

Annual 2011 SLDTF Minutes

From GODORT

State and Local Documents Task Force

Westin Ballroom I

New Orleans, LA

Saturday June 25, 2011

Convenor: Jennie Gerke

Attendees:

- Claudia Banks
- Crenetha Brunson
- Lori Smith
- Wilhelmina Randtke
- Richard Yarnall
- Chelsea Dinsmore
- Marie Concannon
- Rich Gause
- Barbara Miller
- Yvonne Wilson
- Julie Lefevre
- Jennie Gerke
- Susan Bucks
- Sarah Erekson
- Bernadine Abbott Hoduski

Convened by Order of Jennie Gerke. 8:10 am

- Reading of the agenda
- Additions
- Approval of minutes
- Look at corrections; add comment
- One month deadline

Announcements

- Yvonne Wilson had a get well card for Pat Finney
- Incoming chair Marie Concannon asks for committee liaisons. These individuals volunteered:
 - Cataloging – Chelsea Densmore
 - Educations – Richard Gause
 - GITCO – Wilhelmina Randtke

Liaison Reports

- Legislation – Barbara Miller (vacancies in Committee on Legislation, and Toolkit)
- Program – "Government Information and Civic Engagement"

Electronic Documents Discussion The situation at the level is fairly uniform and central, but how are things going on the state level?

- Illinois Appellate court opinions going online only
- Florida – Trying to work with GPO to send them digital copies, to be certified. Federal reserve bank publications (St. Louis Fed) historical archive, gathering back draft, preliminary, amended, etc. state depository... will link in catalog... joined Hathi Trust, some scanning of older material. Privatized... not getting reports as much... database is really grey literature to get to local documents. Electronic and digitized soil survey and military affairs rosters done at universities, Scientific research ok, but governmental/political in jeopardy. Local communities may not be online... library school, law library – spin offs from supreme courts briefs and opinions and older publications. Authenticating government documents, if in government documents or legal procedures.
- California – County documents, CAFR, Budgets, Content DM. Catalog everything finding new documents, harvesting, checking catalog... Paper from the state, electronically web archive, capture electronically available material. Not cataloged. State library may not be doing the cataloging... issues with serials... capturing serials over and over, identical content there only keeping new...
- Oklahoma - all agencies publishing online only. Getting a lot of ephemera in paper. Doing original cataloging. Did a paper purge at state library, and took almost everything that was offered at OK state... they send a list of what is available online out on a paper list, they catalog, "Oklahoma crossroads".
- Missouri - State depository program ran 1976-2004, then office shut down due to cuts, since then there has been a "State Publications Access Program," State Library responsible for building a digital library website. Mainly annual reports major publications, and still not a lot of staff. Digitizing the old materials at the Archive... MU donated Bureau of Labor Statistics reports. Journalism students working on Open Missouri, what they are, who's got it and what's in it. Sunshine law used to get.
- Colorado – no state library but a state publications library. They find agencies...pdf, got server space at Dept. of Education, now in Col. Alliance of Research Libraries, now in a repository. They catalog everything. They do separate records and provide to libraries so you can just do a electronic file upload. Only a serials front page. Lots and lots of fiche, now scanning. Not a lot of grabbing of digital content. Only public library, only the big local stuff or saving it to a CD.
- New Jersey – Selective depository, electronic initiatives at the state library legislation to assure tangible copies to the state library. Tracking things down, cataloged by state library.
- Louisiana - Advisory council state library, LSL – is supposed to collect born digital, they solicit print documents, use OCLC digital Archive. Including electronic documents in soon to come shipping list. Legislature wanted to change the website into a fee based portal...
- Update from Library of Congress – States can't deposit at LOC if only electronic. Nothing electronic not archival. Supremes don't like digital images. 20% of paper docs received are not depository. No digital surrogates. De facto regional library. LOC serials cataloging, only 2 official serials catalogers. Trying to train technician to do copy cataloging. Tracking down documents requires a lot of effort. Law material, only descriptive cataloging, not the class.

Possible action item: Continue the Discussion on Electronic State government Collections. Create a forum, perhaps on ALA Connect... This is open and broad enough to keep the discussion going.

Old Business

- State Agency databases. Daniel Cornwall is still calling for more states to be adopted...Illinois, Mississippi, New Jersey, South Dakota, Texas, Vermont, West Virginia, Connecticut, District of Columbia, New Mexico, Tennessee, Wisconsin, California, Indiana, North Carolina.
- Questions – Google group created; do we want the archives? Doesn't need to be a public, but needs to be archived for the future, esp if Daniel moves on.

- Subject List – pages that are subject based, only the prisoner locator heavily used. Do we have any suggestions for other hot topics. Sex offenders, immigrations, Tribal, etc. It is a wiki, anyone is welcome to post.

New business

- Barbara Miller – Library advocacy at the state level. Need for contact info for each state, or other groups, any volunteers? In some states, there isn't central coordination. Should we recommend ALA have something on the website? Intellectual freedom office tracks state and local. Recommend to GODORT Steering that there should be way on the ALA advocacy website to get information for contacting state government. GODORT could offer to check and post URLs and names, committees for public affairs, legislation... to get started. Link to legislation tracking. On ALA advocacy page. Not privatizing libraries, another group maybe tracking, Sunshine, may help and every state may be different. Also involve the Chapter relations offices, what are they doing, who is the correct contact...
- Yvonne Wilson - There has been discussion in the Bylaws committee about allowing virtual members. Especially for Midwinter meeting. Question to the group: Does the SLDTF still want to meet in person for Midwinter? It will change what takes place... If the change were made, would meetings still be open and accessible to all ALA attendees? Problems with virtual meetings... Off site open meeting? Response to pilot. Meetings business at Midwinter. Finishing the discussion seconded by Barbara.

Action item: STDTF asks GODORT to ask ALA Advocacy to establish a list of state level library advocacy contacts. This list could include information such as association URLs, and Legislative tracking.

Motion to Adjourn at 10:22 am by Sarah Erekson Second Jennie.

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