

ALA Midwinter GODORT Membership meeting

February 11, 2018 @3pm, Colorado Convention Center, Denver CO

Shari Laster called the meeting to order at 3pm.

ALA Presidential Candidates

Prior to adopting the agenda, there were brief remarks from ALA Presidential candidates.

Wanda Kay Brown spoke for 5 minutes

Peter Hepburn spoke for 5 minutes

Introductions

After introductions around the room, Shari asked for any proposed changes to the agenda.

Adoption of the Agenda

Hallie Pritchett motioned to approve the agenda as is. Julia Frankosky seconded.

Approval of Minutes from Annual 2017 (posted on the wiki)

Andrea Sevetson made a motion to approve the minutes. Rebecca Hyde seconded and all voted in favor.

Additional announcements

- Shari announced that the Steering Committee meeting will convene at 4:30pm and not at 4pm as written on the Scheduler, to accommodate for travel time to the location.
- Call for nominations for editor or co-editor of DTTP. If interested, contact Robbie Sittel, Hallie Pritchett, or anyone on the Publications Committee.
- New chair needed for the Notable Documents Panel, which compiles an annual list of significant government documents that is featured by Library Journal. Contact Robbie if interested.

Treasurer's report, Rebecca Hyde

Copies of the budget available at the meeting. Page 2 of the handout is what was spent through August of last year. Page 3 is what has been spent this year and Page 4 details the Rozkuszka Scholarship. The last page is a proposed budget to submit to ALA since it has been several years since GODORT has proposed a new budget. The numbers are not necessarily final, but we do have to submit a balanced budget. The biggest change to the budget was that FY 17 was the first full year that Documents To The People was an online-only publication. We may have a slightly different budget moving forward if the DTTP numbers change, but GODORT is in a good financial position overall. According to numbers from the ALA Budget Analysis and Review Committee meeting, on two Round Tables have more money than GODORT. Rebecca asked membership to consider uses for some of these additional funds, particularly in light of GODORT's upcoming 50th anniversary in four years.

Rebecca also reported that the funds for the Rozkuszka Scholarship are doing well, so perhaps those who regularly contribute to this fund could consider contributions to Emerging Leaders or another fund instead.

Questions for Rebecca from membership:

Bernadine Abbott Hoduski: Did we pay our \$250 membership to the Freedom to Read Foundation?

Answer: Yes for FY 17, but our FY 18 membership isn't due yet.

Bill Sudduth: the Rozkuszka Scholarship is now at 47K in unrestricted funds so perhaps we could consider moving some of that into restricted income that will earn interest, allowing us to raise the award up to 4K. With interest, the funds would earn 4K annually, so the interest would pay for the scholarship. If the estimate of 11K net is true, some of that money could support Emerging Leaders.

Answer: Rebecca agrees with the idea of moving some of the Rozkuszka funds, but the award amount can only be increased by a resolution.

Andrea Sevetson stated that the award amount has been set at 3K for twenty years, so it is due for an increase.

Rebecca ended with a thank you to past Treasurer, Mike Smith.

Task Force / Committee Reports (action items only)

Cataloging Committee, Andrea Morrison

Information Item: Committee has started work on international cataloging tool boxes and need volunteers. Volunteers include a group to learn libguides, and volunteers to create best practices for cataloging government information.

Legislation Committee, Geoff Swindells

Read tribute resolution to honor Davita Vance-Cooks for her service. Moved that GODORT membership approve the resolution in principle. Bernadine Abbott Hoduski seconded. No discussion. All in favor.

GODORT Councillor's Report, Bill Sudduth

Last night (Feb 10), Council forum discussed a membership dues proposal, which was passed. Dues will increase by \$5; special classes will increase \$2 or \$3. After this increase, it will return to CPI-based dues. The net neutrality draft from the Intellectual Freedom Committee was discussed at COL and voted in the third Council session. Discussed the Lois Ann Gregory Wood grant for mid-term professionals, which supports conference attendance for a year. To qualify, one needs to have been in the profession for at least five years, and have attended one ALA conference; cannot be an officer. The mission of the award is to get mid-career people involved again in ALA. Three ALA divisions are currently in unification discussions: ALCTS, LITA, and LLAMA. There is only a 20-30% membership overlap between these divisions and 70-75% of members belong to other divisions as well. Jim Neal challenged Council to reorganize into a 21st century organization. There will be at least an hour devoted to discussion of this at the Council session and audience participation is encouraged. Both membership and conference attendance numbers are decreasing. The latest numbers for 2018 Midwinter attendance is 7,894 paid registrants, 5,242 of whom are members. These numbers reflect a 1,000 decrease from Atlanta (2017) and a 3,500 decrease from Boston (2016).

Upcoming events: National Library Legislative Day is May 4-5 [*Secretary's note: ALA website lists it as May 7-8*], National Lib Workers Day is April 10. This day is to celebrate library support staff. Also a reminder about National Equal Pay Day: wear red. The Council forum tonight (Feb 11) will include

preliminary discussions on reorganization. The resolution for Davita Vance-Cooks will be entered tonight or tomorrow (Feb 12).

Questions for Bill from membership:

Rachel Dobkin: Has there been discussion of the planned conference reorganization? Answer: tomorrow's discussion will be a good opportunity for this, and Bill will share at that discussion that that the New Orleans conference planning disadvantages Round Tables.

Aimee Quinn: ALA divisions keep losing members while Round Tables have stable membership. Answer/comment: We have already done substantial reorganization within GODORT, but are there possible synergies within the Round Tables?

No report from IFLA. There is a scholarship for the IFLA conference.

Conference Remodel for Annual 2018, Sarah Erekson

Program proposals submitted to the jury process were not successful. GODORT's representative to the jury is only invited on an every-other-year basis, so hopefully we will have representation next year. Regarding the jury process: the rubric values certain things that GODORT has not used or emphasized in the past, such as having well-known speakers attached to the program, panels, etc. Moving forward, we will examine the rubric scoring beforehand to be more strategic. Some aspects of the New Orleans conference remodel are advantageous for GODORT; the size of campus has decreased, which will facilitate a more manageable experience for newer people. Sarah would like GODORT to have representation on the big ALA conference committee, but all round tables share one representative.

Website Revision, Hallie Pritchett

ALA migrated to Drupal last fall. The redesign includes templates for all of the different round tables, which will give GODORT the opportunity to update our web presence. The wiki is not designed for content management, and much is out of date. Hallie, Robbie Sittel, Aimee Quinn, and Tom Adamich recently evaluated all of our content and recommended that it be updated and migrated from the wiki. They also recommended that we have a style guide for the organization and updates. New GODORT web presence would be: website, Libguides, and ALA Connect. The goal is to have everything migrated by the Annual conference. The Webmaster position will change and be renamed, as Drupal experience is now required. The committee is looking for volunteers, especially those with Drupal experience. Priorities will be to focus on the website and LibGuides first.

Questions for Hallie from membership:

Rachel Dobkin: How will the committees manage their websites? Answer: The style guide will facilitate consistency across committees, though not everyone will have access to edit the website.

Andrea Morrison: Do we know yet when ALA Connect will open? Answer (from Shari): The beta site is available and there will be a gray-out period March 5 through April 25. We will need a bridge solution for that time period because it is the primary method for GODORT communication.

Aimee Quinn: Are we archiving everything? Answer: ALA will probably archive with CMS, but we will confirm this.

Title 44, Shari

ALA needed a position on this to inform lobbying efforts, so the GODORT position on the FDLP was created in August 2017 to assist with this. A virtual meeting was held to discuss the document and everyone present agreed on the principles. Since then, Shari has been providing feedback to the Washington Office when requested. A bill will be introduced in the near future and Legislation Committee will work on a process for pushing information out to membership. If there is draft legislation, GODORT may have a compressed turnaround time in which to quickly decide if ALA should support it. This would likely include discussion by Steering with votes submitted to Shari, who would share with Washington Office. Input from general membership may come in the form of a virtual meeting, but members would be responsible for quickly reading the legislation and asking questions. Is this feasible? If not, how can we best get member input to inform Steering?

Comments to Shari from membership:

Andrea Sevetson: Advertise the virtual meeting, stating that we can take comments from those unable to make it. Acknowledge that it will be a short turnaround time.

Aimee Quinn: use GOVDOC-L to advertise, in addition to ALA Connect.

Next steps: Contact Shari with any recommendations or thoughts. Use the email address listed on the wiki.

Geoff Swindells motioned to adjourn, Andrea Morrison seconded.