DRAFT minutes from this meeting

From GODORT

Government Information Technology Committee, midwinter 2009

Summary

(Gretchen Gano) The committee hosted a briefing and online demonstration by representatives of the Government Printing Office on the public beta of the Federal Digital System. The committee discussed the status of the online e-competencies toolkit and the feasibility of forming GITCO subgroup to address numeric data issues. The group suspended action on old business to address a new business proposal to reexamine the role of GITCO within GODORT as a whole with the intent to provide recommendations to the GODORT strategic planning committee relating to access, provision and distribution of electronic government information. Towards this, GITCO will hold three virtual forums between now and annual 2009 with committee members and open to others, to focus on emerging issues for 1) users of electronic government information 2) advocacy for electronic government information and 3) an internally focused discussion about committee structure. Themes identified during these forums can form the basis for recommendations from GITCO to GODORT strategic planning on how GITCO issues can be represented in the organization as a whole, potentially redefining the future role of the committee. This report will be compiled at ALA Annual 2009, pending consultation about the timeline of the strategic planning process.

Detailed Notes (DRAFT)

25 Jan 09, 1:30 PM – Colorado Convention Center Korbel Ballroom 4A

Attendees: see signup sheet

Chair: G. Gano

Note: Supporting materials for meeting are available on the GITCO wiki

Themes for business items: 1. GITCO should examine its charge and the scope of its business with respect to GODORT. 2. GITCO should follow the call for a return to outreach, both to ALA and the outside community.

The agenda and the minutes from last meeting (ALA Annual 2008) were approved.

Tom Moritz, Director of Public Programs at the Internet Archive, spoke about IA's services and advocacy, including the scanning operations at Library of Congress.

There is a Gov Docs 2.0 wiki available through the GITCO wiki. (Rebecca Blakeley)

Lisa LaPlant from GPO gave a live demonstration of current functionality in the public beta of FDSys. According to her briefing, this first release is the foundational infrastructure, with features that will eventually replace GPO Access (but not until all content is migrated). Future releases will include access and sharing enhancements (RSS/API, etc.). 8 collections are included, including 2 that are digitally signed. More than half of the pre-release beta testers returned comments. Comments from all users are welcome and appreciated - email pmo@gpo.gov or provide feedback in person.

SLDTF report (Hager): Web harvesting helps to locate NGO publications at the state/local level. A digital state government publication project will be undertaken by SLDTF and REGP. FDTF report: none IDTF report (Laster): Discussion of digital collection needs for international NGO documents – libraries lack in-house infrastructure.

E-competencies toolkit wiki (Amsberryaugier & Hager): Materials have been moved onto wiki, cleaned up, and edited by volunteers. The information is divided into Legacy, Current, and Emerging: more work is needed on the Emerging section. A screencap is available of the older version.

Numeric data issues subgroup (Gano): The white paper looked inside and outside ALA for groups already addressing numeric data to see if there is a role for GITCO. GITCO is well-positioned to advocate for content and liaise with other groups and organizations. The question at hand is how this fits in with the strategic plan – should there be a standing subcommittee, or should issues be addressed as individual projects? Suggestion were made for contacts at specific groups mentioned in the white paper.

GITCO charge: GITCO will re-examine its charge with respect to GODORT strategic planning in order to maintain GITCO's relevancy to GODORT's work. GITCO will hold three open virtual chat meetings for GITCO to brainstorm about topics (March, April, May). These meetings will be advertised on a wide array of forums, including GODORT-l, govdoc-l, FGI, IA, and archived for future reference.

Other items: Data competencies should be in e-toolkit (Amsberryaugier). Reminder that bylaws should be changed if GITCO charge changes (Rowe). Blakeley will address Emerging competencies on wiki.

Notes submitted by S. Laster, 26 Jan 09.

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