

GODORT Legislation Committee **Draft** Minutes

Thursday, November 9, 2023

10am PDT/11 am MDT/12am CDT/1pm EDT

<https://ala-events.zoom.us/j/99428266489?pwd=MzN5ZG1Vd0QwTFRJV2QwcnpBZVVaUT09>

Members (*attendance noted in bold*): Robbie Sittel, **Danielle Gensch, Sarah Causey, Lisa Pritchard, Kelsey Flynn, James Jacobs, Kelly Wilson** (meeting coordinator). Guests:

1. Approval of Minutes: [September 28, 2023 Legislation Committee Minutes](#)
Minutes approved by unanimous consent
2. Old Business: Letter from GODORT to GPO approved by Steering & sent to GPO
3. New Business: ALA Annual Conference Sessions for Next Year
 - Kelsey Flynn is experienced with organizing panels for ALA
 - One idea: digitization–NARA updates, preservation committee for FedLink–challenges associated with this. Federal and State and local level efforts–print resources–prioritize & pay for the work that is needed. This would be something that would appeal to other committees as well and we could co-sponsor.
 - Another possible panel would be the history of the ACMRA (Access to Congressionally Mandated Reports Act) which took a long time and a lot of effort from librarians and various open gov/govt transparency groups. It'd be interesting to invite a couple of people who worked on the push to get the ACMRA passed.

Discussion

1. GODORT FDLP Advocacy Plan: Current Status & Plans
<https://www.ala.org/rt/sites/ala.org/rt/files/content/Federal%20Depository%20Library%20Advocacy%20Plan%20for%20GODORT.pdf>
 - Reviewing the plan, we would like to recommend that this document be updated to reflect the constantly evolving Federal Depository Library Program guidance and the updates from the Government Publishing Office.
 - Action Item: Gavin Baker–Invite to talk to us about what GODORT can do. Also invite Ed Garcia, chair of COL and GIS subcommittee. Our work would be directed upward toward GODORT Steering and ALA.

Next Meeting: January–Week prior to ALA Mid-Winter