

GODORT Publications Committee
Menger Hotel, Poolside Room 1-2
January 14, 2000 3-5:30pm
Aimée Piscitelli Quinn, Chair & Recorder
Debora Cheney, Chair-Elect & Recorder

Committee members present: Aimée Piscitelli Quinn (Chair), Debora Cheney (Chair-Elect), Marcia Meister (Chair, Editorial Review Board), Tim Byrne (Treasurer), Kathy Tezla (Past Chair, GODORT), Andrea Sevetson (Web Manager), Barbara Ceizler Silver (Chair, Notable Documents Panel), Jim Church (for Andrea Morrison, representative from the International Documents Task Force)

Friends present: Rhonda Marker, Bill Sleeman, John Stevenson, Carrie Ottow, Nan Myers

Committee members absent: Gary Cornwall (representative from the State & Local Documents Task Force), John Shuler (Editor, DttP)

Quinn called the meeting to order late (3:22pm) due to a brief executive committee meeting from 3-3:15pm. The agenda were approved by acclamation. Report from the Chair of the GODORT Publications Committee to the GODORT Membership

Prior to the meeting of the Publications Committee, electronic mail discussion began related to revising the PPM. During the conference, several actions occurred which impact the committee. Quinn reported briefly on her activities since the last conference. In brief, she began corresponding with CIS to start revising the 8th edition of the Directory of Government Document Collections & Librarians. Quinn also began an e-mail correspondence with ALA Publishing to learn more about their practice of having the first right of refusal of any manuscript from Committee's work and what that entails. A lot of the information regarding requirements and guidelines for publication by ALA is available at the web site (<http://www.ala.org/editions/>)

Byrne, GODORT Treasurer, provided a brief financial report. Discussion ensued over better mechanisms for reporting DttP expenses. Quinn and Shuler will work together to provide a regular financial report for the Committee before each conference. This report will review projected income and expenditures compared to actual income and expenditures. Quinn reminded everyone that GODORT is in year one of the three-year recover related to DttP as approved by GODORT Steering and membership. Once Jill Moriearty resigns as Advertising Manager (anticipated in the next month), the transition to ALA Publishing will be complete. Quinn recognized Moriearty for her outstanding contribution and dedication to GODORT Publications and to DttP. Quinn also requested each committee member to look carefully at the new look of DttP for any problems. Mistakes need to be reported to Shuler sooner rather than later.

Reports: Sevetson provided a brief report on the GODORT Web Page and revision of the PPM. The PPM sections identified for possible change were tabled until Annual. Tezla and Marker gave kudos to Sevetson for her work with the GODORT Web page. Ceizler Silver, Chair,

Notable Documents Panel, report that despite the lack of publicity in DttP, enough nominations were received covering State & Local documents - for the first time in several years. The Nominations for both other categories were still being reviewed. Last, Ceizler Silver reported her upcoming retirement and the need to find a new Chair of the NDP after annual. She noted an anticipated vacancy for a state & local selector on the panel.

Much of the rest of the meeting centered on the discussion of the Editorial Review Board. Meister, Chair of this board, provided a brief status report. In short, the board is inactive. Quinn asked the committee to think about the need for this board given the new size of the committee (additional representation from the three Task Forces plus a Chair-Elect). The purpose of the Editorial Review Board, according to the PPM, is to review new manuscripts. However, since no new manuscripts have been received in several years, perhaps it would be better to have the ability to create a subcommittee on an as needed basis. Lots of discussion ensued about the function of the committee and this Board with the result to table the issue until Annual Conference.

Marker provided an update on the cataloging book and solicited information about publishing in the next year. Marker, Cheney, and Quinn will work together on a written proposal for annual. Church provided a review of the IDTF ideas for future publishing including a series of Working or Occasional Papers to be initially published on the web and later in print. More discussion ensued with the request for Church to ask IDTF to make a more formal proposal at annual. Sleeman, representing the Rare & Endangered Government Publications Committee, noted that the preservation packet will be updated as a web product rather than a print one. The committee concurred that this format is better suited to keep this material updated.

The meeting adjourned at 5:26 pm.

***Subsequent notes from the Chair: During the conference, two important decisions were made. First, Anthony Anderson was re-appointed to serve as the representative from the Federal Documents Task Force. Next, Gary Cornwell resigned from the Committee due to conflicts with other Committee assignments. Quinn will work with Mary Martin, Chair - State & Local Documents Task Force, and Larry Romans, GODORT Chair, to find a replacement between conferences.