

# State Local Midwinter 2009 minutes

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GODORT State and Local Documents Task Force (SLDTF)

ALA Midwinter Meeting

Saturday, January 24, 2009 1:30-3:30pm

Sheraton Denver Hotel, Room: Tower Court

Kris Kasianovitz, Coordinator

Suzanne Sears, Coordinator-Elect

Annelise Sklar, Secretary

Jennie Gerke, Web Coordinator

## Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions: All introduced themselves

II. Attendance Sheet circulated by Suzanne Sears

III. Adoption of the Agenda: Jennie Gerke motioned to accept, James Jacobs seconded

IV. Approval of Minutes from ALA Annual Conference, July 2008: James Jacobs motioned to accept the minutes, Rebecca Blakely seconded

V. Liaison Reports (reports from Committees that have met and only items that are of direct interest or affect SLDTF; Liaisons please post reports to this section of the wiki)

- Legislation – There is talk about forming an ALA-wide interest group on the future of government information.
- Cataloging – nothing specific to state and local to report
- Rare and Endangered Government Publications – no report
- Publications – Will meet Sunday at 8 am. The interviews with the DttP editor candidates will be closed but the rest of the meeting is open.
- Kris also announced that she is looking for someone to take over the State and Local Documents Roundup column
- James gave a plug for the occasional paper series GODORT is starting and reminded people to think about publishing their work as an occasional paper.
- Nominations – nominations are still coming in. There is at least one person running for everything but nominating committee.
- Education – meets tomorrow at 1:30. The committee will be looking at the results of the competencies survey and teaching gov docs. Meeting Summary (submitted by Carol Spector, Liaison):
  - Discussion Session: Library School Curricula on Government Information. Karen Hogenboom provided a brief introduction and presented comments from Geoff Swindells. The committee broke into small groups for discussion, and then reconvened for summary and wrap-up.

- Liaison Reports:
  - IDTF – Expressed interest in GODORT doing training for European Union documents.
  - Education Assembly – ALA is considering offering Continuing Education Credits (CEUs).
  - Literacy Assembly – they’re getting requests for help with e-government. Looking to create a toolbox or webliography on government literacy.
  - Literacy Committee – the first ever virtual library literacy summit will be held on April 7th. The Literacy Committee would like to work with the Education Committee on educational programming. Topics include: civics, civic engagement, e-government, government literacy.
- Old Business: Competencies for Government Information Specialists. Linda Spiro presented the survey results and led the discussion regarding next steps. Hopes to have a draft of the competencies ready by ALA Annual Conference.
- New business: James Jacobs reported from the Publications Committee: Andrea Morrison asked if revenues from the sale of her book could be used to fund online courses through GODORT Education Committee. RUSA and ACRL have done some online programs. ALA has a platform for online programming. The Education Committee agreed that we should explore this at ALA Annual Conference.
- Membership – no report.
- Program (2009 Chicago Annual Meeting Program specifically ties in with SLDTF) – no report
- GITCO – no report

## VI. Old Business

- Digital State government publications - GODORT project REGP and SLDTF (Robert Dowd, Karen Hogenboom and Crenetha S. Brunson tentative)

Karen Hogenboom gave an update on the project to create an inventory of projects providing permanent access to state information. The list will be on the SLDTF wiki and each state will be compiled by a volunteer or two. To volunteer, contact Karen. Karen also asked what sorts of questions people have about the project and what kinds of guides or templates would be most useful to people working on the project.

- SLDTF Strategic Plan - update (Paul Arrigo tentative)

Paul Arrigo is no longer a GODORT member. The Strategic Plan will probably need more discussion than we have so we're holding off at this time. Kris asked if the group would mind if the Coordinator, Coordinator-Elect, and Secretary could look it over, pull out good ideas, and bring projects back to the group at Annual. Kris also asked if it was ok to build a separate SLDTF email list based on the attendance sheet. It was suggested that it would also be good to send out a message about it to Govdoc-l and/or the GODORT listserv so that people who were not able to attend the meeting can get on the list.

- Program or Preconference Brainstorming

Skipping this item for now.

- Patricia Finney from the Center for Research Libraries

Patricia Finney gave an update on CRL's collection of state government docs through 1950 for all 50 states. Things are status quo. She also noted that ALA is in Chicago this summer and, while people are welcome to come visit the collection, most CRL staff will be at the Conference and CRL is not close to downtown. CRL will be running forums about the Center but they will be held at the Newberry Library which is much closer to downtown. She also clarified that materials are not cataloged or indexed and there are no future plans to do so. CRL could possibly be willing to loan documents out if someone were to obtain a grant for digitizing state government publications, especially if one was looking for fill-ins.

## VII. Discussion

- Archiving the CA.GOV Domain Web Archiving Service from the California Digital Library (Tracey Seneca)

Tracey Seneca gave a PowerPoint presentation on the California Digital Library's harvesting of federal, California, and local government websites. CDL is part of the federal end of term harvest along with the Internet Archive, Library of Congress, GPO, and University of North Texas. Programmers are working directly with crawling software for extra control rather than a curatorial interface. The finished captures will eventually be available through the Internet Archive.

At CDL, the Web Archiving Service curatorial tool is still in development. Curators are able to capture web sites and evaluate results but public access is not yet available. Public access is scheduled for summer and the California state government will be the first available. The funding for local government websites storage is coming from each University of California campus. Each UC campus has an account with 1 terabyte and they have to decide what their priorities are. There is a Section 108 study group report that was a collaboration between librarians and publishers. The section on web archiving is only about 7 pages. The recommendations suggest that if a site is available free of charge without registration, librarians should be able to capture it. Sites can prevent crawlers with robots.txt files or ask to have items removed from archives unless they are public entities such as governments, political parties, etc.

- State and Local NGO's - What are they; Who is collecting; How can we better incorporate into our collections, reference and instruction.

Group discussion: One question for Tracy; What kind of archiving of born digital state government information are you doing, if any? Do you have a collection development policy that includes born digital government information?

- Romulo Rivera, Policy Archive

Romulo Rivera from PolicyArchive.org provided an overview of the PolicyArchive.org website. The site is a free archive of gray literature and a partnership with IUPUI. It has a Dspace back-end. The content is OAI-compliant and harvestable. The papers are arranged using PAIS categories. Currently their main issues are sustainability and marketing the site itself (most document hits come via search engine). They are partnering with foundations to archive/curate the foundations' publications with custom sites. They have just started promoting themselves using Facebook and Twitter.

## VIII. Adjourn

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