

GODORT Rare and Endangered Government Publications Committee
Marriott Anaheim, Gold Key I/II, Anaheim CA
Sunday, June 29, 2008, 10:30-12:00
Karen Hogenboom, Chair
Linda Johnson, Recorder

PRESENT: Charley Pennell (LITA liaison), Stephen Sexton, Robert Dowd, Michael Smith (MAGERT liaison), Linda Johnson (Recorder), Connie Reik, Sarah Erikson (PARS liaison), Catherine Morse, Rebecca Hyde, Yan Han (LITA liaison), Andrew Laas

ABSENT: Tanya Finchum, Michael North (ACRL RBMS liaison), Donna Koepp (MAGERT liaison)

GUESTS: Crenetha Brunson, Bert Chapman, Kristen Northrup, Marika Pineda, August Imholtz, Rebecca Ohm, Yvonne Wilson, Samantha Hager, Mary Webb Prophet, Patricia Finney, Meredith Johnson, Louis Takacs

The chair called the meeting to order at 10:30

The agenda for this meeting and the minutes from Midwinter 2008 as posted on the GODORT Minutes website were approved by consent.

The chair reported that the list of committee projects in the GODORT Policies and Procedures Manual will be updated at the end of this conference. She apologized for not arranging a tour at this conference, but logistics and cost were prohibitive. The next Midwinter Meeting is in Denver, and the State Archives, Colorado Historical Society and Denver Public Library were all suggested by meeting attendees as possible tour sites. Since Midwinter, the GODORT Steering Committee has discussed the ALA protocol for responding to requests from organizations outside ALA for opinions or positions as well as the recent report from the Government Printing Office about regional libraries.

PARS is planning to restructure its organization and continues to be interested in working with other organizations within ALA. MAGERT's newsletter is now being published online and its financial condition is improving. The new map security guidelines are on the website and an executive summary is being written. The MAGERT Education Committee is working on core competencies for map librarians. Liaisons from LITA had nothing to report and the ACRL RBMS liaison was absent.

The chair reported for Donna Koepp that the Serial Set book may become a two-part project. Aimee Quinn and Donna Koepp have proposed that the Readex book consist of the chapters about technical and bibliographic issues in the Serial Set, to be used in marketing Readex's online Serial Set project, while Aimee and Donna edit a separate volume consisting of articles by

scholars and librarians who use the Serial Set in various disciplines. August Imholtz said that they have not had a chance to talk about this idea but need to make decisions before the Midwinter Meeting.

Discussion turned to the possibility of a program for the 2010 annual conference, on the subject of theft and destruction of government documents and/or security of government documents collections. MAGERT has done a similar program on map theft and security, but this one would be broader in scope. Andrew Laas and August Imholtz volunteered to work on a proposal (short description, title and possibly ideas for speakers) to present to the Program Committee at Midwinter in Denver.

The chair thanked Andrew Laas and Sarah Erikson for their work on the survey of holdings of New Deal federal government publications in depository libraries. The role of the committee in the survey project and the feasibility of locating these publications in depository collections were discussed. The current survey includes a sample of 100 titles from Jerome K. Wilcox, *Guide to the Official Publications of the New Deal Administrations: Mimeographed and Printed (Supplement, April 15, 1934 – December 1, 1936)*, Chicago: American Library Association, 1936. Committee members pointed out both the ease of setting up a survey of this type and the difficulty of locating these publications, which are uncataloged in many collections, often were not distributed by GPO, and were often mimeographed rather than printed and bound. Sarah Erikson pointed out that PARS members have experience with preservation assessment surveys and are willing to help with this type of project.

The committee decided that before Midwinter it would do a mini-pilot project where each committee member looks for five titles in his or her local collection and returns to the group with a summary of how long it took to locate each item. Andrew Laas and August Imholtz volunteered to compile a list of 25 titles to look for and prepare an online interface for entering data about these titles. Some titles will be looked for by more than one committee member. Committee members will come to the Midwinter meeting with comments about the interface and with information about how long it took to find each of the titles assigned to them. With this information, the committee can discuss the feasibility of a larger survey.

Kris Kasianovitz is creating a page on the State and Local Documents Task Force wiki for the inventory of projects preserving state government information in digital formats. Committee members reviewed the proposal for the project, and discussed its scope. Digitized paper publications are in scope. Questions were raised about university presses (not in scope), and historical societies (in scope in states where they are state agencies). Contributors would need to make judgment calls about what constitutes state government information in the states they are covering. It was also suggested that the information collected about each project mirror bibliographic citations and the data collected for the GPO registry of digitization projects. Karen Hogenboom will revise the project description and send it to the committee and project volunteers for comment. Resources for contributors to begin to ferret out these projects are the

upcoming NDIPP grants for preservation of state government information and the AALL report from a couple of years ago about legal requirements for preservation of state government information.

Sarah Erikson moved and Stephen Sexton seconded that the Rare and Endangered Publications Committee cosponsor the 2009 preconference, "Urban Planning: From 1909 Forward With an Eye to GovDocs." Discussion ensued about the role that REGP could play in the preconference. Most members saw our role as working on the take-home toolkit of resources for preserving local governments' planning information. We may also be asked to think of potential speakers. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m..