

GODORT Legislation Committee meeting

Monday, December 14, 2020

Present: Shari Laster (chair), Valerie Glenn, Bernadine Abbott Hoduski, Deborah Yun Caldwell, Rachel Seissler, Kay Cassell

Guests: Simon Healey, Brett Cloyd, Dominique Hallett

Notes: Deborah Yun Caldwell

Opened 12:00 EST

Minutes:

1. GODORT Legislation statements from 2014
 - a. On GODORT website:
<http://www.ala.org/rt/sites/ala.org.rt/files/content/godortcommittees/godortlegislation/GODORT%20Statements%20in%20response%20to%20COL%20FDLP%20task%20force%20survey.pdf>
 - b. Discussed the original audience and purpose for these documents. They were intended to direct GODORT's work but that was not necessarily clear to all when Steering voted to approve/accept. They are products of their time, and we could pull things out to work on moving forward. ALA has a legislative agenda but GODORT does not; if we want one, we will have to be strategic about how we talk about it and work within ALA.
2. Title 44 proposed changes
 - a. GPO has provided a one-page summary of the changes they are proposing. Their webinar is postponed into January after the new Congress takes office.
 - b. The proposal is much more narrow in scope than 115 H.R. 5305. This version builds on what exists and on what the library community has said is needed.
 - c. Briefly discussed proposed vocabulary in the proposal (government information, consultations, etc.), aspects of proposed changes to discards, and strengthening regional coordination. Also discussed digital preservation.
 - d. Action item: Shari will revisit the GODORT Title 44 recommendations from 2017 and compare with the proposal to see where GODORT may have specific feedback.
3. Proposed resolution(s), if any, for Midwinter 2021
 - a. Bernadine would like to propose a preservation grant from GODORT, which would be particularly helpful for the libraries that don't have secure sources of funding.
 - b. This does not require a resolution, but would be a proposal to Steering based on the ALA requirements to establish a new award.
 - c. Action item: Bernadine will send the language from the draft resolution from a few years ago, and Shari will reorganize based on the requirements for a proposal.
4. Adjourned at 1:56 EST