

# Publications committee midwinter 2012

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**GODORT Publications Committee** Adolphus Hotel, Sam Houston Room AB Sunday, January 22, 2012, 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. Convener: Helen Sheehy Recorder: Brett Cloyd

Attendees: Brandon Burnette, Kirsten Clark, Beth Claussen, Brett Cloyd, Sarah Erekson, Valerie Glenn, John Hernandez, Kris Kasianovitz, Frank Laster, Kristen Northrup, Marianne Ryan, Helen Sheehy, and Robbie Sitter.

## MINUTES

### I. Welcome and Introductions

II. The Publication Committee Meeting Agenda was approved.

III. The Publication Committee Meeting Minutes from the 2011 Annual Meeting were approved.

IV. Liaison Reports. Cloyd reported back from the Program Committee. GODORT is looking to work with RUSA and ACRL/LPSS on a program for statistical sources following the demise of the Statistical Abstract. There is also interest in a speaker from the UN to talk about data and statistical sources. Program Committee will work with DttP to promote events.

### V. Old Business

a. DttP Report and Update. Glenn and Claussen a variety of issues. Production Costs were reviewed. The Committee would be interested in seeing the breakdown of these costs (copy editor, ALA management fee, and printing). ProQuest is back on board as an advertiser (following corporate changes). Glenn talked about exhibit visits to vendors who advertize in DttP.

b. Occasional Paper Series is in the works and will be distributed shortly. It is a bibliography on native Americans. Sheehy is looking for more papers, so attendees were ask around for possible submissions.

c. Web Site Migration. The web site has been migrated, but the Wiki is very out of date. There was discussion of the purpose of the ALA web site, the Wiki and ALA Connect. The wiki is the current web site, ALA Connect is for communications, and the ALA web has been a holding place until the new site came on board.

d. E-learning Initiative. Jesse Silva's project at Bloomsberg University. There will be an announcement in DttP.

### VI. New Business

a. Report on Notable Documents Panel. Marianne Ryan is leading the panel and hopes to have things wrapped up by mid-March. Kris Kasianovitz noted her nomination of 2 California state documents in 2011. They made the cut and the documents authors were happy for the recognition.

b. Potential change to GODORT Bylaws. Glenn and Clark reviewed the proposed bylaws changes which will be voted on in Steering then voted on by the members. The intent is to make groups more flexible. It will no longer be mandatory for task forces to meet at Midwinter, but they must meet at Annual. It allows for discussion groups. Quorums have been reduced. Names of task forces have been removed from bylaws, and rules are for each type of

group. Steering Committee will have authority to dissolve groups with a majority vote (which concerned several people at the Publications Committee meeting). Clark noted that they looked at other ALA organizations and the proposed changes are very similar.

c. DttP Editorship and Hiring. The committee talked about process and questions to ask candidates. Claussen and Glenn talked about the value of having co-editors. The hope is to have a new editor in place by Mach. They noted that deadlines are important and they are always working toward the next issue. Filling out copyright forms are an important function. ALA sets dates and move back from that. Candidates need to know the time commitment. Some columnists hope to continue but the editors will probably finish up at the end of Glenn and Claussen's term. The committee talked about interview questions for candidates. Other important attributes include vision, direction, content ideas for articles in next 3 years, and themes. The committee then moved into closed session to talk about the candidates and process. Candidates would be contacted in the next day or two for a preliminary interview. A more detailed interview would take place in the next week or so.

d. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

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