

**GODORT Rare and Endangered Government Publications Minutes
ALA Midwinter Conference, Philadelphia, PA
Sunday, Jan. 31, 1999
Best Western Center City - Midtown**

In attendance: Bill Sleeman, Chair; Michael Levine-Clark, David Larkin, Ann Miller, Roberta Palen, Kathleen Jones, Jane Gillis, George Barnum, Donna Koepp, Barbara R. Campbell, Julia Wallace, August Imholtz, Yvonne Wilson, Winston Atkins.

Called to order at 2:10pm.

Introductions.

Ask for a volunteer to serve as Recorder for the meeting. Barbara Ruth Campbell Volunteered (thanks Barbara).

First order of business was to review and accept the minutes from the Committee's last meeting at Annual in Washington DC. Minutes were approved.

Under Old Business - Bill Sleeman and August Imholtz reviewed the status of the Committee's Serial Set Survey. An article authored by Sleeman, Imholtz and Bill Wears will appear in the March 1999 issue of DTTP. August Imholtz discussed his work with Virginia Saunders of GPO to produce a list of unused Serial Set numbers which was produced in GPO's Technical Supplement. Imholtz concluded by explaining that he was also working on an additional article that would review the content of his presentation at ALA Annual in 1998 and explore several other publishing discrepancies in the Serial Set and the American State Papers.

George Barnum review the status of his work on revising the RBMS/GODORT packet of articles and bibliography on preservation of government documents. He and Ann Miller have added portions of the bibliography to the Committee's website. Barnum indicated that he would look at "tightening up" some of the topical divisions and urged Committee members to submit suggestions for articles to be added and corrections to be made. Barnum explained that he had two further suggestions for responding to the Committee's plan: 1) develop an annotated list of preservation internet sites that would be geared towards Documents Librarians and 2) examine the articles included in the original packet to see if the items (or articles of similar content) were available on the Internet. If not, proceed with acquiring copyright as needed and scanning the articles to be included on the REGP website. Sleeman and David Larkin agreed to work with Barnum on part 2.

Barbara Campbell indicated during the discussion that she was working on an article that was similar in nature and wondered if the Committee would be interested in sponsoring it? Campbell was advised to raised this under New Business.

Ann Miller discussed the development of an internet site for the Committee. Miller provided photocopies of the site as it has been developed so far. Discussed adding the minutes of past meetings to the internet site [Bill Sleeman will provide copies]. Miller also proposed adding

links for past members of the Committee, many of whom are still very interested in the issue of preserving unique and rare government publications. Jane Gillis raise a question regarding continuity of the site content with changing membership on the Committee. Miller explained how GODORT had appointed a single individual to serve a three year term as Web Administrator and that it was hoped this person, and subsequent appointees, would address this concern. Miller indicated that she hoped to have the site up and running "live" by Annual (dependant upon approval of her campus technology staff). The Committee agreed with Miller's plan for proceeding with the website.

Bill Sleeman discussed the proposal from last Annual meeting to exchange the LITA representative for a representative from GITCO. This issue had been discussed with Linda Kopecky, Chair of GODORT Bylaws Committee during the first Steering Committee on Friday, 1/29. Kopecky (who was not present at the REGP Committee) reported back via Ann Miller that Bylaws did not think the change was necessary and urged REGP to keep the current Committee structure in place. Instead it was suggested that the Committee invite a member of GITCO to attend. Sleeman proposed that REGP follow the recommendation of the Bylaws Committee, to which the Rare and Endangered Government Publications Committee agreed. Sleeman will invite GITCO to attend our meeting at Annual in New Orleans if there is no time conflict.

Before moving to New Business Donna Koepf reminded the Committee that we had discussed the possibility of developing lines of communication with the rare book community to share information on stolen materials and book thieves. Jane Gillis agreed to look into this and report back to the Committee via e-mail.

Under New Business the Committee discussed whether or not to proceed with earlier plans to develop a "National Newspaper" like project for the Serial Set. After discussion of various approaches to such a project it was agreed to establish a smaller working group [Koepf, Imholtz Sleeman, Michael Levine-Clark and Julia Wallace} to try and develop a more focused plan for such an effort.

The Committee discussed possible outreach efforts to keep the issue of preserving rare documents in front of the library community. Miller asked if there might be something that could be done on international documents; The League of Nation's digitization project at Northwestern was offered as an example. Other possibilities suggested included a program at FDLC and perhaps a future joint program on State and Local Documents. Yvonne Wilson, representing State and Local Documents thought that they might be interested in such a program. Jane Gillis proposed including staff of the American Antiquarian Society and offered to communicate with them if REGP pursued that idea. Sleeman will follow up with Wilson via e-mail to explore the idea further.

Sleeman asked the Committee for its view on developing resolutions for GODORT and ALA on issues of concern to the Committee. It was agreed that this was an appropriate course of action for the Committee.

Barbara Ruth Campbell shared with the Committee a copy of her project and it was agreed that she should continue to develop her project. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 (with plenty of time for the Super Bowl).

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Sleeman