

**GODORT Rare and Endangered Government Publications Minutes
ALA Midwinter Conference, Philadelphia, PA
January 26, 2003
Sheraton-Society Hill, Ballroom A & B**

Present: John Phillips (Chair), David Utz, Yvonne Wilson, Timothy Skeers, Elizabeth Robinson, Lynne Stuart, Joe Furlong, Andrew Lans, David Allen, Marilyn Von Seggern, Mark Phillips, Cindi Wolff, Bert Chapman, Winston Atkins, August Imholtz, Kathleen Gaul, David Griffiths, Jackie Druery, Jane Gillis, Anna Korhonen, Catherine Jervey, Margaret Renton

Meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. This was followed by introductions.

The agenda was adopted and the minutes of the Annual 2002 meeting were approved.

There was a short background given about the Serial Set Inventory. Donna Koepp was not able to attend but had sent a message indicating that the site had been moved from the University of Kansas to Harvard. The URL for this site will be posted on the committee's homepage and sent to the members of the committee. August Imholtz mentioned that Donna has a number of inventories that will be added to the site now that the new URL has been established.

David Utz asked the status of August Imholtz's previous project dealing with documents missing from the *American State Papers*. August explained to those present what he had been able to find and that he would continue working on this project. David reminded August that he might be in possession of one of these documents.

The NewsBank/Readex project to produce a digital *U. S. Congressional Serial Set* was discussed by August Imholtz. The first part of this project will cover from the 15th-35th Congress (1817-1859). The first 1021 volumes will be included. These contain 33,700 titles that cover 914,000 pages. There will be digital images of each page with OCR text imbedded and Metadata will be created for each title. Black and white images will be available of each page and the color maps will be added by using those in the collections of the Library of Congress. An advisory board has been established and August will be its Secretary. He explained the reasons why this set will be digitized. He gave examples of things that can be found by keyword searching that were not mentioned in previous indexes. A demonstration product will be available by March 2003. A few comments were made about the importance of this project as well as one concern that once this is done the libraries that purchase the digital set need to notify the rest of the depository world if they plan to discard their original Serial Set volumes. As members of LexisNexis were present, they were asked if they would like to mention anything about their digitization project of the same set. They mentioned that they have had some focus groups looking at their idea for the project and that interested libraries should contact Diane Smith.

The idea for a future Serial Set pre-conference was mentioned and two members of the audience mentioned they would be interested in being speakers as well as working on the planning of the conference. An idea for a basic how-to preservation conference program was also mentioned. The idea for this program was to give libraries an idea of what they could do to handle the older publications in their collection that were fragile. Those present from PARS and RBMS would let

their respective sections know of the need of this type of program.GODORT could co-sponsor such a meeting.

Reports from Task Force Representatives and Liaisons:

Timothy Skeers from SLDTF mentioned that NAL is looking for libraries to help them locate fugitive state agricultural documents. He also mentioned that the Center for Research Libraries is working on the older documents in their states collection and that they have completed weeding duplicates from Alabama through North Carolina.The pre-conference on digitization was also discussed at their meeting.

Jackie Druery from IDTF mentioned that Norman Ross was there to talk about projects that he will continue producing under ProQuest.He will still have a company that will continue publishing the reprints of Census products.Jackie mentioned that CRL is also working on their foreign and international collections and weeding those collections as needed.

Cindi Wolff from FDTF mentioned that the new Public Printer at GPO would be at the FDTF business meeting.

Jane Gillis from RBMS mentioned there was a lot of discussion about digitization of rare books, how it should be done and what cataloging will be done for these publications.

Winston Atkins from PARS mentioned there was a concern expressed over how the various digitization projects over the United States will be pulled together to show what has been done, will there be guidelines set up for repository libraries and what will happen if a library decides to no longer host a digital site.

David Allen from MAGERT mentioned that USGS has a "Product Warehouse" in which they have digitized many of the standard USGS sets.Unfortunately the maps in those publications are not part of the project.He also mentioned that Stony Brook University is working on digitizing pre-1950 soil survey maps.

Old Business:

John Phillips reported that the REGP's website has been updated, moved to the SunSite server and old minutes have been added. A corrected list of members will be added after this conference.Mark Phillips will be the Webmaster and will be an ex-officio member of the committee.

New Business:

John Phillips mentioned a new article written by Bill Sleeman that dealt with the digitization and preservation of rare publications.

A letter has been received from the library school at the University of North Texas asking that REGP compile a list of 10 documents that could be used as one of their requirements in their

capstone class as well as being used as a training tool for text encoding projects. The idea of this list would be to select useful Federal documents that would not be normal candidates for larger digitization efforts.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. Those interested in attending a tour of the Free Library of Philadelphia left with David Utz.

Minutes submitted by John Phillips, Chair-REGP