

GODORT Membership Meeting II
ALA 2002 Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA
Sunday June 16, 2002 Sheraton Atlanta

Present: Karen Russ (Chair), Erhard Konerding, Jill Moriearty (in-coming chair), Barbara Costello, Marilyn Von Seggern, Cheryl McCoy, Julienne Wood (recording)

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m.

There were no additions to the agenda.

Toronto Arrangements

J. Moriearty is working on revamping Big Blue and getting the booth registration settled early for the Toronto conference. It looks like the Silent Auction may be suspended for a year because of customs issues with the Canadian location. Many vendors are scrambling to cover the expected high costs of receptions so GODORT is looking into a joint reception with the government information group in the Canadian Library Association. A decision will have to be made soon.

Everyone was reminded about the various security issues involved with the border crossing. Plans are being made to provide details at MidWinter and on the GODORT Web page.

K. Russ will ask for comments on the GODORT hotel at the Business meeting Monday. It appears that membership will continue to work with the ALA Housing Office to reserve blocks of hotel rooms. The committee agreed that dealing directly with hotels, against ALA policy, is not acceptable.

Mentoring Program

E. Shumaker submitted a report indicating that the number of mentoring pairs is rising. He would like comments on when the participants should begin evaluating the system? Six months in? Twelve months? M Von Seggern suggested that Membership look at the evaluation form used by ACRL for their new members mentoring program. J. Moriearty reminded everyone that e-mail mentoring is effective also.

Dues increase for student members

It is not likely that the reduction in student dues will be voted on at this conference. There has been some discussion as to whether or not it was formally presented already and the Bylaws Committee says "No." K. Russ will prepare a final report on the idea and will provide the argument for next year's committee to present.

GODORT members who teach in library schools or visit government documents classes are being encouraged to promote GODORT membership with the students they meet.

Other

There has been a 6% decline in overall GODORT membership in the past twelve months. It appears that most people have left because they no longer work with documents.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.