

GODORT Steering Meeting

January 2024

Zoom Registration Link:

<https://ala-events.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0udu2vpz8iH9Jqv2N6Vtf24hOaRAKwQviC>

Attendance Form: <https://forms.gle/eLMjVo1yNFKy78KcA>

Meeting Attendance: Benjamin Aldred, Michael Alguire, Angela Bonnell, Brett Cloyd, Andrea Craley, Alison Downey, Sarah Erikson, Kian Flynn, Samantha Hager, Lauren Hall, Denise Jones, Angela Kent, Rick Mikulski, Lisa, Pritchard, Hallie Pritchett, Elizabeth Sanders, Kristine Stilwell, Sanga Sung, Patricia Takacs, Joseph Yue (please add your name if not listed here)

Minutes from Previous Meeting:

 November GODORT Steering Meeting

AGENDA:

Call to Order: January 9, 2024, 1:01 Central Standard Time

Approval of Minutes (no motion required). Minutes approved

Announcements

Nominees for Elected Positions: Julia Ezzo has agreed to run for GODORT Chair-elect. Jennifer Castle has agreed to run for Chair, Publications Committee. Alison Downey has agreed to run for GODORT Secretary. One DLC nomination has been made for Nia Rogers

Reports

- **Awards** → Alison reported that the committee received a full panel of nominations this year. Thank you to everyone who submitted nominations.
- **Bylaws** → Ben reported that they are working on updating the PPM to streamline that process. Ben would like to meet with committee chairs and review their sections of the PPM.
- **Cataloging** → No report
- **Conference** → Sanga reported that the committee is reviewing reception venues for 2024 Awards in San Diego
- **Development** → Joseph reported that he met with Ben and the Awards and Program Committee chairs to consider needs and wishes for sponsoring funding opportunities for this year and beyond. Joseph reported that he will be seeking sponsorships for this

year's reception. Working on a fundraising letter to support a Preservation Grant. They are also working on a media kit to send out to sponsors.

- **Education** → Aaron was not able to attend due to weather.
- **GIC** → Lauren reported that GIC has been establishing a plan and creating a new History Day guide. Please contact Lauren if you would like to contribute. The committee also hopes to reach out to GPO and the Help! Series to explore partnership ideas.
- **Help!** → Kate was not able to attend
- **Legislation** → Lisa discussed the Federal Depository Library Advocacy Plan for GODORT. Since the FDLP is shifting to a primarily digital program, should GODORT's approach shift, too? Lisa asked for guidance on how her committee might proceed and the kind of guidance Steering Committee could offer? Steering voted to approve Legislation Committee proceeding with an update for the advocacy plan. Lisa asked for guidance on how GODORT works with the ALA Office of Public Policy and Government Relations. Lisa pointed out that she is the liaison between GODORT and the ALA Committee on Legislation. She's trying to understand what the Committee is doing and how GODORT can support their work. Gavin Baker from the ALA Office will be speaking to the Legislation Committee at the first 20 minutes of their meeting. Lisa is also looking at program ideas for future conferences.
- **Membership** → Kristine reported that Membership has drafted a letter to welcome new members to GODORT and offered ways they can participate.
- **Nominations** → Nominations for this year are mentioned at the beginning of these minutes.
- **Program** → Andie reported that 2 GODORT supported program proposals for ALA 2024 Annual were not accepted by the ALA Juries:
 - Rachel Olsen of PPIRS submitted with PPIRS and ANSS as Cosponsor Funding Unit(s) and with GODORT as Cosponsor in Name Only for "Pulling Back the Curtain on Housing Research: A Primer on the Housing Crisis in California" - it was not selected by the ACRL Submission Jury.
 - Rachel Olsen's email, she only mentioned that she was not entirely sure where to go from here (if anywhere). We have no further word from Rachel or PPIRS or ANSS about what the plans are for the joint program or if they will submit it to the ACRL2025 Conference Call.
 - Elizabeth Sanders submitted her program proposal "Government Information in Evidence Synthesis: Opportunities & Challenges" to the ALA Jury as a GODORT only program - it was not accepted by the ALA Jury.
 - The GODORT Program Committee is currently working with Chair Ben Aldred and Past Chair Kian Flynn on a Chair's Program, to be using Elizabeth Sanders' proposal as a GODORT Chairs program for ALA June 2024 Annual, per our PPM (Policy Procedure Manual) guidelines.
 - Program committee is also working with GODORT Chair on revising the Program PPM and the Assistant Chair/Chair-Elect PPM that also has information related to the Program Committee that doesn't match what is in the Program PPM. Some good discussions took place on a number of questions: what kinds of program

formats are preferred in light that some may have limitations in attending conferences, having more broad programs on government information resources that would appeal to more than just government information specific librarians, how does ALA choose what programs are presented in hybrid format and recorded for a period of time of access after conferences, and trying to find a compromise between language in the PPM that indicates there should be an 18-month lead in securing program proposals and how that hinders having more recent and timely topics and yet having more turnover time between outgoing and incoming Program Chairs before a usual short ALA submission timeline after the new Program chair comes on board.

- At the New Business part of the Steering meeting, Program Chair brought up a topic for discussion: that there was a suggestion made during the Program Committee meeting for more consistent language used in GODORT marketing tools and in the GODORT January meeting LibGuide with regards to the GODORT Virtual Midwinter meetings and the ALA new name of LibLearnX January conference, so new people to GODORT are not confused by multiple terminology.
- **Publications** → Rick said the next issue of DttP is coming along, and a new editor will be announced soon. Good progress is being made on the Notable Documents project, and there are still conversations with *Library Journal* about what it will look like. The Occasional Paper series is still active – there are a couple suggestions for new work.
- **Rare & Endangered** → Angela reported that a new project called At-risk Government Publications is taking shape.
- **Social Media & Outreach** → **Patti reports that GODORT now has an Instagram account**, https://www.instagram.com/godort_ala Please send along any content you would like to add to GODORT's account.
- **Technology** → Samantha reported that they replaced the Twitter space on the GODORT web page with the Instagram account. She also worked with ALA's office to include updates from GODORT's ALA Connect site on the GODORT homepage.
- **International Task Force** → Michael reported group is meeting Friday. ALA Annual program is coming together, with speakers in touch.
- **Federal IG** → Not able to attend
- **State & Local IG** → Denise reported they have held meetings on grants and collection policies that have been well attended. Also, informal meetings for librarians working with state documents, including State Libraries. This has included making space on GODORT web pages and libguides to support the kind of work that is on-going.
- **ALA Council** → Hallie reported that she will be attending the ALA Council meeting at the LibLearnX Conference in Baltimore.

Old Business

Correction to Minutes from October (Cloyd). Corrected spelling of presenter (McCaffrey) mentioned in October meetings.

New Business

Andie asked that GODORT consider how it describes and names its January meetings. ALA has stopped using the Midwinter language and hosts a LibLearnX Conference. Ben looked at the PPM and By-laws which would be part of changes. Some ideas for new descriptions were discussed, including "GODORT Midwinter Virtual gathering". Angela reminded everyone of the extra steps of changing by-laws.

Kian reported on the Task Force on Committee Size and Consolidation. The Task Force hopes to have ideas to share at the February Steering Committee meeting. If you have related ideas before the next meeting, feel free to contact Kian.

Adjournment. Michael motioned, Andie seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 Central Standard Time.