to bring government information into all disciplines?

The open conversation on Saturday brought other divisions to the table for exactly that reason. Now that FDLP libraries are moving their documents into other areas, cataloging and processing

are down by regular staff (not government information staff), and many libraries do not have a separate government section, the challenge for GODORT is how do you begin to partner? She suggests holding workshop on cataloging government documents and looking to another division or round table to partner. Build bridges. Get the message out. In Wyoming and in Arizona depository libraries reach out to non-depository libraries. Regardless of who they interact with, the citizens don't know. They don't ask for HE 20.... -- they just need the information. The more we can disperse ourselves into other areas, we'll begin to build those bridges.

**Sari Feldman** – See <http://sarifeldman.com/> for her background information.

Today we are engaged in a critical period of evolution in libraries. Change is impacting our daily work, policies, and the training we need to see happening for the future of people joining our field. ALA has given us a strategic plan as a roadmap. We need to:

- Engage the full membership in communication and advocacy. ALA must do it on behalf of round tables with the round tables leading much of the work.
- Commit to change management to remain relevant.
- Reflect on the inspiration that brought us to a library career.
- Understand our challenges and look at the work we've been doing around government information.

We're concerned about issues of preservation. What kind of permanent depository will we have for paper and digital formats. She read with great interest issue about the GPO watermark. How can her staff be sure they are providing an accurate and final copy? Her staff does not have the technology tools, training, and imperative from the Federal Depository to make this happen now.

Sari has experience on Capitol Hill. She been a strong advocate at the state and national level and is as consensus builder and collaborator.

### **VIII. Task Force Reports - Action items only**

#### **A. FDTF – Jill Vassilakos-Long**

No action items, however between now and Annual they will be going over a list of things discussed in the past as well as from the GODORT Legislation Committee. Please join the FDTF on ALA Connect. Jill will ask Ros to open the group on ALA Connect. Tim Dodge is fabulous and will be the next FDTF Coordinator. Be proactive if you'd like to be a liaison for FDTF.

#### **B. IDTF – Amanda Wakaruk**

Three updates:

1. Canadian libraries – Depository Service Program agreements came to an end at the end of Dec. 2013. Some federal department libraries have also been closed. At Annual and Midwinter last year support for Canadian and US libraries culminated in a letter from ALA to the Canadian Minister of Heritage with a cc to the CLA. CLA is playing a more active role and working more closely with the Canadian GODORT equivalent. Amanda will go back to CLA and flush out concerns and see what we can do as the most appropriate next step.
2. Major changes to the UN depository program are expected. The UN representative will report more at the Annual IDTF meeting.
3. Discussion item around digital preservation –

They are encouraging IGO publishers like World Bank, OECD, etc. to think carefully about digital preservation strategies.

The Library and the Canadian Archives merged. Middle managers can now communicate more freely. They are archiving but information is not being made available to the public. Many small community archives have closed. There is talk about re-instating the money to support them. The chief archivist has stepped down and a new one has not been appointed, so there have been a lot of changes.

C. SLDTF – Simon Healey

No action items. They spent time clearing old business and conversing about ongoing projects on the wiki. SLDTF may be coming forward with a program about local and state documents especially those that have disappeared from the radar. They are in the early stages of planning for a program or preconference in Orlando.

**IX. Committee Reports** - Action items only

A. Awards – Did not meet at Midwinter.

B. Bylaws – Vicki Tate

Announcement – There will be a spring election to vote on a proposal to make a minor change to the bylaws. On the GODORT wiki under bylaws there is a link to the proposed change. Check there because the information will be in DttP, but that issue comes out after the election.

C. Cataloging – Andrea Morrison

Please let her know if you can proof or edit the three toolboxes: international, state and local. Cataloging is working on a program for 2015.

D. Conference – Not attending Midwinter

E. Development – Not attending Midwinter

F. Education – Not attending Midwinter.

G. Gov Docs Kids – Not attending Midwinter.

H. Legislation – Bernadine Abbott Hoduski

Action item – The ALA Committee on Legislation (COL) is waiting to hear if GODORT supports the resolution on maintaining web sites during a government shutdown. For that resolution Bernadine read all items under Resolved. She moved that GODORT accept the resolution, James Jacobs seconded, and GODORT voted to approve the resolution.

I. Membership – Sarah Erikson

She is still selling tote bags: one for \$12, two for \$20.

J. Nominating – Cass Hartnett –

No updates. The DLC nominations go to Executive Board at 1:00 pm.

K. Program – Helen Sheehy

Please email Helen with suggestions for a 2015 GODORT program.

**L. Publications & DTTP – Karen Hogenboom**

No action items. They are looking for co-editor for DttP and a website editor. You can order a book edited by Andrea Sevetson through ProQuest or GODORT. The profits from the book go to GODORT. If you bring your copy to the DLC, she'll be happy to sign it.

**M. Rare & Endangered – Shari Laster**

No action items.

**IX. Liaison Reports**

**Freedom to Read – Jill Vassilakos-Long**

There are thirty bills in Congress having to do with privacy legislation. Another area of interest is making publically funded research open to the public. The FTRF feels it is a good idea to get involved in more legislative activity rather than litigation. The International Intellectual Freedom Committee might write a position paper on access to free government information.

**X. Old Business**

None

**XI. New Business**

**A. Steering I**

GODORT will write a letter of condolence to Esther Crawford's family and do a memorial resolution for Annual. A memorial resolution does not have to go through ALA Committee on Legislation. It can go directly to the GODORT councilor. John Stevenson will know how to do this. Shari Laster and Linda Spiro will work on the letter and resolution.

B. Bernadine mentioned again the six one-page position papers the Legislation Committee prepared to help people understand the background for the ideas brought up in the COL/FDLP Task Force. Please provide feedback before February 14. She also mentioned possibly creating some additional statements, one from perspective of reference librarians and another for born digital documents.

C. Barbara Miller asked that if anyone if anyone has a webpage up in their state to help libraries with e government activities, please contact her at [Barbara.miller@okstate.edu](mailto:Barbara.miller@okstate.edu) so she can add the url to the e government toolkit.

D. Rachel Dobkin needs help with the government information website she created to get library school students interested in government information. If you put up anything on Facebook or find documents that are great, please email her. She passed out cards with her contact information.

E. Cass Hartnett shared that Lily Wai, the documents librarian at the University of Idaho before she retired, also passed away recently. Lily was active in GODORT and instrumental with INSIDE Idaho. Bernadine suggested GODORT create a resolution for Lily for Annual. Cass will work on that.

**XII. Adjournment**

Vicki Tate moved and Helen Sheehy seconded that we adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11:31 am.