

GODORT State and Local Documents Task Force (SLDTF)
Meeting summary 1999 ALA Midwinter meeting Philadelphia, PA
Saturday, January 30, 1999 2-4 p.m.
Four Seasons, Monroe

Deborah Hollis, CU Boulder, SLDTF Coordinator introduced Mary Martin, Claremont Colleges as the Coordinator-elect and David Hellman of Santa Clara University as the new secretary. Minutes of the 1999 midwinter and annual conference were distributed for approval. Both were approved. Reports were made from SLDTF Committees/working groups:

*Kathy Parson, Iowa State had nothing new to report for the bibliography. *Hollis reported for Jan Goldsmith, UCLA who states that the Documents on Documents has not yet been shipped to ERIC but she will attend to this soon.

*Louveller Luster, Virginia Commonwealth University reported that only 22 nominations have been received for Library Journal's State and Local Notable Documents. One web page was nominated. This was down from last year's nominations. She's willing to extend the deadline to February 15th.

*Hollis is currently the SLDTF column editor for DttP. She reported that she has column material for the next two issues but will call on folks in the future to author columns about any/all aspects of state and local government resources.

Reports and announcements were made from SLDTF liaisons: *Hollis attended the ASCLA/SLAS discussion group earlier in the day. The group is interested in statewide database access. What do state libraries offer and do they provide training? Hollis told the discussion group about Colorado by the Numbers, an online statistical abstract of that she and CU colleague Peggy Jobe co-author <<http://www.colorado.edu/libraries/govpubs/online.htm>> and CEDIS (Colorado Economic and Demographic Information Service) <<http://www.dlg.oem2.state.co.us/is/cedis.htm>> a fee based online service produced by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs. Public patrons can access this database in four libraries across the state. Colorado state agencies subscribe to this database as well.

*Anne Roselle, Eastern Washington University, stated that the Education Committee was scheduled to meet the next day. She provided highlights of the group's agenda.

*Hollis reported for Elizabeth Bauer, University of Tennessee-Memphis about the latest GITCO projects.

*Duncan Aldrich, University of Nevada - Reno gave a report for the Legislation Committee.

*Nancy Kolenbrander, Western Carolina University reported for the Program Committee. [See Program Committee minutes for detail on the annual program.]

*Yvonne Wilson, UC Irvine, reported that the Rare and Endangered Committee was scheduled to meet the next day. *Gary Cornwell, University of Florida was unable to attend. He emailed his update to Hollis. The focus of the GODORT Publications Committee at Midwinter was the status and future of DttP. As everyone is aware, we are currently several issues behind in the publication of DttP. John Shuler reported that unpublished issues are on track for distribution and we should be seeing them shortly. Future issues will be published in conjunction with ALA publishing and will have a new image beginning with Volume 27. Administrative changes will also be occurring in the structure of the editorial board for the journal that should prevent reoccurrence of past problems with delayed publication and distribution. Old and Continuing Business *Mary Mallory, UIUC stated that there were no new developments on the State List: The Electronic Source for State Publication Lists Web site.

There are currently 28 states represented on the Web site. Hollis added that she told the ASCLA/SLAS discussion group about the Web site and the director of the Pennsylvania State Library is very interested in having her staff put their checklist on the Web. *Pat Finney updated those present on the status of the Center for Research Libraries' State Documents De-accession project. CRL is offering their post-1950 documents to CRL members and their respective states. To date only four states have expressed

interest in their state publications (Colorado, Delaware, Idaho and Vermont). Those interested can get more information at

. *Hollis reminded those present that the ASCLA merger had been voted down. *Hollis reported that Andrea Sevetson, GODORT Web Master was meeting with the folks who maintain the three Task Force Web sites regarding maintenance issues. *Hollis reported that she and Mary Martin, Coordinator-Elect will update the SLDTF unit description. *Margaret Lane reported that information about the Committee of Eight and its members is now available on the SLDTF website <http://www.library.arizona.edu/users/arawan/comm8.html>. New Business Hollis distributed a draft proposal for SLDTF consideration regarding a two-day workshop for state documents coordinators of state depository programs. Together with Margaret Lane, Hollis asked that those present consider supporting the concept. A lively discussion ensued ranging from ALA/GODORT financial support to the matters of when and where such a workshop might take place. Everyone present agreed that a workshop of this nature would be an excellent service to those coordinators of state depository programs. Concerns ranged from identifying who would benefit from this workshop to whether this should be a program at a future ALA annual conference. Some suggested trying this idea on a smaller scale as a regional event. Sponsorship was discussed -- possible vendors who might want to connect with state depository staff and make a financial contribution towards workshop expenses. Many issues and considerations were raised. All present agreed that further information must be gathered. Lane will contact the Committee of Eight members who in-turn, can survey potential interest among state depository coordinators. Hollis received names of volunteers to look at this proposal more closely. This will be a small and informal ad-hoc group who can discuss this further over email for the time being. For now, the group voted in support of the concept and will await further information. The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.