

**GODORT State & Local Documents Task Force  
Minutes of the Business Meeting  
State and Local Documents Task Force (SLDTF)  
1997 ALA Midwinter Conference  
Capital Hilton, American Room  
Washington, D.C.  
Saturday, February 15, 1997**

Beth Baur, presiding  
Lisa R. Stimatz, recording

### **Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 by SLDTF Coordinator Beth Baur.

### **Reports & Announcements**

Ann Miller, Chair of the GODORT Publications Committee solicited nominations to fill 2 positions to review and select state and local documents for Library Journal's Notable Documents section.

Dan O' Mahoney, Legislative Committee Liaison, requested that the Task Force to prepare a statement of principle in support of two resolutions regarding public access to and preservation of electronic state and local government information. The Task Force agreed to revisit the request at the June meeting once members have had an opportunity to read and react to the resolutions.

Pat Finney of the Center for Research Libraries (CRL) reported the results of a recent survey of member libraries regarding the organization's state documents collection. She announced that the CRL Task Force on State Documents would meet February 16, 1997 to determine whether the collection 1) be disbanded, 2) be limited to Pre-1950 imprints, or 3) be kept intact, despite the prohibitive costs and relative low use.

Rob Richards, University of Colorado at Boulder, updated the Task Force on "StateList" – The Electronic Source for State Publication Lists (<http://www.law.uiuc.edu/library/check.htm>). This joint project between the Documents and the Law libraries of the University of Illinois now includes links to 20 state checklists. Following receipt of a grant from the UIUC Library Research and Publications Committee, work is underway to design a database that is accessible from the website.

Beth Baur, Task Force Coordinator, distributed a news release from the National Newspaper Association (NNA) regarding a project to investigate public-private partnerships between state and local governments and private "on-line" information providers. Representatives from the NNA are interested in meeting with SLDTF members in June to discuss the project further and seek support.

Diane Smith and colleague from the Congressional Information Service demonstrated a prototype version of State Compass, a web-based information systems similar to CIS Congressional Compass.

### **Adjournment**

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.