

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

GODORT Bylaws and Organization Committee

Hyatt Regency - Anaheim

Friday, June 22, 2012 4:00 – 4:30 pm

Convener and recorder: Kathy Bayer

Attendees

Members: Barbie Selby (GODORT Secretary) and Vicki Tate (incoming Bylaws & Org Comm co-chair)

A quorum was not reached.

Old Business

Approval of 6-24-11 meeting minutes

Committee members approved the minutes, including the two attachments on virtual participation, during email review prior to this meeting.

PPM Update

August-September 2011 version on the GODORT wiki is still missing Nominating Committee appendices.

Current Nominating Comm Chair did not have copies.

PPM update needed after new Bylaws approved.

The same Bylaws to PPM “crosswalk” document listing major changes is available on the PPM wiki page and is entitled “Outline of affected PPM chapters” and in Dropbox as “PPM changes after new Bylaws 2012”.

- This document is missing: “Task Forces meet at Annual only and as necessary.”

New Bylaws

Background about changes placed on the ballot: The committee decided not to update Article II. Purpose as part of the recent Bylaws changes. The focus of the changes was on removal of content from the Bylaws that will be found in the PPM.

The Purpose statement in Article II is not fully in line with the GODORT Strategic Plan.

New Business

Steering I referrals

1. GITCO dissolved and an IT discussion group adopted for 2 years
 - Remove GITCO chapter in the PPM and references to GITCO elsewhere in the PPM.
 - Update Chair Elect chapter related to appointments. Remove GITCO appointment and add appointment for convener of discussion group.
 - Other information on discussion groups is likely not necessary unless more formalized.
 - Add to Archivist and Webmaster sections of the Special Officers PPM chapter: The Archivist and the outgoing unit chair will identify relevant documents for archiving. The Webmaster and the outgoing Chair will keep information about the dissolved unit available somewhere on the wiki.
1. Education Comm online learning regular program adopted
 - Changes are not necessary in the PPM unless the committee or Chair find a need to add specifics.

Committee membership

Current committee members discussed membership last fall when the Chair asked each committee to review its organization. Some comments were:

- Work is most easily done virtually outside of conferences.
- The Chair or a Co-Chair should attend the conferences while the current organization of GODORT requires actions at conferences.
- Membership does not necessarily need to be 4 people who are elected. Those in positions such as Past

Chair or Secretary could be members, for example, by virtue of their offices, reducing the number of people needed to run for service on the committee.

PPM reorganization

Ideas for updating include:

- Providing better subject-verb agreement for easier comprehension
- Organizing some sections by chronology, e.g., MAGIRT's Organization Manual, IV. Calendars (organized by Officer position, <http://www.ala.org/magirt/governance/manuala>)

Service in the same office terms?

The new Bylaws language highlighted below in yellow was reported as confusing to one reader of the new Bylaws:

Article IV. OFFICERS

Section 2

Officers of the task forces and standing committees will be elected or appointed. No member shall hold more than one office at a time at the level of standing committee Chair

or Task Force Coordinator or higher. **No member shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.** No member of the Executive Committee, except for

the past Chair, shall be eligible to hold an additional elective or appointive position with GODORT at the level of work group Chair or higher, except as specified in these Bylaws. This restriction shall not apply to appointment to special committees.

Article VIII. TASK FORCES, COMMITTEES, AND DISCUSSION GROUPS

Section 2. Standing Committees

Standing committees shall be created to perform the ongoing work of the Round Table. Standing committees are created, changed, or discontinued by the Steering Committee.

Committees can be created by the Steering Committee, or by the submission of a proposal with twenty-five supporting signatures of personal members. The Steering Committee, upon the recommendation of the concerned body, may discontinue or change the status of a committee. A statement of the functions and membership of a new

standing committee shall be written into the *PPM* at the committee's creation. Membership changes shall be approved by the Steering Committee and the *PPM* updated.

Committee chairs may be elected or appointed. Committees can appoint subunits for specific tasks. **No member of a standing committee shall be eligible to serve more than**

two consecutive terms on the same committee. Policies of standing committees shall be submitted to the Steering Committee for approval and inclusion in the *PPM*.

Additional

PPM Awards Committee chapter

- The Awards Committee chair will provide an update to the new Bylaws Committee chairs to correct some information that was inadvertently included as part of the newly adopted PPM template in August-September 2011 but does not apply to the Awards Committee. Information to be removed include the secretary and minutes. Information to add or modify will be information about the new ALA awards database and changes to awards.

Bylaws on GODORT wiki

Barbara Miller, incoming Chair, recommended that the Bylaws page on the GODORT wiki be reorganized to make the link to the current Bylaws more obvious. The page is currently text heavy and some reorganization will make the link to the current Bylaws more visible.