

# Annual 2012 SLDTF Minutes

From GODORT

## APPROVED MINUTES

State and Local Government Taskforce meeting

June 23, 2012

LOCATION: Sheraton Park Hotel, Park BC

8:00-10:00

Convener: Marie Concannon

Recorder: Susanne Caro

### Attendees:

Lori Smith – Southeastern Louisiana Univ.

John Phillips – Oklahoma State Univ.

Kris Kasianovitz – Stanford Univ.

Kristen Clark – Univ. of Minnesota

Shari Laster – Univ. of Akron (Legislation)

Linda B. Johnson – Univ. of New Hampshire

Chelsea Dinsmore – Univ. of Florida (Cataloging)

Marie Concannon – Univ. of Missouri (Chair)

Simon Healey – Free Library of Philadelphia

Dan Stanton – Arizona State University

Jennie Gerke – Univ. of Colorado, Boulder

Barbara Miller – Oklahoma State University (Legislation)

Crenetha S. Brunson – Library of Congress (Program)

Kristen Northrup – North Dakota State Library

Julie LeFevre – IGS Library, UC Berkeley

Richard Gause – Univ. of Central Florida (Education)

Yvonne Wilson – Univ. of California

Susanne Caro – Univ. of Montana, Missoula (Secretary)

Wilhelmina Randtke – St. Mary's Univ. (GITCO)

Bernadine Abbott-Hoduski

## 1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Marie Concannon welcomed and made introductions

## 2. Attendance Sheet

- a. Attendance sheet was circulated

## 3. Adoption of Agenda

- a. Motion to approve agenda- Barbara Miller, second Jenny Gerke. Approved

## 4. Liaison Reports

- **Legislation Committee-** Barbara Miller

The legislation committee is being reorganized, there will be efforts made to make sure we have a liaison.

- **Program Committee** - Crenetha S. Brunson  
There will be a program Monday at 10:30-12. Speakers are Richard Guajardo from University of Houston, Regina Reynolds from the Library of Congress, and Jennifer Davis from GPO. The topic is RDA with government documents and will look at cataloging issues.
- **Cataloging Committee** -Chelsea Dinsmore  
no report.  
Meeting: Sunday June 24, 2012 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Sheraton Garden Grove - Burgundy Room
- **Education Committee** -Richard Gause  
no report.  
Meeting: Sunday June 24, 2012 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Sheraton Garden Grove - Platinum Exec. Boardroom
- **GITCO** – Wilhelmina Randtke  
GITCO has been replaced with a discussion group.
- **Publications Committee**  
no report.  
Meeting: Sunday, June 24, 2012 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
Sheraton Garden Grove - Burgundy Room

## 5. Old Business

- a. Jennie Gerke is collecting born digital materials and providing MARC records.
- b. Linking needs and offers with digitization.

This project is not focused on born digital materials but many electronic collections include both digitized materials and born digital materials. More information is on the wiki.

Most of the projects listed on the GODROT wiki have volunteers working on them, such as the state database project. Members are encouraged to help with the projects that appeal to them.

- c. Barbara Miller- Advocacy at the state level

In addition to the federal advocacy candidates there was interest in finding advocates for each state for state level advocacy. Michael Dowling who organizes the federal coordinators felt that this should be part of their responsibility but there are questions wither the federal coordinators may not have time for this additional work. We are waiting to hear more from Michael Dowling.

It is recommended that members check out the ALA advocacy pages. <a

href="http://www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/">http://www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/</a>

## 6. New Business

- a. Steering Committee Update:

GODORT reception Sunday night - participants can meet at the Sheraton at 6pm for a trip to the awards ceremony at the Fullerton Public library.

GITCO has been dissolved and replaced with a discussion group.

Please send Barbara Miller program ideas.

The editor for DTTP has an opening for a state and local roundup columnist. The workload is around 1200 words every 6 months.

- b. Programming Updates

E-government program- Break out session II- E-Government in Action- Matching people with jobs. Speakers Sheri Shafer, Tiffany Mcckary, Janice Collins and Jeff Scott will talk about their efforts to help people find employment. Saturday 10:30-12, Hilton, Malibu room.

Webscraping on a shoestring with no I.T. support. This program offers simple tools for government document librarians and staff. Speaker is Wilhelmina Randtke. Saturday, June 23, 2:45pm-3:30. Convention Center room 208A.

There is a need for programming for next summer. It is recommended that individuals partner with people

from other sections of ALA or focus on a hot new topic or trend.

There will be fewer programs accepted for the next annual in an attempt to keep all programming in the conference center and the main conference hotel.

Programming will have a new grid of five slots for meetings during the day with shorter meetings to reduce scheduling conflicts.

The Program Committee has not yet determined the process for accepting programs. For the next ALA annual conference the programs will be recorded and accessible to those who registered.

Richard Gause suggested that people plan 2 years in advance for programming.

A question was raised as to how this may affect the rates that participants are charged for rooms.

c. Call for committee Liaisons. These are two year appointments. Openings are for:

- Legislation Committee- Wilhelmina Randtke volunteered
- Publication Committee (Greg Curtis is the new editor. Anyone interested should contact him- Gregory.curtis@maine.edu)
- Program Committee

## 7. Discussion / Presentation

### **Project: Historic State Documents Needs and Offers**

Discussion:

- Wilhelmina Randtke mentioned the short deadlines which accompany offers, and that the process of getting approval to take materials and pay the postage may prevent the material from being saved. Both the short deadline period and the postage reimbursement problems were discussed. Unlike federal publications, there's no law that says libraries must offer their state publications at all. If a library does so, it is a service to the rest of the community. Regarding postage, there was general agreement that our institutions seem to balk at the prospect of reimbursing postage even if the amount is small. Barbara Miller suggested that having a collection development policy in place that provides for the prospect of receiving gift materials from other libraries could help eliminate the hurdles. A preexisting needs list would be helpful.
- The question was raised if it was possible to get a grant to provide for postage? This would take significant time and effort.
- There is database for needs and offers searchable by SuDoc number, keyword and title.
- Could postage come from the state library budget and perhaps there could be an argument that when state materials are recycled it is a waste of government funds?
- Items should also be offered to historical societies, county archives and users of the collections should also be informed. Bernadine Abbot Hoduski recommended that there be more input and outreach to the community and users who may want materials.
- Mark Sander who is with CIC has mentioned that people still want paper documents.
- Kris Kasianovitz mentioned that there is a trend in research towards state by state comparisons. Law and political science programs should be checked to see if they are following this trend as it could be used as a compelling argument for keeping historic state materials.
- HathiTrust is good for many materials but access is not available with post 1923 materials. State copyright issues are difficult.
- Library directors need to be educated as to the importance of these materials. There is an assumption that all these items are online. While a large number of materials have been digitized there are questions regarding the longevity of the digital files, many items have not been digitized and many items that were digitized were not good quality copies or may be useless to some users.
- Bernadine Hoduski mentioned that James Jacobs and Jim Jacobs are working on a paper that will describe the four levels of digital preservation, from "quick and dirty" up to the highest standard. She suggested that the SLDTF talk to either of them to make sure any special needs of state documents are included in their work.
- Chelsea Dinsmore mentioned that the University of Florida has a Last Copies program in which the catalog record will include a note if the volume is the last known library copy. This is to prevent

irreplaceable materials from being discarded, and to give those items extra protection such as non-circulating status. Kristen Northrup mentioned that her library had been doing this but stopped.

- LLFC is a law library that collects state law materials and can be contacted if items are being discarded.
- A possible project would be to find the laws for each state on disposing of state materials by libraries including state, academic and public. This could lead to a change in legislation allowing libraries more options for finding new homes for items removed from the collection. Early editions of DTTP has publications from SLDTF.
- Barbara Miller mentioned that on the ARL website, one can find info about conducting "Due Diligence" in checking copyright status. After engaging in due diligence, a digital library or institution may post possibly copyrighted material without fear of being sued.
- Lori Smith mentioned that the Recorder of Documents position which administers the state depository program in Louisiana is currently vacant and there is concern that it will not be filled due to budget issues.
- Linda Hall Library in Kansas City collects books on the history of science, and may be interested to take some state government material.

## 8. Recap of any action items, next steps

a. This historic state document project will continue. b. Barbara Miller mentioned that there are openings on other committees including development and membership.

## 9. Adjourn

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