Government Information Technology Committee (GITCO)
2007 Midwinter conference
January 21, 2007, 1:30 – 3:30

Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions

Attending: Valerie Glenn (chair), John Hernandez, Girija Venkat (M), Monique Andrews (M), Justin Otto, Jennie Gerke (M), Joe Salem (M), Newkirk Barnes, Victoria Packard (M), David Oldenkamp, Brett Cloyd, Samantha Hager (M), Ric Davis, Robin Haun-Mohammed, Lora Ausberryaugier (M), George Barnum, Laurie Hall, Michele Reilly, Cathy Jervey, Niki Hume, Susan Golding (M), Mary Horton, David Maack, James Jacobs (M), Amy West, Chieko Maene, Aimee Quinn, Grace York (M), John Stevenson

Call to order at 1:35 pm

2. Selection of Secretary

Victoria Lynn Packard (Texas A&M University-Kingsville)

3. Agenda Approved

4. Minutes from 2006 Annual Conference approved.

5. Liaison Reports

a. Federal Documents Task Force – Grace York

- FDTF and GITCO are developing a joint preconference proposal on election information for the 2008 ALA.
- Committee concerns include communication and reviving the liaison program.
- FDTF's original web page disappeared in the transition from the Berkeley to ALA server so a briefer substitute was mounted. FDTF would like to revitalize its new web page with additional material.
- GPO invited about 20 people to view the results of its trial digitization project. The Abbyy character recognition software was 99% accurate. GPO will start digitizing the main legal and Congressional material first. Microfiche will be delayed, and maps may be digitized in conjunction with USGS. The search software will be improved.

b. International Documents Task Force – Lora Amsberryaugier

- There will be a pre-conference about International Documents and Coming of Age at the Annual conference in Washington, DC.
- There is a tentative online project for a database for International Documents. It may become a Wiki not a database – still under discussion.
- Volunteers are needed for IDTF liaison. Contact SBWhite@princeton.edu
- Amy West will be the webmaster during the migration of the IDTF site to the ALA CMS.
- David Oldenkamp has created a search engine with Google for IDTF. The link is on the IDTF section of the wiki.

c. State & Local Documents Task Force – Jennie Gerke

- The committee is sending out a survey to libraries.
- The 50 State Blue Book site is now on a Wiki. The url is
  http://wwwapp.bradley.edu/library_reference/index.php/State_Blue_Books
- The Cataloging Committee is interested in the state series authority and how states are handling this.

6. Old Business/Updates a. CD-ROM Documentation Database – Brett Cloyd

- People are having problems with CD's and how to link and access.

b. CD-ROM Migration Project – Valerie Glenn for Julie Linden

- They are looking for someone to wiki-fy the proposed workflow for migrating data. The committee agreed to host that document on the GITCO section of the GODORT wiki.
- Geoffrey Brown (computer science professor at IU) is beginning to build the collection of CDs to be 'virtualized.' He is working with Amy West to fill in gaps, and with Brett Cloyd to link the CDs to the CD Documentation Project records
- Robin Haun-Mohammed and/or Laurie Hall will see if they can identify all CDs GPO distributed prior to 1979
- GPO is testing migration and emulation against the standards
- Several examples were given of CD 'trouble':
    - Grace York has trouble extracting data from the 80's and 90's especially for census down to the block level
    - Amy West has trouble with early FBI data, especially reading the extract on XP
    - Many IT depts do not allow direct installation on public machines, so that it is more difficult to use the CDs.

c. Web Manager Update – James Jacobs

- They have migrated from Sunsite
- The last reports from GITCO are up
- The Wiki is now up
- Anything you want to work with other groups we can put it up on the Wiki.
- You can post anonymously or make up a name to post to the Wiki
- You do not need an okay to put up a Wiki
- Every page has a "talk" page
- You can preview when you create or update prior to posting.

d. Digital Projects Clearinghouse – Valerie Glenn

- GPO will take over the federal part of the digital clearinghouse. It will be only for Federal information. The committee agreed to cease updating the clearinghouse at the Illinois Institute of Technology and to transfer information about the non-federal projects to the GODORT wiki. Valerie will contact the folks at IIT to inform them of the decision.

7. New Business a. Update on FDSys – George Barnum

- Master Integrator, Harris Corp is very aggressive about staying on timeline.

- A beta release (1b) should be available for testing by select customers this summer. GITCO members could be a part of this test group.
- Current funding for FdSys has been provided – additions or the next step will need more funding. They report to the Joint Committee on Printing in the Senate Rules & House Comm.
- They are getting good feedback from library communities and federal agencies

Pre-Conference – John Hernandez

- Title (working) "Focusing the Picture: Political Data your Patrons Will Want" – political data and 2008
- Audience is for all libraries, but mainly Public and Academic
- Will educate attendees how to locate and use the data
- An all day pre-conference with 5 components
    - AM – Info to understand the candidates
    - AM – Info referendum & ballots
    - PM – Info about voters (demographics)
    - PM – Info on election results (national, state & local)
    - PM – Wrap-up – Focus on the big picture
- They plan to have a booklet with pathfinders, etc. to take home
- Potential revenue – sell later

b. Discussion of GITCO Mission & Scope

- Need more discussion with our bylaws/PPM to see if they follow the direction we are going.
- The GITCO outreach report submitted last April suggested several activities that GITCO could pursue, and additional roles it could fill within GODORT, such as serving as GODORT's 'home for statistical data". The committee offered several other suggestions:
    - We need to provide more feedback to GPO on digital issues
    - work with the Census dept to provide input and advise government agencies
    - GITCO could identify emerging technologies for use in GODORT and/or in government information activities
- GITCO needs to look at #2 & #5 of the Ad Hoc committee report and have more discussion to see the direction GITCO needs to develop. The report will be put up on the Wiki.
- The discussion of the scope and mission will continue on the wiki, by using the 'talk' feature.

8. Adjourned at 3:45 pm