Government Information Technology Committee (GITCO) Meeting Agenda
6/25/2006 Sunday 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm SHER Borgne

I. Welcome and Introductions – James R. Jacobs, GITCO Chair

Attending: Grace York, Catherine Morse, George Barnum, Kate Zwaard, Mary Horton, Sara Striner, Richard Yarnall, Kevin McClure, Lora Amsberryaugier, Georgia Charwick, Patricia Kenly, Louis Takaos, Beth Rowe, Valerie Glenn, James Jacobs, Brett Cloyd, Susan Jane Golding, Kathy Piselli, Hui Hua Chua, Jennie Gerke, Grace-Ellen McCrann, Jian Anna Xiong, Bruce Samuelson, Niki Hume, Vickey Baggott, Will Wheeler. (26 total)

II. Approval of Agenda. Agenda approved.

III. Approval of Minutes, Mid-winter, 2006. Approved on the GITCO listserv before ALA and will be put up on the GITCO site.

IV. Announcements

Awards ceremony tonight (Sunday). Mass transit information given.

V. Liaison Reports

    1) Federal Documents Taskforce – Kevin McClure

    GPO budget discussed. Spring '07 Depository Library Council meeting announced.

    2) International Documents Taskforce – Brett Cloyd

    Preconference for Annual '07 in Washington D.C. entitled "It's a small world after all" regarding international documents in a globalized world. It will be held at the World Bank on Thursday from 8am – 4:30.

    UN is planning on digitizing EVERY document and making it freely available through ODS. A joint working group with Rare and Endangered Documents Taskforce (which was originally called "Rare and Valued govt documents"!). IDTF is also beginning work on a directory for intl documents as a way to reach out to a wider community.

    3) State & Local Documents Taskforce - Jennie Gerke

    Working groups set up to create content and reach out to other working groups and units within ALA.

VI. Old Business/Updates

    1) IASSIST update -- Catherine Morse

    Themes: statistical literacy, educating data librarians. There was also a speech on Open Access by Jeffrey Bullington (U. of Kansas)

    2) Akamai platform evaluation. There were some technical difficulties faced by GITCO members. GPO will send information to James Jacobs, who will post to the GITCO listserv and forward to Steering.

    3) Web Manager report

Sunsite is now closed. Almost all content has now been migrated to the ALA CMS. All GITCO files were saved and given to Vicki Tate, the GODORT Archivist. ALA will be moving to a new CMS in October. All are encouraged to check out the GITCO website and report bad links etc… The Web managers will be looking into blog/wiki/online community tools as there has been talk about using them in several committee meetings.

VII. New Business/Program

1) George Barnum & Kate Villano Zwaard (GPO), Presentation of the Future Digital System and Q&A regarding phases 2 and 3 of the FDsys. Related documents (at http://www.gpo.gov/projects/fdsys.htm):

GPO appreciates all feedback. George stressed that FDSys is NOT a new GPO access and is NOT the new ILS, but is an integrated system across all GPO functions. Planning is moving along. A master integrator RFP was released on 4/4/06with a "Best and final offer" phase (contract negotiations) set for the end of July. The MI will be chosen based on "best value for the govt." George stressed that this did not mean "low bid" but the system that best meets their needs. Price is a ranking factor, but not the only one.

Questions/comments: Managing administrative accounts was discussed. Flexibility was stressed for the new system.

The GITCO chair stressed the need for open source software and open data formats. GPO noted that the requirements for FDSys (which are currently running at 1700!) stress this as well. The chair also noted that this is extremely important because software developers have a habit of cannibalizing other software that is not necessarily GPL and so may include parts of the code that are proprietary without GPO's knowledge. GPO is aware that "open standards" can be somewhat undefined and will be vigilant about stressing this need to the software developers.

There was also a question about preservation. GPO knows that there is no one strategy for preservation and so will be building into the system the ability to do migration, emulation and bit refreshment.

Web services was also discussed. A member mentioned that web services are becoming more popular and important to end users, so FDSys needs to have the ability to allow users to use their API to remix govt information with other services. GPO acknowledged this and will build this into their scenarios in the future. Barnum mentioned that GPO has begun to think about what hybrid documents will look like and stressed the need for authenticity of govt information.

2) Introduction to LOCKSS – Patricia Kenly, GA Institute of Technology and Dave Bretthauer, University of Connecticut.

Dave manages the LOCKSS cache for UConn. He stressed that the minimum technical requirements are quite low. Most library IT departments should have the technical know-how to run LOCKSS. It only takes 10 minutes to set up the system. The OS (OpenBSD) is the most secure OS.

Patricia talked about the LOCKSS pilot project. 10 journals were selected. Analysis will be completed by August, 2006.

Both Patricia and Dave mentioned the ease of LOCKSS. Dave also said that the fee for alliance membership ($10,000) was a very small part of their overall e-resources budget of $3 million and was well worth the cost to test this important preservation system.

VIII. Reports from ad hoc committees

1) Summary of GITCO Projects & Programs since 2000– Brett Cloyd and Hui Hua Chua

This report will be put up on the GITCO site.

2) Outreach document prepared by Victoria Packard, Grace York, Vicky Baggott

GITCO members will begin looking more at the organizations/blogs/journals etc listed in the report's appendix and will begin posting interesting news items to the GITCO listserv. When the GODORT blog is in place, committee members will begin blogging in order to update GODORT and the wider community of important issues. Recommendations #2 and #5 will be brought to steering for wider GODORT discussion.

IX. Many thanks to those rotating-off the committee for their work!! Thanks to Brett Cloyd, Kevin McClure, Mark Phillips, Grace York, Mary Horton, Hui Hua Chua, and James Jacobs!! Also, welcome to Valerie Glenn, the incoming GITCO chair.

X. Adjourn 3:40pm

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