

GODORT Rare and Endangered Government Publications Minutes
ALA Midwinter Conference, Philadelphia, PA
January 26, 2003
Sheraton-Society Hill, Ballroom A & B

Present: John Phillips (Chair), David Utz, Yvonne Wilson, Timothy Skeers, Elizabeth Robinson, Lynne Stuart, Joe Furlong, Andrew Lans, David Allen, Marilyn Von Seggern, Mark Phillips,

their respective sections know of the need of this type of program.GODORT could co-sponsor such a meeting.

Reports from Task Force Representatives and Liaisons:

Timothy Skeers from SLDTF mentioned that NAL is looking for libraries to help them locate fugitive state agricultural documents. He also mentioned that the Center for Research Libraries is working on the older documents in their states collection and that they have completed weeding duplicates from Alabama through North Carolina.The pre-conference on digitization was also discussed at their meeting.

Jackie Druery from IDTF mentioned that Norman Ross was there to talk about projects that he will continue producing under ProQuest.He will still have a company that will continue publishing the reprints of Census products.Jackie mentioned that CRL is also working on their foreign and international collections and weeding those collections as needed.

Cindi Wolff from FDTF mentioned that the new Public Printer at GPO would be at the FDTF business meeting.

Jane Gillis from RBMS mentioned there was a lot of discussion about digitization of rare books, how it should be done and what cataloging will be done for these publications.

Winston Atkins from PARS mentioned there was a concern expressed over how the various digitization projects over the United States will be pulled together to show what has been done, will there be guidelines set up for repository libraries and what will happen if a library decides to no longer host a digital site.

David Allen from MAGERT mentioned that USGS has a "Product Warehouse" in which they have digitized many of the standard USGS sets.Unfortunately the maps in those publications are not part of the project.He also mentioned that Stony Brook University is working on digitizing pre-1950 soil survey maps.

Old Business:

John Phillips reported that the REGP's website has been updated, moved to the SunSite server and old minutes have been added. A corrected list of members will be added after this conference.Mark Phillips will be the Webmaster and will be an ex-officio member of the committee.

New Business:

John Phillips mentioned a new article written by Bill Sleeman that dealt with the digitization and preservation of rare publications.

A letter has been received from the library school at the University of North Texas asking that REGP compile a list of 10 documents that could be used as one of their requirements in their

capstone class as well as being used as a training tool for text encoding projects. The idea of this list would be to select useful Federal documents that would not be normal candidates for larger digitization efforts.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. Those interested in attending a tour of the Free Library of Philadelphia left with David Utz.

Minutes submitted by John Phillips, Chair-REGP