

Draft Minutes

GODORT Government Information for Children [GIC] Committee

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1:00-2:30 PM

Connie Williams / Tom Adamich – co chairs

Transcribed by Connie Williams

1. Welcome and introductions -- Connie Williams and Tom Adamich

We introduced ourselves.

2. Approval of GIC Mid-Winter Minutes

Agenda and minutes approved

3. Old Business:

a. Spanish language government documents initiative - status report - Rich Gause

Rich has created a Spanish language docs Lib Guide on the University of Florida Library website. This contains government documents [world-wide] written in Spanish. It will go live on August 1, 2014.

Susan Paterson will bring in French language materials to add to this array of information for non-English speaking patrons.

b. National / State History Day -- Amy Springer

Amy was not able to attend the meeting but we discussed ways to work GIC into the History Day. Connie will follow up with info from the History Day folks. Possible ideas included having GIC be a sponsor [no money...], get Universities involved in some way.

c. Constitution Day Poster Contest 2013 -- Tom Adamich

By law, schools are required to do something for Constitution Day [September 17th]. How do we surface this to schools? The Constitution Day poster is one way. There were 30,000 entries in 2013. Constitutionfacts.com is an excellent resource to push to schools.

4. New Business:

a. Migration of <http://www.govdocs4kids.weebly.com> and other legacy Gov Doc Kids Group websites to <http://guides.ucf.edu/gic>

-- Connie Williams and Rich Gause

Rich will be creating a GIC Lib Guide associated with the University of Florida but branded with GIC banner with a new-to-be-developed GIC logo and GODORT logo on each side of the banner. He will migrate information from the weebly website and all the other GODORT/info for children sites. This means that all links will be in one place. GODORT wiki and the new GIC lib guides will

both link to each other. Our task is to get the word out to everyone we know about the site and to get agencies to send us links to sites they have that teachers should know about.

Question: should GODORT create it's own Lib Guide? Helen will research this while Rick is building it. All can be easily migrated if that is something that GODORT decides would be a good thing. A pro to this idea is that it would help for continuity if it was held within the organization.

b. Constitution Day Poster Contest 2014 - needs and strategies - Tom Adamich

How can we best support Constitution Day Poster contest? Currently we're doing so by listservs we belong to: e.g. LM_NET, state listservs, Govdoc_L. We need more ideas! Thoughts included: reaching out to our state libraries, Department of Defense schools

c. Google Act feedback to Legislation Committee - Tom Adamich

"Let me google this for you" Act seems dead in the water, but could always come up again. We should stay informed on activity and give feedback if/when necessary.

d. Strategic planning for 2014 - 2015 - GIC group members, various

The migration of GIC information is central to the future planning for the group. Getting the word out about Gov Docs is the mission and task of the GIC; this is our first step and long-time commitment for the group.

e. IMLS Grant – Government Information for Children – Susanne Caro

Susan Caro was unable to be at the meeting but she sent info: the grant objective is to create a "summit" or "think tank" event to create a "white paper" with goals and objectives to outline strategies and tasks to create the best system to organize government documents for teachers and students.

We have stepped up to be partners / participants in any IMLS grant that moves forward.

First steps are to send to Susan the names of people who might be inclined to join in as partners.

f. Emerging Leaders

There's a stipend track and a volunteer track. Helen will let us know if we can still proceed for 2015 application.

g. Discussions

Helen reported that there is an opening on GODORT; and Fed Docs needs a liaison to that committee.

Helen asked for GIC committee to decide on chair. Tom and Connie both agreed to co-chair for one more year.

It was discussed to consider opening our doors to include more non-US documents. Helen will send ideas to the group about UN Day. We all need to

send in links to non-US docs and encourage others to send us their links.
We discussed what Common Core is and it's possible future.

Tasks:

Connie: talk with AASL to get a liaison between GIC and AASL
connect with history day folks to see if there's a role for GIC

Tom: research how to create MARC records for gov docs

Rick: create the Lib Guide and migrate info to it.

Helen: UN and other non-US documents and organizations we should have on our site.

Everyone: collect links to gov docs to send to Rick.
spread the word about Constitution Day poster contest
send logo idea to Rick ASAP
send to Susan the names of people for the IMLS grant

Note: we need an email list so that we can send minutes and info to everyone. It was agreed that email was the most productive for this group.