

**GODORT Government Information for Children Committee (GIC)
Virtual End of Summer Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2021, 10:00 a.m. -11:04 a.m. (CST)**

Meeting Recording:

<https://ala-events.zoom.us/rec/share/Qe5QG4QNRxBRzmp8BOPVRzAc8x5x7JL5dHVRIDIQBQZYM9iT2IdyVhJvbJdmPWeV.xPqw66Hn88SmzvnM>

In attendance: Jennifer Castle, Jenny Groome, Lauren Hall, Marna Morland (Chair), Patricia Siska, and Connie Williams.

I. Welcome and Introductions.

II. Approval of the GIC Minutes from ALA Annual Virtual Meeting, held Monday June 29th

- Jenny Groome moved that the minutes be accepted, and the motion was seconded by Connie Williams. All were in favor.

III. July 22 Steering Committee Meeting Report by Marna Morland

- GODORT Steering Committee - There will be recurring Steering Committee meetings every 1st Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. (CST), beginning in September.
- GODORT's 50th Anniversary – The celebration will be held at ALA Annual in Washington, D.C., June 23-28. 150-200 attendees are expected. The last in-person summer meeting had 70 attendees. The 50th Anniversary Committee is exploring venues and catering options. If any members have ideas about a good location to hold the celebration in D.C., contact Robbie Sittel. Jenny Groome informed us that Susanne Caro is looking for early documents for the 50th Anniversary.
- GODORT Web Directory - It was decided to remove email addresses from the GODORT Web Directory because of spam emails, so members need to search the web for members' emails.
- GODORT Friday Chats – Chats will occur twice a month beginning in September. If anyone can suggest themes or ideas, let Robbie Sittel know.

IV. Constitution Day Poster Contest

- We will be promoting the contest during the 2021/2022 school year.

- The question was asked if there can be a Digital Poster submission in the future. Connie Williams contacted the couple who sponsor the contest, and they do not have the capabilities for electronic submissions at the present time. We are unsure if they will be willing to accept print copies of digitally created artwork for a new category of submissions. We can discuss this with them in the future. They may not have the resources for additional prizes for a new category. Perhaps other co-sponsoring organizations (GPO?) can help supply additional prizes for another entry category.
- On the forms there is no statement that the entries are original works by the entrants. In the future perhaps that can be added to the entry forms.
- Connie Williams contacted the sponsors to let them know that the web address for GIC is incorrect on the Entry Form (it is an older address). They will fix that.
- Jenny Groome suggested the timing of the Poster Contest is not good for teachers because of a hectic beginning of the school year. We could reach out to teachers/librarians in the spring semester for the following year's Constitution Day Contest. Our goal should be to reach out before July.
- Committee members will separately promote the Constitution Day Contest via online groups for teachers, art teachers, and librarians. Examples: Marna will contact the Texas Association of School Librarians (@TxASL) and the TAEA (Texas Art Education Association) Facebook group. Connie will contact LM_NET, the listserv for school librarians. Jenny Groome will contact Goodnight Moon, a listserv for anyone involved with children's services in Connecticut libraries.

V. GIC LibGuide

- Marna Morland inquired if everyone had access to the LibGuide (sign on and password).
- We need to promote the LibGuide.
- Maintenance: We should volunteer to maintain sections. There is a problem with working on pages with different "owners". Some assets cannot be updated. We can use the link checker to find broken links. Jenny Groome suggested not to delete links that are not working. Look for a notice that the link is used in other guides.
- Improvements: The "A place to start" section needs to be moved to the top of the guide, and we need to move the "About the Committee" section somewhere lower. We still need to add resources to the Just for Kids and Just for Teens guides, and possibly add a guide for high school legal studies. Joel Fishman, Law Librarian at Duquesne University, fishman@duq.edu, will help us find resources if we want to add a law guide. It is suggested that one improvement to make is adding images to the guide. The separate "Florida" guide needs to be moved to the list of other states A-Z.

- We need to have Administrator(s) for our LibGuide. Possible Administrators are Jenny, Connie, and/or Jennifer. Marna will check with Robbie to get one or two administrators for our guide.

VI. Other Business

- How often to meet the year? Last year it was quarterly (July, Nov., Jan., June). It was decided to continue to meet quarterly, and to use email for discussions between meetings. We will try to get our group added to ALA Connect as a GODORT subgroup. Our committee is currently missing from the list of committees in Connect. The advantage to using Connect is that the chat history will be in one place.
- Jennifer Castle is the incoming editor of *Documents to the People*. She suggested we could write an article about government resources for children.

VII. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 11:04.