

Simon Healey: (1/29/2016 13:51) How's the snow out there in Mid PA highlands

John Shuler: (13:53) Trying to set my mic

John Shuler: (13:53) I can hear you

Simon Healey: (13:54) Doesn't help but I can

John Shuler: (13:54) No cameras

John Shuler: (13:55) Working on it

John Shuler: (13:58) I can not speak which will make some people happy. Working on it;

Laura Sare: (14:00) Laura Sare, Government Information Librarian, TAMU

Linda Spiro: (14:00) Linda Spiro, Government Information Librarian, Rice Univ.

Charlotte Bagh: (14:00) Charlotte Bagh, Federal Documents Librarian, Dallas Public Library

Susan Dow: (14:00) Susan Dow SUNY Buffalo Government Information Services Librarian, Liaison to the School of Management

John Shuler: (14:00) So do I. Still having problems with software. One minute

Simon Healey: (14:00) Simon Healey Acquisitions Librarian Orders Unit Materials Managment Free Library of Philadelphia

John Shuler: (14:02) Sorry guys, I am having adobe problems. This is new.

John Shuler: (14:02) Go ahead get started and I will catch up.

John Shuler 2: (14:05) He was a great colleague.

Barbara Miller: (14:07) I can hear you John

Kris K.: (14:07) yes

Kris K.: (14:10) are we required to go through this formal process if GODORT wants to advocate for an issue. Esp. if there is a limited public comment period?

Kris K.: (14:11) At the end is fine

John Shuler 2: (14:12) kefuffle

Linda Spiro: (14:13) Bill, you are fading in and out.

Barbara Miller: (14:14) I have been on the e-govt group but have rolled off . Mary Mallory was also on it. We need GODORT connections to this group for education purposes.

Linda Spiro: (14:20) This presentation would be great to post on the GODORT wiki for new members or those unfamiliar with the resolution process. Maybe we need a new members tab on the wiki.

Linda Spiro: (14:20) yes

Bill Sudduth: (14:21) Linda - I believe that is Stephen's intent to make this available.

Stephen Woods: (14:22) yes it is being recorded and will be made available

Bill Sudduth: (14:24) Kris if the time period is limited then the best place to start with the chair of GODORT, GODORT Legislation, the Councilor, and most importantly the ALA Washington office which are the boots on the ground and have tools to get others involved quickly.

Kris K.: (14:25) thanks bill.

Bill Sudduth: (14:27) Kris I think one thing we have lost over the last 20 years is the time to monitor issues and potential issues and being able

to respond, in many ways this is not GODORT's fault but the change in our work lives.

Kris K.: (14:29) bill, yes. that is an unfortunate factor in being an advocate. especially as many gov info librarians are now also science, social science, humanities librarians.

Stephen Woods: (14:31) Sounds like we need to reenvision how we track and respond to issues. Maybe some kind of crowd sourcing mechanism.

Kris K.: (14:33) i've been trying to track and post issues, esp. for state and local issues and government tech infrastructure on the GODORT facebook...but not a lot of people follow

John Shuler 2: (14:33) Kris -- I think that is where the education opportunities

Kris K.: (14:33) i think we can use other "channels" to be advocates - like social media. but it takes a commitment to using these forums

Barbara Miller: (14:34) I rarely see librarians check into govdoc-l for state issues to ask for help or best practices. So here is where we could help and refer people to our web pages or to ALA web pages

Kris K.: (14:34) yes! i just learned about FLAG

Stephen Woods: (14:34) And knowing how to track issues. This is assumed of docs folks who may not have experience in how to track these issues.

Kris K.: (14:34) Also, AALL has very good Gov't Advocacy group.

Kris K.: (14:35) District Dispatch?

Kris K.: (14:35) <http://www.districtdispatch.org/> it is very good

John Shuler 2: (14:35) Thanks Kris!

Kris K.: (14:36) And here's the AALL page - although i think you might have to be a member to join webinars. <http://www.aallnet.org/mm/Advocacy>

Kris K.: (14:39) We presented to GODORT at ALA

Kris K.: (14:39) nobody has gotten in touch with us to discuss further

Stephen Woods: (14:40) If advocacy is an important programmatic theme what would you our members like to see?

Barbara Miller: (14:41) our state needs clues on how to keep the state library afloat in a budget near with nearly a billion dollar shortfall

Bill Sudduth: (14:42) Now i'm having microphone issues

Bill Sudduth: (14:42) Says single speaker option is on

Kris K.: (14:42) generally i'd like to see the GODORT leg be interested in state and local issue

Kris K.: (14:44) and in terms of advocacy - i feel it doesn't need to as formal as introducing formal resolutions through the ALA process

John Shuler 2: (14:44) GINI is all about that kind of state and local advocacy

Kris K.: (14:44) so to your point, it would be interesting to see the Task Forces work on these types of issues

John Shuler 2: (14:44) And GINI does not propose that all advocacy needs to be translated into just resolutions

Linda Spiro: (14:45) Some may not be involved in general in advocacy, but will want to advocate for a particular issue. Talks like [today](#) will help them do so.

Kris K.: (14:45) yes. linda.

Stephen Woods: (14:45) Kris if the mechanism is not an ALA resolution than what mechanism would it be?

John Shuler 2: (14:45) Linda, agreed.  
Kris K.: (14:45) See Linda's response  
John Shuler 2: (14:46) Now John's mic is off  
John Shuler 2: (14:46) What about others  
John Shuler 2: (14:46) Ok.  
Stephen Woods: (14:51) Can GODORT have a different position on an issue then "big" ALA?  
Barbara Miller: (14:51) not if we speak AS GODORT  
Stephen Woods: (14:51) Why is that?  
Barbara Miller: (14:51) I mean ex cathedra as GODORT for ALA  
Barbara Miller: (14:52) Because we cannot represent ALA unless we have their permission.  
Stephen Woods: (14:53) Can't there be different positions from different groups from within ALA itself? This seems to go against the grain of "diversity".  
Barbara Miller: (14:54) It has to do with ALA speaking as one voice and having strength in numbers. ALA is usually careful to make sure most members are on the same page, but sometimes we cannot agree and that hurts ALA's position in the national community. We have been around on this in Council before.  
Simon Healey: (14:55) Given we have no state budget in PA not much is happening ...  
Stephen Woods: (14:55) hmmm not buying that argument.  
Bill Sudduth: (14:56) If COL will not touch an issue then OITP is another work around.  
Barbara Miller: (14:56) ALA often has a problem because public librarians, academics and school all have different positions  
Barbara Miller: (14:56) amen to that  
John Shuler 2: (14:57) Yes, Barbara, that differences among different kind of librarians is always a problem.  
Barbara Miller: (14:57) ARL for example can speak as one because most academics have similar problems  
Simon Healey: (14:58) got no state docs and no leadership from the state library but we've got data info  
John Shuler 2: (14:59) data info is important too  
John Shuler 2: (14:59) Amen to that Stephen  
Bill Sudduth: (15:00) The really eye opening part of being on council and working with council committees is that there is much more agreement and unity than we perceive to be.  
Simon Healey: (15:00) Is there a primer for advocacy within ALA since being in a public library I'm not sure what I can / cannot talk about  
Linda Spiro: (15:00) Yes thanks!  
John Shuler 2: (15:00) Yo, it was wonderful to participate  
Kris K.: (15:00) I think a concrete goal would also be to help educate our members on how to be an advocate for policy issues. not just through ALA; but working with their legislators...etc.  
John Shuler 2: (15:01) Good point Kris, perhaps a program on how to be an advocate for annual 2017?  
Barbara Miller: (15:02) we could look at other parts of ala for advocates, not just godort people for a program

Kris K.: (15:02) that would be great!

Kris K.: (15:03) i would also suggest bringing in advocacy experts from outside the lib profession

John Shuler 2: (15:03) Good point Kris

Bill Sudduth: (15:03) John thanks that was an excellent conclusion.

Barbara Miller: (15:03) agreed to kris!

John Shuler 2: (15:03) You are welcome

Barbara Miller: (15:03) Bye eveyone!

John Shuler 2: (15:03) It was great!

Kris K.: (15:03) thank you. these talks are really a good way to tackle and discss issues

Kris K.: (15:03) bye!

Simon Healey: (15:03) bye thanks