

**GODORT Rare and Endangered Government Publications Committee
2005 ALA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL
Hyatt Regency Chicago, Columbus Hall K/L, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
June 26, 2005**

David Utz, Chair
John Phillips, Secretary

Present: Committee Members: David Utz, Chair, August Imholtz, Geoff Swindells, Anna Korhonen, Timothy Skeers, Aimee Quinn, Jane Gillis, Charles Malone, Mark Phillips, Jian Anna Xiong, Stephen Sexton; Non-Members: Charles Pennell, John B. Phillips, Bill Kenz, Kris Kasianovitz, Yvonne Wilson, Carol Wheeler, Bert Chapman, Bill Sudduth, George Barnum, Gil Baldwin, Andrew Laas, Julia Wallace, Steve Daniel, Jackie Druery, Rebecca Hyde, Judy Russell, Jim Walsh, Kathleen Gaul, James Jacobs

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 9:37 a.m. This was followed by introductions. John Phillips agreed to take minutes, for which the Chair thanks him.

After the Chair determined that sufficient Committee members were present to constitute a quorum, the agenda was adopted, and the minutes of the 2005 Midwinter meeting were approved.

Report of the Chair:

The Chair reported on activities since the 2005 Midwinter meeting:

1. On May 31, 2005, the Chair of GODORT sent a letter to the Superintendent of Documents expressing support for the U.S. Government Printing Office's plan to establish and maintain a national clearinghouse for federal documents digitization projects, including those which preserve Federal documents published in the period 1932-1962.
2. David worked with Aimee Quinn to try and secure appointments of PARS liaisons to REGP. As a result of their efforts, Winston Atkins will again become active in one position, and Patricia Selinger, PARS Past-Chair, informed David that PARS would be appointing a second representative to work with the REGP Committee.
3. Following the appointment at the Midwinter meeting of Jane Gillis, August Imholtz, Anna Korhonen, and Anna Xiong to review the results of GPO's "Digitization Ranking Survey" and nominate materials for initial digitization activities, each of these individuals compiled a list of those twenty titles which each felt should have priority for digitization, and, of these, which would be most suitable for initial digitization. These lists were communicated to Robin Haun-Mohamed at GPO. Aimee Quinn suggested that these lists also be sent to the other members of REGP and posted on REGP's website. David agreed to forward this material to Aimee, who will aggregate it for posting and dissemination.
4. David served as a member of GITCO's taskforce for the GODORT digital projects database. Although GODORT had approved, at its 2004 Annual meeting, the transfer of the database to GPO, legal difficulties prevented the completion of this process, and GPO

will establish and maintain its own database. GODORT will continue to maintain its database, especially for projects to digitize non-Federal (state, local, and international) documents, which will not be included in GPO's database. Julie Wallace expressed a concern that the database be maintained.

5. An REGP-sponsored tour of the Newberry Library took place on Friday afternoon, June 24, with thirteen attendees. A tour of the Library's Reference Department and Reading Room was followed by a visit to the Special Collections Department, where a selection of 17th-19th century government documents were introduced and circulated among the tour participants. A number of individuals reported on what they had found particularly interesting. David will request the Chair of GODORT to send a letter of thanks to the Newberry Library. Other potential tour venues will be investigated for the 2006 Midwinter and Annual meetings.

Reports from Liaisons:

The FDTF liaison did not make a report.

The SLDTF liaison, Tim Skeers, described presentations at the SLDTF meeting concerning Illinois state electronic publications (Illinois State Library), cooperative cataloging of state extension publications (National Agricultural Library), and the history and current status of the Chicago Public Library's collection of Chicago municipal documents. Paul Arrigo, SLDTF Coordinator-elect, explained his new initiative to begin a series of electronic publications concerning primary sources for municipal documents.

The IDTF liaison, Chuck Malone, described a program which the UN held on classification problems. IDTF is continuing to plan for a pre-conference at the 2006 Annual meeting on accessing (electronic) international documents, including both free and fee-based resources. The presentations will be agency-based, although another pre-conference could present resources in a subject-based format.

The RBMS liaison, Jane Gillis, reported on the RBMS pre-conference in St. Louis, summarizing some of the presentations.

MAGERT and PARS did not make reports.

Web Manager's Report:

Mark Phillips reported that REGP's Web site has been "cleaned up" and is the only GODORT Web site that is currently compliant with the standards which have been set by GODORT's Steering Committee. A "group work space," for use by REGP Committee members, has been established, and those who wish to use it need to register. Mark is still working on providing the Web site with a functional "person counter" for visitors to the site. Additional content, which the REGP Committee requested be added to the Web site, has been added. The Chair asked that August Imholtz' supplementary report concerning "New Deal" era Federal publications, which he

presented at the 2005 Midwinter meeting, be added to the Web site, once it has been digitally scanned for this purpose.

The Committee took a break from 11:05-11:15 a.m.

Report of the Sub-committee for Endangered 1932-1962 Federal Documents:

David Utz made a motion to dissolve the Sub-committee and fold work on its six (concluding) recommendations into the continuing work of the REGP Committee, as a whole. This motion was seconded by Geoff Swindells, and the motion passed, 9-0. George Barnum and August Imholtz reported on what they had discovered concerning paper specifications and ink production for Federal documents during this period (1932-62). August mentioned that NARA should have on file what specifications were in use, but these cannot be located. David asked whether these discoveries concerning paper specifications and ink production (which George and August had made) enabled any conclusions to be drawn concerning which particular periods or titles, within the time frame, 1932-1962, are at greatest risk. David formally appointed August Imholtz and George Barnum to study this issue and to present their conclusions in time for the Committee's 2006 Midwinter meeting. Geoff Swindells said he would help.

Old Business:

August Imholtz reported that the U. S. Congressional Serial Set (hard-copy) Inventories will be transferred from Harvard to Washington University in St.Louis. August mentioned that some problems with adding additional inventory files had developed because of Access database incompatibility problems, which have now been corrected. August expressed his disappointment that only twelve inventories have been contributed, to date.

Aimee Quinn reported on the status of a proposed REGP-sponsored publication concerning the U.S. Serial Set. She reported that the GODORT Publications Committee received the proposal favorably, although it is doubtful whether ALA will be interested in this publication. She has not completed the "draft outline" for the publication, but will send it to Committee members, when it is complete. Aimee reviewed with Committee members a proposed table of contents: Part 1: Overview of how the Serial Set began; Part 2: Contents of the Serial Set; Part 3: Why is the Serial Set important? Part 4: What is the future of the Serial Set in the 21st century. David will send the book's table of contents to members of the Committee, and they can review it for completeness.

David Utz circulated to the Committee a proposal for a program at the 2007 Annual Conference concerning 18th-19th century Congressional documents in the history of the United States, on which he and August Imholtz have been working. David made a motion that the Committee authorize August Imholtz and himself to move forward with this proposal and present it to the GODORT Program Committee at the 2006 Midwinter meeting. Aimee Quinn seconded the motion. Motion passed, 9-0. Aimee announced that she was recusing herself from any future planning for this program, to avoid a conflict of interest, as she is the in-coming Chair of the Program Committee. Geoff Swindells, as in-coming REGP Chair, agreed to present the proposal to the Program Committee.

The perennial problem of securing appointments to REGP's two LITA liaison positions has been solved, for the time being, with the appointments of Charles Pennell and Yan Han, for a term of one year (2005-2006), with possibility of re-appointment. However, chronic problems remain with appointments to other external liaison positions (PARS, MAGERT, and RBMS). David made a motion that the issue of external liaisons be revisited at the 2006 Annual meeting. August Imholtz seconded the motion. The motion passed, 9-0.

New Business:

David Utz reported on a proposal which he had been exploring with James Jacobs, the Chair of GODORT's Government Information Technology Committee, to establish a new liaison between REGP and GITCO. David made a motion that REGP implement what is already in GODORT's Policies and Procedures Manual, to allow a representative of GITCO to participate on the REGP Committee, "to assure that the overlapping goals of protecting electronic resources are addressed." Aimee Quinn seconded the motion. The motion passed, 9-0.

Announcement:

David announced the new REGP Committee appointments for 2005-2006. Geoff Swindells has agreed to serve as Committee Chair; August Imholtz and Sheri Irvin will be reappointed for a second term as member-at-large and Federal Documents Task Force liaison, respectively. George Barnum and Catherine Morse will be appointed as member-at-large and International Documents Task Force liaison, respectively.

The meeting of the Committee adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Minutes submitted by David A. Utz, Chair.