

**Minutes: GODORT Steering Meeting
Tuesday November 12, 2024**

Zoom Registration Link:

https://ala-events.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMofuugrDltE9KJtigBu9twHY0st_VW35_o

Meeting began: 1:02 pm CT

Attendees: Andie Craley, Kelly Wilson, Aaron Wilson, Julie Ezzo, Samantha Hager, Lauren Hall, Michael Alguire, Elizabeth Sangers, Sanga Sung, Benjamin, Aldred, Lisa Pritchard, Denise Jones, Kathy Carroll, Hayley Johnson, Alison Downey

Approval of Minutes: [October 8, 2024](#). General consensus of approval

Approval of the Agenda: General Consensus of approval

Announcements

1. Steering Meetings and GODORT Chats update
 - a. Steering Meetings - 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2 PM EST / 1 PM CT -
 - b. Friday Chats - 1st Friday of each month at 1 PM EST / 12 Noon CT - schedule at <https://godort.libguides.com/fridaychats>
 - c. Shari Laster, GODORT Development Committee Chair, presented on the GODORT Preservation Grant opportunity on November 1
 - i. Suggestion from Chat for either Education or Programming, etc - could GODORT do a webinar featuring a panel of people who have successfully obtained grants for similar projects through other funders who could give potential applicants tips about how to figure out costs, and present their cases for funding?
 - ii. Question from Chat - does awardee need to be an ALA member?
Well attended and well received. Andie has been looking into if the awardee needs to be an ALA member, but has not found anything as of yet.
 - d. Next up on December 6 - Elizabeth Sanders with present from her GODORT Chairs Program from ALA Annual June 2024 of "Government Information in Evidence Synthesis: Challenges & Opportunities"
2. ALA Executive Board Meeting Highlights - https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1fx4dBri2Uy7VfYNF2V7KtHjS5Ez9qHjg?usp=drive_link
 - a. Contains August 15, 2024 and September 19, 2024 so far.
Nothing newer at this point.
3. Candidates were announced on November 11 for 2026-2027 ALA President https://www.ala.org/news/2024/11/cronk-jamison-mccauley-seek-ala-presidency-2026-2027?_zs=SA2xg1&_zl=w2Xt9 and for 2025-2028 ALA Treasurer

https://www.ala.org/news/2024/11/neal-thornton-running-2025-2028-ala-treasurer?_zs=S A2xg1&_zl=x2Xt9 .

Committee Reports

- Treasurer – Elizabeth Sanders: **no updates at this time**
- Awards/Conference – Sanga Sung: Award nomination form is open including the option to nominate/apply for the Preservation Grant. We will not be awarding the Larry Romans Mentorship Award per discussion with the Rainbow Round Table (RRT). **Nomination form is open for all awards (deadline 12/1) and the grant and Rozkuszka Scholarship (deadline 3/1).**
- Bylaws – Angela Kent: **This position will be placed on the slate for election as Angela needs to step down.**
- Cataloging – Valerie Glenn: Has retirement congratulations letter ready for Laurie Hall, GODORT Chair Andie Craley to send - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xbzks2An8pe6IID8aJX6TdiGylaPVqJ5VSJQnA3gAEw/edit?tab=t.0> . The committee is now soliciting input on a retirement congratulations letter for Jim Noel: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DAoC9CX-7knRZSK6YkdBM2_EUU95YJQmbbjs_oCLB3cA/edit?usp=sharing
The Core Continuing Resources Committee is having an “Ask the Expert” session focused on government documents on November 21st at 1pm MST/3pm EST. Chad Deets from the Cataloging Committee will be presenting.
- Development – Shari Laster: met on October 24, sent out fundraising appeal for the Preservation Grant, sent note to the Executive Committee to request action on raising issues we seem to be experiencing with lack of support, working to review proposed website edits, next meeting Dec 19.
- Education: Aaron Wilson: The committee met on November 1. The Voter & Elections Toolkit & Sunshine Week Working Groups gave the reports. Additional discussion recapped discussion during the FDL Conference, including impending post-Marcive/CRD programs. The next meeting will be virtual on December 12, 2024.
- GIC – Lauren Hall: We will have a meeting next Tuesday, November 19th. We are focusing on our LibGuides.
- Legislation – Lisa Pritchard: The committee will meet on November 13 at 1pm Central. ALA’s Committee on Legislation will have a fall retreat in November and December and Chair of GODORT’s Legislation Committee will attend. The Freedom to Read Foundation will have a board meeting in January and Chair of Leg Com will attend and report back.
- Membership/Nominating – Ben Aldred: **GODORT does not have a council seat up for election, 4 members short to be assigned a council seat. Call has gone out for elective offices, 1 volunteer so far- deadline for filing of candidacy is 12/13. Will be reaching out to some members for potential candidates**
- Program/Help!/Kenya Flash – Julia Ezzo: **no updates at this time**
- Publications – Kelly Wilson: **Met on Friday, Oct. 25th for a short meeting.**

- **Fall issue of DttP will be online soon. Call went out in October for submissions for the Winter issue and currently have 1 article.**
- **A draft AI policy for DttP has been written and the final draft is in progress.**
- **The next Notable Documents Panel will start up in January.**
- **We have a submission for an Occasional Paper and we're working on finding peer reviewers for it.**
- **Next meeting will hopefully be the 3rd week of December.**
- Rare & Endangered - VACANT - no volunteers yet to serve as Chair. Andie sent the 4 REGP committee members the Steering Committee meeting information, in case any want to attend to represent.
- Social Media, Outreach & Technology – Samantha Hager: Please send any GODORT news/post ideas to godortsocialmedia@gmail.com . The ALA website staff have been a little slow to set up Drupal training for our committee members. We have reached out to Danielle Ponton in hopes of getting things rolling. Please send any requests for website updates to godorttechnology@gmail.com
- International Documents Task Force – Michael Alguire: **no updates at this time**
- Federal Interest Group – Hayley Johnson: **no updates at this time**
- State & Local Interest Group – Denise Jones: **no updates at this time**
- ALA Council – Hallie Pritchett: **no updates at this time**

Old Business

1. Preservation Grant update - making some progress:
 - a. Awards/Conference Chair Sanga Sung sent out the call for nominations for the various GODORT Awards with all the deadlines and nomination form. Preservation nomination deadline is March 1, 2025. She made edits on the GODORT Awards Nomination Form, including an Application Checklist included on the form that was suggested during the November 1 GODORT Friday Chat - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdiEIrlgB4Jk5QA_sUHxKByU7KSN-M88e9o0dMR5a0OfjQ7Q/viewform . The GODORT Awards webpage is gradually getting updated with the Preservation Grant information - <https://www.ala.org/godort/about-awards>
 - i. FYI from Sanga Sung - spoke with the Rainbow Round Table (RRT) about the Larry Romans Mentorship Award. **This year, the award will not be opened.**
 - ii. Sanga is also updating the W. David Rozkuszka Scholarship application documentation and checklist as she investigates how the process work
 - b. Development Chair Shari Laster sent out an updated donation fundraising call - <https://www.ala.org/godort/donate>
 - i. Click on "General Donations" link
 - ii. Indicate in the "Tribute" that this is for the GODORT Preservation Grant
 - iii. Then forward your email receipt to CORRECT EMAIL ADDRESS of godort.ala@gmail.com

- c. GODORT Chair received thank you from Bernadine Abbott Hoduski to the Development Committee and the Preservation Working Group for their work in getting this underway.
- d. Continuing problem that we are not notified of donors/donations. It is VERY likely that we are outstanding with major donors who still need letters of acknowledgement.
 - i. Financial information we receive is extremely tardy and often missing specifics, and despite multiple requests we are unable to learn when targeted donations are made to GODORT in support of the Preservation Grant. There are also other challenges, including consistent access to the GODORT Zoom room, and updates on our overall membership numbers. It seems too that there is not a lot of clarity on whether the changes to how RT budgets are managed will result in a greater investment to staff resources, or if funds will be redirected in another way.
 - ii. GODORT Chair and GODORT Development Committee Chair have sent this concern to the GODORT Executive Committee.
 - iii. The concern has also been shared with Danielle Ponton by the GODORT Treasurer, as well as still waiting for confirmation of creation of a dedicated line in the Budget for the Preservation Grant
 - iv. Additional suggestions are that GODORT Chair Andie Craley share this issue through RTCA to ALA Council, and perhaps consider a very thoughtfully worded letter to the current ALA President and President-Elect.

2. Vacancies on committees - **most of these no updates since October 2024:**

- a. GODORT Chair finished checking with some liaisons and put out a call out for volunteers on ALA Members and GODORT Connect and GovDoc-L. Have received various replies back and have put them in touch with the Committee Chairs to the committees they wished to volunteer for. GODORT Chair will update 2024-2025 roster upon confirmation of spots filled.
- b. Committees Vacancies:
 - i. Awards/Conference - 1
 - ii. Cataloging - need a Chair of the Working Group for the Cataloging Committee Cataloging Toolboxes. Received interest from a volunteer and contacted Committee Chair. Committee to decide their needs, but do need some kind of working group to do updates to the 3 toolboxes and their Cataloging Committee webpage to remove prior contacts.
 - iii. Development - 2
 - iv. Government Information for Children (GIC) - 0 - vacancies filled
 - v. Legislation - 2
 - vi. Publications - need 1 At Large member
 - 1. Notable Documents Panel under Publications - need 2 Federal Documents Judges, need 2 State & Local Documents Judges, need 1 International Documents Selector

- vii. **UPDATE 11-7-24** - Rare & Endangered Government Publications - especially need a Chair, in addition to 1 other member now. Received interest from 1 volunteer and contacted the 3 current members of the committee to put them in contact with this new member to committee. GODORT Chair sent email to 3 current members of REGP Committee to see if one of them is willing to be Committee Chair - so far none of them can take the Chair position.
 - viii. Social Media/Outreach/Technology - 0 - vacancies filled
 - c. Vacancies in Liaison to an ALA Committee:
 - i. ALA EDI Assembly - 2
 - d. Vacancy in Liaison to another organization:
 - i. ALA Program Jury - 1
 - e. Vacancies in these ALA Liaisons to GODORT. GODORT Chair had sent an update to ALA Liaison that all the following ALA Liaisons to GODORT are vacant. Danielle Ponton was to send messages to those groups. **Haven't heard any updates of these vacancies being filled for 2024-2025:**
 - i. ACRL Rare Book and Manuscripts Section (RBMS)
 - 1. **UPDATE 10-31-24 from Elois Sharpe** - ACRL RBMS leaders have made numerous attempts to get an RBMS rep for the ALA Government Documents Round Table (GODORT) but were unsuccessful in their efforts to obtain a volunteer for this position. Therefore, ACRL will not have a rep for 2024-2025. ACRL will submit another call next year to fill this vacancy, if needed.
 - ii. Map and Geospatial Information Round Table (MAGIRT)
 - iii. New Member Round Table (NMRT)
 - iv. Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT)
3. Round Table Coordinating Assembly
- a. Update email sent by GODORT Chair to Steering Committee on October 2 of the Overhead Model Selection Motion document and the RTCA FY25 Round Table Leaders Virtual Training Orientation Sessions starting in October 2024
 - i. RCTA FY25 Round Table Leaders Virtual Training Orientation - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xt8FpSAMotNJURT3S6G8Se3wmaz9utKR/view?usp=sharing>
 - 1. Recordings are to be in the RTCA Connect Space - <https://connect.ala.org/communities/community-home/librarydocuments?communitykey=2a0f37ec-ac87-4296-875f-6e85b95fec1e&LibraryFolderKey=&DefaultView=&folder=1e0c38d6-bbc2-4d63-a0ea-0192969deac3&90df402c-2f12-4d59-a814-150956fa9968=eyJwYWdlYW5kZXgiOiJAsImxpYnJhcnllbnRyeSI6bnVsbH0%3D>
So far, 1 is posted. Andie sent message on ALA connect to see about others, but no response
 - 2. **Update 11-7-24** - recording for the Oct 10 ALA Round Table Training Elections session is there. GODORT Chair asked if

recordings were available for the Oct 17 ALA Round Table Training ALA Connect and ALAIR session and the Oct 22 ALA Financial Statement Training session. Susan Mythen was to check and report back - **no update.**

- b. **Chair has not heard any updates on this topic since it was posted on October 1** - Looks like Overhead Model Selection Option #3 (which was our 3rd choice) is actually what was chosen by most in Appendix 1 - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MmuZtp9Hi9B-fA9dvfDRusDef_KE_o/ed?usp=sharing&rtpof=true&sd=true
 - i. Our 3rd Choice preference was Option #3 – Overhead based on Net Revenue (could more than double the amount GODORT would be paying in overhead to ALA)

4. Emerging Leader

- a. Awards/Conference Chair submitted GODORT's interest to the ALA Liaison in supporting an Emerging Leader, the Awards/Conference Chair put a call out through ALA Connect and GovDoc-L, and application deadline was September 6.
- b. Awards/Conference Committee sent forth their 1 allotted nomination for class of 2025 and 2 alternates, per directions received **updates to come**

5. ALA Annual June 2025 - any updates

- a. **UPDATE 11-12-23** - Andie received the 2025 ALA Annual Conference Submission Form from Danielle Ponton, and forwarded to Ben and to Julia as we will need to think about the times we want for the following events
 - i. Getting to Know the Government Documents Round Table (GODORT 101)
 - ii. Government Documents Round Table (GODORT) Happy Hour
 - iii. Any GODORT Jury program, if accepted
 - iv. Any GODORT Chairs program
 - v. GODORT Awards Ceremony & Reception
- b. ALA Annual 2025 Call for Proposals - <https://2025.alaannual.org/call-proposals> The ALA 2025 Annual Conference Call for Program and Poster Proposals and Education Program Submission Site opens August 19, 2024. Education Program Submission Site extended to: September 29, 2024 at 11:59 pm, EDT. [ALA Rubric](#)
 - i. **Proposal 1:** Proposal title: "Government Data for Entrepreneurs: Mapping Resources for Market Growth"
 - 1. Summary: In an era where data-driven decision-making is crucial, government information offers a wealth of resources for small businesses and entrepreneurs. This presentation will explore the invaluable role that government data plays in supporting business growth and innovation. Focusing on free, open information, we will delve into key government resources such as Census demographic data, government contracts basics, SBA resources for women, veteran, and minority-owned businesses, and industry data from various federal agencies. We will also

show how non-traditional sources like historic maps and property information are often used by our small business patrons.

- a. Attendees will gain insights into how to leverage this data to identify target markets, understand community needs, and refine business strategies. This presentation is designed to empower librarians, researchers, and information professionals with practical tools and strategies to support small business and entrepreneurial success in all communities. By the end of the session, participants will be equipped with the knowledge to guide patrons in accessing and utilizing these powerful government resources to fuel business innovation and economic growth.
- ii. **Proposal 2** is just a rough idea at this stage and will be expanded upon if Steering wants to move forward with it. This proposal idea was created by members of the Program Committee. PPIRS is interested in co-sponsoring this session. Working title: "250 Years of the American Constitution: Reflecting, Innovating, and Evolving."
 1. Summary: This would be a dichotomy of celebration and a critical exploration of the Constitution, It's less than aspirational history and change. Exploring the gender and racial (in)equity issues in the Constitution. Would people ever consider calling a Constitutional Convention to write a new Constitution for the new age? For example, ideas suggested in this article [Toward a more perfect Constitution: Danielle Allen — Harvard Gazette](#)
 - a. Learning objectives ideas to expand upon:
 - i. Reading the Constitution with original language and educating people on the nebulous framework in which the Constitution was written.
 - ii. The foundation of free government information.

5. GODORT submitted GODORT 101 Virtual Poster proposal for the FDLP Fall 2024 Virtual Conference October 21-23, 2024 poster gallery -

<https://www.fdlp.gov/2024-virtual-poster-presentation>

- a. Thank you letter to GODORT Steering from DLC Chair Susanne Caro -
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1b32MdSiuVo-siK8vz2sQ1Oux_FFzybXA/view?usp=sharing

Well received at the conference

6. Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC) is in the process of reviewing and beginning to update all intellectual freedom-related documents and wanted feedback by October 30. Chair sent out email on Oct 8 to all Steering members with documents attached. Documents found at GODORT Steering Google Drive at:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/19LuYQOWkO4b5Cu2eb2DIZGp0hnmGJ-8s?usp=sharing>

- a. GODORT Chair sent feedback received from GODORT Steering members back to IFC on 10/30/24.

7. For ongoing thoughts/discussions - Question about the Accessibility position that was Ex Officio on the Cataloging Committee

- a. Cataloging decided in 2023 that it might make more sense for GODORT on a whole to have an Accessibility person, as many have LibGuides. Maybe something to consider - where would it fall in the PPM's?
- b. Technology Committee created GODORT Best Practices LibGuide that has tab for Accessibility - <https://godort.libguides.com/BestPractices/accessibility> **still being discussed**

8. New Business

- a. Signup sheet for Committee meetings during January Midwinter Virtual sessions from January 13-17, 2025 - <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1u4F7LYJYFZTVhmJk-n1A3oWvt9nGqCyTVE2ymqw3fJg/edit?usp=sharing>
Already have times slotted for GODORT 101, Steering, and General Membership, but please sign up for committee meetings using spreadsheet.

9. Next Meeting - Tuesday December 10, 2024 at 2 PM EST / 1 PM CT

10. Adjournment **1:29 pm CT**