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Midwinter 2016 SLDTF Minutes

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State and Local Documents Task Force: SLDTF Minutes - Midwinter 2016

Saturday, January 9, 2016, 10:30am to 11:30am

Hyatt Regency Boston, Room Dedham

Agenda

I. Welcome and Introductions II. Attendance sheet (Jennifer Huck, coordinator, to circulate)

~~Jennifer Huck (UVA);~~ Stephen Barnaby (SJSU); Susan Paterson (UBC); Barbara Miller (OK State U.); Richard Yarnell (LC); Rich Gause (UCF); Hallie Pritchett (UGA); Cass Hartnett (Univ. of WA); Stephen Woods (PSU); Susanne Caro (U. of Montana); Daniel Cornwall (Alaska State Library); Julie Robbins (NYC Dept. of Records Library); Sarah Erekson (Chicago Public)

III. Adoption of the agenda

Jennifer noted that the previously circulated copy of the agenda (on ALA Connect) has been tweaked. Under dnts-

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- Review of Liaisons Needed

The wiki listed the liaisons to Gov Info for Children and Programs as either “vacant” or “Rich Gause.” Rich confirmed that he can be the liaison. Rich is coordinating a LibGuide for GIC that includes a state by state listing. (<http://guides.ucf.edu/gic-states>)

- 5 Year Goals (Formerly Review of SLDTF Future Projects Survey (see attached))

We spent the majority of the meeting on this section. Started off with a discussion of webinars: people like them, but all states are different (Barbara); “How I did it webinars” can be inspiring, even if the other state does it differently than your own (Hallie); plug for Western States Government Information Virtual Conference, which possibly in the future could have a panel from different Gov Info professional organizations, an opportunity to network and market our TF (Susanne). But there is also the issue of sustainability. If it becomes the work of one person, and that person leaves, that is a problem (Stephen). A webinar series wouldn’t have to be regular, could be every now and then (Hallie). People seemed to be in consensus that there are lots of ways to get people to present, that people would be happy to present. Webinars do not have to be too long, 15 minutes (Susanne).

We discussed the possibility of a listserv at length. There is no state-only listserv, so getting one would be nice. Noted that years ago a separate GODORT listserv had been created but it failed because no one wanted to look at both GOVDOC-L and a GODORT listserv (Barbara). Interest in created a tag in GOVDOC-L for state and local docs (Rich G and Cass). We could promote focused conversations on GOVDOC-L (Rich Y). The idea is to email a dedicated group of SLDTF members with a topic and have those members commit to respond on GOVDOC-L in order to generate conversation and interest in state docs. Would be a “great challenge” to do once per month (Cass). We could create a bank of questions in advance (Hallie). ~~MEM~~ would have to reinforce where this is coming from (SLDTF) and brand the discussion appropriately.

Stephen pointed out that we need to focus on what we offer our members and not everyone on GOVDOC-L is a dues-paying member of GODORT. We are here to serve our members. It’s possible that members may not want whatever we are talking about on GOVDOC-L (Stephen) or that we are directing a lot of energy towards something we are giving away for free, without the need to be a member (Jenn). Response was that we are still creating a forum for discussing state documents (Hallie), and we need more members and this is one way to attract more members (Rich Y). ~~Stephen’s~~ ~~idea~~ ~~is~~ ~~to~~ ~~use~~ ~~the~~ ~~listserv~~ ~~as~~ ~~a~~ ~~hook~~ ~~to~~ ~~over~~ ~~promote~~ ~~state~~ ~~docs~~ ~~as~~ ~~what~~ ~~we~~ ~~are~~ ~~“hooking~~ ~~into”~~ (the GOVDOC-L listserv activity cannot be the primary thing we offer). We would have to be hooking people into webinars, or other programs you can only get from SLDTF (Stephen).

When trying to distill these many ideas into goals, we considered these: We can provide an opportunity to connect with our state and local information colleagues. We can facilitate communication. We can create the space to share best practices, and possibly create the space for mentorship opportunities between experienced and new librarians. We can create a forum for people to connect on state and local docs.

We heard many ideas for topics for a webinar or GOVDOC-L: Best practices for web archiving. Point to where state web archives exist. Digital distribution of state documents. State and local level NGOs. Problems with cataloging state docs. The challenge of enforcing state deposit requirements. Ways to get your state docs in the Library of Congress (Rich Y). Continue to discuss the copyright issue. Web harvesting ~~oM=W~~

