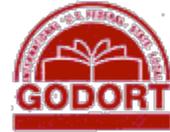


**American Library Association
Government Documents Round Table**

Government Information Technology Committee (GITCO)



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Sunday June 16, 2002, 2:00pm-5:30pm
Sheraton, Georgia VII, Atlanta, GA
Eric Forte, Chair

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting started with welcome and introductions. There were a few minor changes to the distributed agenda - the report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Digitization and discussion of the Census Toolbox (2 old business items) were moved to the beginning of the meeting. This was approved.

2. GITCO's Digitization Program for Toronto - status/planning - Cathy Hartman and GITCO.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Digitization of Government Information has finished its work and submitted its final report. Since the committee has completed its charge, the group has been disbanded. A recommendation of the Committee on Digitization of Government Information was to increase GITCO membership by 5 members and make digitization a subcommittee of GITCO. This was recommended to the Steering Committee so the subcommittee can carry on the work of the Ad Hoc Committee of Government Information. Based on the Report on Digitization of Government Information it was recommended that, GITCO shall have a subcommittee, the GITCO Subcommittee on Digital Imaging (GITCO SDI). A GITCO member designated by the GITCO chair will chair the GITCO SDI, and an additional 4 persons will be appointed by the GITCO Chair to serve on the subcommittee. Subcommittee membership does not require conference attendance and may offer flexibility with appointments. The SDI Chair would serve as a full member of GITCO and report SDI activities at GITCO meetings. Authority for this is outlined in Article X of the GODORT bylaws. GITCO SDI activities will include those outlined on pages 7-9 of the Ad Hoc Committee on Digitization of Government Information's Digitization of Government Information Report.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Digitization of Government Information was asked to do a pre-conference in Toronto. Cathy Hartman asked for ideas on working on getting the program together. When the SDI subcommittee is formed, it will help with putting together this pre-conference. Information from the Ad Hoc Committee's web pages will be given a permanent home on GITCO's web-site. Cathy Hartman and Suzanne Holcombe volunteered to help out with the SDI subcommittee.

Cathy Hartman talked about putting together the program for the Toronto pre-conference on digitization. Cathy distributed a draft agenda and stated that she has started to build a

list of possible speakers but also wants suggestions for speakers. The draft agenda was discussed and it was suggested that with all of the material that will be covered, that the pre-conference should be 1.5 days rather than a day. Seemed like a lot to go over in a day. There were no additional comments on the draft agenda. Another suggestion was to compile a list of appropriate vendors and look into the possibility of having them do presentations at the pre-conference or be sponsors (or both). Cathy will gather names of vendors and people involved with/knowledgeable about digitization. If you know of anyone, please send information to her for possible speakers/sponsors.

We need an off-site space in Toronto. Program planning must be completed by September or October. If you know of anyone who can provide assistance with providing and off-site space, please let Cathy know.

GITCO will need a chair for GITCO SDI subcommittee, some members of the subcommittee will be non-GITCO member.

3. Megan Dreger and Amy West will be the incoming GITCO chairs.

4. Census Toolbox - Hui Hua Chua and Amy West

A lot of work on the Census Toolbox has been completed and the toolbox is now on the GITCO web-page (sunsite.berkeley.edu/GODORT/gitco/gdtoolkitindex.html). The toolbox is a collection of Census 2000 information, resources and instructional materials. The toolbox continues to be a work in progress. People from GITCO can comment and make suggestions for additions/changes to the toolbox. It was agreed that there needs to be contact information listed on the Census Toolbox web-page so people can make suggestions. The toolbox will be announced on GOVDOC-L. Hui Hua will continue to maintain the Census Toolbox.

4. Reports from Task Force Representatives on matters of interest to GITCO < FDTF report from Eric Forte (Aimee Quinn was unable to come to the meeting). FDTF was working on revitalizing the Agency Liaison program. They have stopped working on this and the Digital Documents Working Group (a Depository Library Council Committee) is working on something similar. Reported on the activities of the FDTF Task Force on permanent public access to government information.

IDTF Report from Eric Forte. IDTF is working on creating a database of Sub-Saharan Africa IGO's and NGO's. Carolyn Kohler will be the new IDTF representative.

SLDTF Report from Rich Gause. The State and Local Documents Toolbox should go live soon. SLDTF is gathering information on different state documents classification systems. SLDTF is also trying to ID all of the various GODORT toolboxes that exist.

5. Old Business

GITCO website has a new home <<http://sunsite.Berkeley.edu/GODORT/gitco>>.

DTTP TechWatch column: Megan Dreger reported that she has a list of suggestions for future columns but could use more ideas. Still have not heard if GITCO can put TechWatch

columns on the GITCO web-site. If anyone is interested in writing a column, let her know.

Web page template has been reviewed and updated with some additions.

CD-ROM documentation project: Carolyn Kohler reported that Ann Liebst has resigned from the project. Right now it is just Carolyn and Aaron. 66 new records have been added and 800 records have been updated since midwinter. There have been 1866 hits since midwinter. A new page will be going up listing the contributors to the CD-ROM Documentation Project.

FirstGov update: John Hernandez reported that the new FirstGov interface has been up since February. The new interface is more service oriented. FirstGov has finished its search for a new search engine provider and has awarded the contract to FAST. The FAST search engine went active June 3. Supposedly the search engine is capable of searching government information databases - John has not had a chance to test this.

E-Competencies Toolbox: Amy West is working on it and will continue to update it. The toolbox is on the GITCO page.

6. New Business:

Cindi Wolff reminded GITCO of the Business Meeting on Monday afternoon. Will distributed Principles for the Networked World brochure and handout on Information Literacy. Cindi suggested an idea for a program or project. Since many of the US government agency web-sites are contracted out maybe GITCO could have a project of keeping track of who maintains these pages.

There was no other new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50pm.

Wendy Mann, Secretary

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