

DRAFT MINUTES
GODORT Membership Meeting
Monday – June 29, 2015
Moscone Convention Center – 236-238 (S)
8:30-10:00 am

Convener: Helen Sheehy, Chair
 Recorder: Linda Spiro, Secretary

Attendees/ Officers and Chairs:

Chair – Helen Sheehy	Gov Info. For Children –
Chair Elect / Program – Stephen Woods	Legislation – Bernadine Abbott Hoduski
Councilor - Bill Sudduth	Membership – Sarah Erekson
Secretary – Linda Spiro	Nominating – Barbie Selby
Treasurer – Mike Smith	Program – Stephen Woods
Awards – Catherine Morse	Publications –
Bylaws – Gretchen Gould	Rare and Endangered – Shari Laster
Cataloging – Ellen Caplan	FDTF – Tim Dodge
Conference –	IDTF – Stephanie Braunstein
Development –	SDTF – Jennifer Huck for Samantha Hager
Education –	

General Attendees:

Amanda Ros, Sinai Wood, Laura Sare, Roy Elliott, Melanie Sims, Karen Hogenboom, Andrea Morrison, Emily Rogers, Dwight Powell, Hallie Pritchett, Justin Otto, Kathy K. Carmichael, Mark Anderson, Sandra McAninch, Tiffany Muir, Jill Vassilakos-Long, James Jacobs, Simon Healey, Kirsten Clark, Kristen Koob, Tara Das, Marilyn Von Seggern, Crystal Lentz, Sevim McCutcheon, Vicki Tate, David Utz, Rebecca Hyde, Rachel Dobkin, Jaime Huaman, John Stevenson, Valerie Glenn, Stephanie Martin, Mary Prophet

I. Welcome & Introductions

The meeting commenced at 8:36. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. Adoption of Agenda

Barbie moved and Ellen seconded to adopt the agenda. The agenda was adopted.

III. Approval of 2015 Midwinter minutes

A notice was sent on ALA Connect to read the minutes online before the meeting.

Shari moved and Tim seconded to accept the minutes as listed online.

The minutes were approved.

IV. Treasurer’s Report – Mike Smith

For the FY2014-15 through May 31, GODORT’s total revenues were **\$30,614** and total expenses were **\$24,193** for a net gain of **\$6,421** and an Ending Fund Balance of **\$134,500**.

The Rozkuszka Scholarship Endowment Fund has had a net gain of **\$2,724** and an Ending Fund Balance of **\$89,972**. Mike will talk to Steve to see how much money the scholarship is making.

DttP is on line to lose about \$6,000. The reception last night will be in the black.

V. GODORT Councilor's Report – Bill Sudduth

The Council session was short today. They discussed a resolution concerning the mass collection of data. The resolution to provide Spanish language materials for children in shelters was pulled at the last meeting. They addressed a tribute to Cynthia Hurd today because the Charleston Public Library employees would not be at ALA tomorrow. The gun violence resolution was defeated but may still come forward. The resolution on systemic racism passed.

Bernadine asked what will be taken up by council tomorrow.

Bill said the last pieces of the intellectual freedom policies not passed at Midwinter will be discussed. There was an interesting discussion about labeling and they crafted a good solution. It's okay to label for directional purposes but not to restrict access.

Bill replied yes to Bernadine's question if the ALA strategic plan was passed. Advocacy is an important part of that plan.

Bill indicated the Council Forum was thinking about adding a Saturday session because so many things came up Sunday night.

Last year at RUSA Council member Jennifer Boettcher asked about programming at midwinter. ALA came up with a compromise. They will allow on a trial basis for CEU workshops half day Saturday, Sunday and Monday of conference, in other words, two joint unit workshops per day for minimal costs such as food for a break. The cost should be around \$25-30. These workshops have to be member-driven proposals and must be in by the end of July.

VI. Task Force Reports/Committee Reports

- A. FDTF – Tim Dodge – no action item .
- B. IDTF - Stephanie Braunstein – no action item
- C. SLDTF – Jennifer Huck reminded everyone about the SLDTF copyright program today at 1:00 pm. The Room was changed to 2018 W.

Committee Reports

- D. Awards – Catherine Morse - no action item
- E. Bylaws – Gretchen Gould - no action item
- F. Cataloging – Ellen Caplan - no action item
- G. Conference – Helen expressed a big thank you to the Conference and Award Committees for last night's reception.
- H. Development – Did not meet.
- I. Education – Julia Stewart - No action items
- J. Gov Info for Children (GIC) - Tom Adamich - No action items
- K. Legislation – Bernadine Abbott Hoduski - No action item, but on p.5 of the consolidated minutes it's ALSC that we are asking to do the program. James will correct that on ALA Connect and Linda will correct the consolidated minutes before posting online.
- L. Membership – no action item
- M. Nominating – Barbie Selby – no action item

N. Program – Stephen Woods - First Steering approved moving ahead with the preconference on data visualization. Over 200 people attended the data visualization program yesterday.

O. Publications & DttP – Marianne Ryan - No action items

P. Rare & Endangered – Shari Laster –
They will have thank you letters to the San Francisco Public Library and session speakers.

Q. Preservation Working Group - Bernadine Abbot Hoduski - They revised their draft and will bring it to Steering this afternoon. It was a productive revision.

VII. Liaison Reports

A. ALCTS – As an ALCTS member, Andrea Morrison shared that GPO is working towards becoming a cataloging partner in the Library of Congress' e-Cataloging In Publication Program (ECIP) as a cataloging partner. The Program has revised the layout for cataloging in publication for books. GODORT members should watch for the new CIP data block later in 2015. See <http://www.loc.gov/publish/cip/news/index.html> for information about the data block, which includes labels for data elements.

B. BARC –No report.

C. COL –

COL is considering the orientation document this afternoon. They would like to add e-competencies for government information to the overall competencies document.

D. Library Education Assembly – No report.

E. Recruitment Assembly – Meeting later today

F. RBMS – (Added after the meeting from an email sent by Elizabeth Sudduth.)

The RBMS Security Committee is planning a seminar on library security issues for Miami. A draft version of the Security Committee's Audit Tool is available from the Committee's webpage. Feedback is welcome.

<http://rbms.info/files/committees/security/Audit%20Tool%20for%20Security%20Practices.pdf>

G. LPSS – **Shari Laster** - The political science section of ACRL together with GODORT is looking at revising Grace York's statistical sources on the web and are recommending a joint group to work on this project. Contact Shari or Chad Kahl from ACRL's LPSS with questions.

H. Freedom to Read (FTRF)– Jill Vassilakos-Long

Jill addressed two main issues. First, FTRF is looking at creating an educational piece about hate speech. They are strongly for non-censorship. There was discussion about creating a written piece or program to address that. The FTRF Office recently reorganized. The people interested in documents issues are no longer there. Jill is hoping their replacements will be interested in government issues. Second, FTRF is making people aware of issues arising from university administration's retaining copies of people's emails. If your email is on an institution's server, you may not have privacy rights.

IFLA - no report

VIII. Jim Neal (Liaison for the Executive Committee and for BARC) – not in attendance

IX. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

A. Working Group for Preservation Funding

Bernadine Abbott Hoduski and Tom Adamich serve as co-chairs of this group made up of vendors and librarians. Also serving are Jim Noel (Marcive), Laura Elkin (Newbanks Readex), and Andrew Laas (ProQuest).

B. GODORT Committee on Reorganization – Shari Laster on behalf of Stephanie Braunstein

At last Midwinter two separate aspects of reorganization for GODORT came into being. Two ad hoc committees were created, one to look at GODORT reorganization and the other at virtual meetings. Ultimately there will be a final report scheduled for Midwinter 2016. Members of the reorganization committee are Stephanie Braunstein, Barbie Selby, Bill Sudduth, Valerie Glenn, Barbara Miller, and ex officio members Helen Sheehy, Stephen Woods and Sarah Erikson who will replace Helen when she rotates off. Members of the Virtual Committee are Shari Laster, Tim Franklin, Lynda Kellam, Brett Cloyd, Lori Driver and Karen Cook.

The report is long with about 4.5 pages of analyses. The next steps will be to begin discussions with committee chairs and task force coordinators to see how GODORT is working in actuality. What kind of organization will it take to meet the mission? The committee will announce more information about the timelines. In the meantime please look at the report questions, especially the comments and feedback listed on the survey. When the report is turned in at Midwinter, there will be an opportunity for discussion before Steering adopts it.

Ellen asked since committees and task forces are looking at their mission and goals between now and Midwinter, how will those be integrated. Shari said from interactions at this meeting, they are getting a sense of what those conversations have already been. Many committees and task forces already have a sense of what they will be accomplishing in the future.

Shari said both committees have done a good job of posting to ALA Connect. Both committees are adhering to ALA's open meetings guidelines including for conference calls. All are welcome to join in. If you have feedback, but can't be at a call, speak with the committee chair beforehand. Stephen's idea is to begin conversations at this meeting. Some groups had meetings before Annual like State and Local. Conversations are starting. There is plenty of opportunity for you to participate before Midwinter.

Barbie pointed out the survey included an overview of the history of GODORT. Conversations of committees will go into this. GODORT wants input from many different sources.

C. GODORT Committee on Virtual Meetings

Shari Laster said along with the charge for the Committee on GODORT Reorganization, there was a simultaneous charge to survey about the usefulness of virtual meetings and task forces effectively make use of virtual meetings? What platforms are best? The committee will look at the work GODORT does to see if it's possible to make recommendations about what types of functions are suitable for virtual meetings and which need face to face. She had one virtual meeting that was a total disaster so she knows the problems involved in virtual meetings. Conversations are starting with Bylaws to see what it will take for virtual meetings. They are good for committees that meet outside scheduled conference times. They'll look at the survey results and hope more virtual options afford a greater number of people opportunity to participate more or be encouraged to join GODORT because they can participate.

The next steps will be to discuss with committee and task force chairs their committee's viewpoints. They'll take a closer look at the needs of virtual audiences and what kinds of platforms work with GODORT's budget. They'll get price quotes from vendors and come up with a list of options suitable for GODORT. It will also be necessary to revise the PPM and come up with guidelines in general. You are welcome to email or call Shari.

Rachel Dobkin asked Shari whether virtual will replace face-to-face. Shari said It's been taking place somewhat in GODORT. In 2013 Rare and Endangered had a virtual meetings at Midwinter. Education also has had virtual meetings as has GIC. It has been adopted on an as needed basis. The goal will be to be as inclusive as possible and carefully thought out. We can't tell people they can be a full committee member with only virtual participation if that's not true.

The platform issue is very ad hoc. Whoever chairs wheedles someone into being virtual host on some kind of platform. We have to figure out how to accomplish virtual meetings. If we are moving toward more virtual meetings, we need a step- by -step approach. Here's what you do. Let's find the best practices for virtual meetings

Helen revealed at Midwinter half of the committees chose to have virtual meetings. We are already doing it, but not particularly well or in an organized fashion. That was what prompted her to appoint the committee.

Ellen said that when she was on ALCTS/CaMMS Committee on Continuing Education, the committee had a couple of virtual meetings (phone), usually after its Midwinter meeting. This allowed members who were not able to attend the conference to actively participate in committee business. It would be nice if GODORT had some step-by-step procedure.

Bernadine said a recent virtual meeting she attended through the University of Denver was a frustrating experience. She couldn't hear. The only useful thing was an electronic version of document they were discussing. She doesn't know how many committees could sustain a virtual meeting. There has to be a better way than the virtual meeting the University of Denver hosted.

Shari said there has been slow but steady progress in GPO virtual meetings. It's one thing to have a committee where everyone is connecting on the same platform. Webcasts offer live face-to-face, but with ALA meetings where there is no wireless, we can't do this. We have to develop an Initial approach, then see what can happen as technology improves and gets cheaper. Don't expect the committee to say we can virtually simulcast the whole meeting.

James Jacobs said working in between conferences could be virtual. It's really hard to participate in a virtual conference, though, if you are sitting in your office and doing your office work too. We need both physical and virtual and not either or. At the Legislative Committee meeting yesterday small selectives kicked around the idea that GODORT should have a small travel fund for small selectives to come to conference. Think of ways to bolster participation other than virtual.

Shari said the best way to be effective working between conferences is to make more effective use of time when we are together at conference.

Stephen said the best way is to sit down in a bar, have a beer and talk. We have to make decisions maybe not to do things the best way. One driver is that it is not cost effective for many to go to meetings every year. He appreciates that hybrid raises the stakes and makes it more complicated. We don't want to lose track. We need to look from a cost-benefit perspective. Face-to-face is ideal. No one is arguing that's not true.

Barbie Selby suggested a hybrid - one virtual and one face-to-face meeting a year rather than two face-to-face each year. The two ad hoc committees had very particular things to accomplish. Nominating has been a virtual committee and Awards as well. They are a good use of virtual that can be explored. Virtual might be on task more than face to face.

Bernadine said in Montana people in an institution have gotten together in one room so they can be electronically connected to others in different parts of the state. They have only had one meeting. At least one person couldn't hear this year. If you don't have the right technology, it's frustrating to meet virtually. COL had productive conference calls with documents in front of them, but that was a small group.

It would be great if GODORT could work with state and regional groups.

Simon Healey is a member of the ALA website advisory committee. ALA has bimonthly online meetings using a variety of tools. No one has been dropped off. He'll get information to see what ALA is using for virtual conference meetings.

Shari said we know that we're not the only ALA unit working on this. "Simon, if you can get us what other options are available besides Adobe Connect, please do."

Jennifer Huck said SLDTF had a positive experience. Samantha Hager ran a virtual business meeting before ALA since their meeting time was taken up by their program. They used Adobe Connect, just text and surveys to eliminate options. They wordsmithed using white board individual text boxes where conversations were happening. They focused on these three things. Shari said she learned so much from how Samantha about how to run a virtual meeting.

Helen said that goes to the need for training. We have 60 people here, but 600 members. We need to find a way to engage more members.

Andrea Morrison said as last year's Cataloging Committee chair that some members attended meetings in person but others by phone. We need to plan for regular tech help and training in meeting technologies. Some of our committees may want to have discussion forums face-to-face at conference and do their business virtually. We should think creatively about how to have committees share a forum to approve and move business forward at conference, as needed. A lot of us will be able to attend in person less and less. If there is a really important action item, it could go to an all committee meeting to address.

Shari said REGP has been doing that for a few years now and it's worked really well for them.

X. Old Business

- A. Send thank you letter requests to Helen either before July 3 or after July 28.
- B. GODORT now has a LibGuides account. Contact Helen if you want to do a LibGuide. It's one option for us to use. Vicki asked if the LibGuide would be hosted on the Penn State server. Shari said it's hosted by Spring Share strictly for GODORT-related business.
- C. Helen thanked everyone for working with her this year. Having the Chair-Elect one door down was invaluable.

XI. New Business

Stephen has been thinking about what the chair column is supposed to say. "A lot of better people have gone before both Helen and me." He's looking forward to conversations about what we are and what we want to do. He has asked outgoing and incoming chairs. We want to be on same page. The mission is what we do. To articulate mission, he can chew on it and come up with a common mission, maybe something like "to inspire government information specialists in developing services for government information." The vision is where we want to be in five years. We'll come to consensus in terms of our mission. Each of us has different values about what we think is important, but we can agree on a mission. When we talk about virtual meetings, not all of them are alike. This meeting is different than a task force meeting. He'll have fireside chats with Steering to talk them through this together. When we can come together on a mission, it is really powerful.

Stephen asked if there was any new business.

Barbie thanked Helen for her leadership this year.

XII. Adjournment

Bill moved and Simon seconded that we adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.