

**GODORT Rare and Endangered Government Publications Minutes**  
**ALA Annual Conference, Washington, DC**  
**Saturday, June 28, 1998 2-4 p.m.**

Following introductions, it was announced that Bill Sleeman would be the upcoming Chair of the Committee. Donna Koepp, Chair, asked all committee members present to check back with their home section or round table to make sure they were reappointed if necessary, or new appointments were made if necessary for the coming year.

It was noted that there has been no LITA representative for the last few years, and it was decided that we should change our committee membership to exclude representatives from LITA, but ask for a liaison from GITCO. It was felt that this would be more in line with the issues this committee has been dealing with.

The upcoming program on Monday, "Preserving our Nation's Heritage, How Do We Protect Our Rare and Endangered Government Publications," was announced and the order in which the presentations would be made was discussed.

George Barnum reported on his plan for the revision of the *Rare and Valuable Government Documents: a Resource Packet on Identification, Preservation, and Security Issues for Government Documents Collections*, published by the forerunner of this committee in 1993. He hopes to have a revised bibliography by the end of the summer, and will have more to announce at MidWinter. Ann Miller will assist with a literature search. The revised edition will be on our web site.

The *Serial Set* was discussed, with Bill Sleeman highlighting some of the very interesting and surprising results that came out in the survey. It was decided that we would move ahead with our efforts of trying to identify what combination of institutions would have a complete set of the Serial Set, by asking Regionals and certain other selected libraries to do more work to identify specific volumes.

Jane Gillis explained that there was a Security Officers listserv that was a closed list that dealt with thefts, and potentially at-risk materials, and announcing when thieves are released from jail. She suggested that we should have a liaison to that list, so that someone would post appropriate message to GOVDOC-L. We will follow up on her suggestion to be sure that someone is designated to do that.

Ann Miller will set up a Rare and Endangered Government Documents Committee web site at Duke University this fall, sometime after October.

It was suggested that we should perhaps have a liaison between the group dealing with pre-1976 cataloging and our Committee. That is separate from the GODORT Cataloging Committee. No decision was made. Jane Gillis noted that the National Antiquarian Society has complete holdings of federal and state government documents up to 1876, and that they are working on cataloging this material.

The meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.