

Midwinter 2016 SLDTF Minutes

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State and Local Documents Task Force: SLDTF Minutes - Midwinter 2016

Saturday, January 9, 2016, 10:30am to 11:30am

Hyatt Regency Boston, Room Dedham

Agenda

I. Welcome and Introductions II. Attendance sheet (Jennifer Huck, coordinator, to circulate)

Jennifer Huck (UVA); Steph Barnaby (SJSU); Susan Paterson (UBC); Barbara Miller (OK State U.); Richard Yarnell (LC); Rich Gause (UCF); Hallie Pritchett (UGA); Cass Hartnett (Univ. of WA); Stephen Woods (PSU); Susanne Caro (U. of Montana); Daniel Cornwall (Alaska State Library); Julie Robbins (NYC Dept. of Records Library); Sarah Erekson (Chicago Public)

III. Adoption of the agenda

Jennifer noted that the previously circulated copy of the agenda (on ALA Connect) has been tweaked. Under Old Business, "State Agency Databases" should really be the wiki in general. Under New Business, "Future Projects Survey" should really be 5 Year Goals. This was to make the conversations broader.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Virtual 2015 and Midwinter 2014 – approved; no corrections or additions

V. Liaison Reports

(Reports from Committees that have met in person or virtually since last Midwinter, and only times that are of direct interest or affect SLDTF) Cataloging (Simon Healey); Legislation (Karen J. Cook); Gov Info for Children (Vacant or Rich Gause); Program Liaison (Vacant or Rich Gause); Publications Liaison (Robbie Sittel); Education Liaison (Robbie Sittel); Rare and Endangered Liaison (Tammy Zavinski)

We are the first meeting among all the committees or task forces, so there was nothing to report.

VI. Old Business

- SLDTF Wiki (Formerly SLDTF Projects on wiki - State Agency Databases)

State Agency Database does get updated a lot (Susanne).

Wiki will get Google Analytics in the future. Requires tagging. There will be a virtual session on how to use Google Analytics. We will need to investigate tags and how to better organize the site. It would be a good idea to wait on re-organizing site until after GODORT is re-organized.

Can be a priority at a future date, but for now 5 year goals are top priority (Stephen).

VII. New Business

- Review of Liaisons Needed

The wiki listed the liaisons to Gov Info for Children and Programs as either “vacant” or “Rich Gause.” Rich confirmed that he can be the liaison. Rich is coordinating a LibGuide for GIC that includes a state by state listing. (<http://guides.ucf.edu/gic-states>)

- 5 Year Goals (Formerly Review of SLDTF Future Projects Survey (see attached))

We spent the majority of the meeting on this section. Started off with a discussion of webinars: people like them, but all states are different (Barbara); “How I did it webinars” can be inspiring, even if the other state does it differently than your own (Hallie); plug for Western States Government Information Virtual Conference, which possibly in the future could have a panel from different Gov Info professional organizations, an opportunity to network and market our TF (Susanne). But there is also the issue of sustainability. If it becomes the work of one person, and that person leaves, that is a problem (Stephen). A webinar series wouldn’t have to be regular, could be every now and then (Hallie). People seemed to be in consensus that there are lots of ways to get people to present, that people would be happy to present. Webinars do not have to be too long, 15 minutes (Susanne).

We discussed the possibility of a listserv at length. There is no state-only listserv, so getting one would be nice. Noted that years ago a separate GODORT listserv had been created but it failed because no one wanted to look at both GOVDOC-L and a GODORT listserv (Barbara). Interest in created a tag in GOVDOC-L for state and local docs (Rich G and Cass). We could promote focused conversations on GOVDOC-L (Rich Y). The idea is to email a dedicated group of SLDTF members with a topic and have those members commit to respond on GOVDOC-L in order to generate conversation and interest in state docs. Would be a “great challenge” to do once per month (Cass). We could create a bank of questions in advance (Hallie). We would have to reinforce where this is coming from (SLDTF) and brand the discussion appropriately.

Stephen pointed out that we need to focus on what we offer our members and not everyone on GOVDOC-L is a dues-paying member of GODORT. We are here to serve our members. It’s possible that members may not want whatever we are talking about on GOVDOC-L (Stephen) or that we are directing a lot of energy towards something we are giving away for free, without the need to be a member (Jenn). Response was that we are still creating a forum for discussing state documents (Hallie), and we need more members and this is one way to attract more members (Rich Y). At the very least, we need to use the listserv as a “hook,” but we also need to focus what we are “hooking into” (the GOVDOC-L listserv activity cannot be the primary thing we offer). We would have to be hooking people into webinars, or other programs you can only get from SLDTF (Stephen).

When trying to distill these many ideas into goals, we considered these: We can provide an opportunity to connect with our state and local information colleagues. We can facilitate communication. We can create the space to share best practices, and possibly create the space for mentorship opportunities between experienced and new librarians. We can create a forum for people to connect on state and local docs.

We heard many ideas for topics for a webinar or GOVDOC-L: Best practices for web archiving. Point to where state web archives exist. Digital distribution of state documents. State and local level NGOs. Problems with cataloging state docs. The challenge of enforcing state deposit requirements. Ways to get your state docs in the Library of Congress (Rich Y). Continue to discuss the copyright issue. Web harvesting of state administrations, as they come and go. State digital databases (like on the wiki). Permanent URLs for state docs.

We also had ideas on who to partner with. ASCLA, as state libraries often belong to this division. SAA, since they have archivists. Regional archive groups. Free Gov Info, focusing on states and local. Western States Government Information Virtual Conference.

VIII. Discussion

- SLDTF in light of possible GODORT Re-org [skipped]

- SLDTF and virtual meetings [skipped]

IX. Recap of any action items, next steps

Jennifer will try to set up a virtual meeting in the next few weeks after midwinter to keep the momentum going and to hammer out the goals of SLDTF.

X. Adjourn

Minutes taken by Jennifer Huck

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