

GODORT Steering Meeting
Tuesday April 8, 2025

Zoom Registration Link:

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

Meeting Began: 1:01 pm CT

Attendees: Michael A. Kardos, Valerie Glenn, Samantha Hager, Alison Downey, Julia Ezzo, Aaron Wilson, Lisa Pritchard, Elizabeth Sanders, Michael Alguire, Benjamin Aldred, Denise Jones, Kelly Wilson, Hallie Pritchett, Andie Craley

Approval of Minutes: [March 11, 2025](#)

Approval of Agenda:

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>
 - i. On February 7, held "Discussion on practical ways we are addressing Federal government information websites disappearing during an Executive transition. Andie received captured links and chat from Kelly Wilson and will soon share out after compiling a document.
 - ii. April 4 had [DiscoverGov](#), GPO's new, web-based search tool".
Presenters: Catherine Bloom and David Isaak of GPO.
 - iii. May 2 may be changing away from "Do you know about the [Weird and Wonderful Government Publications LibGuide](#)? Learn about some odd and interesting government information resources! Suggest your favorite document from any agency! Volunteer to be a Guest Blogger!"- Jenny Groome, and Christine Fletcher, Mississippi State University Libraries.
Jenny and Christine are debating a follow-up topic related to the February 7 Chat, but not ironed out yet. Update to come later.
 1. Jenny Groome and Christine Fletcher are looking at another topic
 - iv. June 6, 2025 - ALA Annual Discussions - Sharing tips and tricks for dining, accommodations, travel, touring, etc. while in Philadelphia, PA from June 26 - 30, 2025 - <https://2025.alaannual.org/>
2. ALA Executive Board Meeting Highlights -
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1fx4dBri2Uy7VfYNF2V7KtHjS5Ez9qHjg?usp=drive_link

- a. January and February Executive Board meeting notes were added to above Google Drive link
3. IFC Feedback Requested: LBOR Interpretations Round 5 released 4/7/25. Feedback due by 5:00 pm Central Time on Sunday, April 27. Memo at https://docs.google.com/document/d/1J_3f6stpkxtTUx9hxhyjvku9_sEI3LZ-pY9drTK7Kzg/edit?usp=sharing
4. Emily Drabinski posted these updates to ALA Connect in RTCA:
 - a. Winter '26 Martin Luther King Sunrise Update, EBD 10.10
Winter Events Working Group Board Member Schneider provided the following updates:
 - i. It may be possible to uncouple this event from the January winter meeting events
 - ii. The working group will meet with MLK Sunrise Task Force to discuss next steps and will bring a recommendation to the Board at its April meeting
LibLearnX is not happening in 2026, therefore working group is meeting to plan for possible programming replacement
 - b. Executive Director Candidates Search Update - Chair, Emily Drabinski reported the following updates:
 - i. The search committee met with five candidates for the position today and will meet with four candidates tomorrow.
 - ii. Candidates present different directions of the association, leadership styles, background and experience.
 - iii. The committee is confident that we will have a leader in place by the end of this search.
5. The 2025 ALA Election electronic ballot was open on March 10, 2025 and ran through April 2, 2025. Results were to be available by Monday April 7 - contacts to candidates are being made.
 - a. Proposed ALA bylaw amendments - both were approved by ALA membership
 - i. ACTION ITEM 1: The ALA Council approved the Resolution on the [ALA Executive Board Composition CD 48](#) (pdf) at their Council Meeting on Saturday, January 25, 2025 (The Library Learning Experience 2025).
 - ii. ACTION ITEM 2: The ALA Council approved the Removal of Annual Estimates of Income reference in the [ALA Bylaws ALA CD 25.1](#) (pdf) at their Council Meeting on June 30, 2024 (Annual Conference 2024).
6. ALA launched Advocacy Campaign "Show Up for Libraries" - <https://www.ala.org/advocacy/show-up-for-our-libraries>

Committee Reports

- Treasurer – Elizabeth Sanders: No updated report since Midwinter 2025 Treasurer's report:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KiwXab027NUG7Lz98tUOLWA5GIGpQF5w/view?usp=s_haring
No updated financial information, Elizabeth can confirm that the ProQuest award is still being funded by ProQuest. Working with other RT treasurers to work through the new financial model.
- Awards/Conference – Sanga Sung:
 - Award Ceremony location will be at McCormick & Schmick's William Penn Room, 1 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107 for the event, primarily due to the flexibility of the layout and its accessibility, time is 6-8 PM. We are currently working to get the deposit processed to book the space.
 - Committee is reviewing Preservation Grant applications as well as the Rozkuszka Scholarship applications.
- Bylaws – VACANT
- Cataloging – Valerie Glenn:
 - The committee's next meeting will be this Friday, April 11th, at 3pm EDT.
 - We are currently looking for someone to complete the term vacated by Chad Deets as the GODORT Liaison to the ALA Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access (CC:DA). The term begins in June and lasts for one year. It is renewable for a two-year term.**No additional updates. Still looking for a liaison for CC:DA.**
- Development – Shari Laster: Re-established contact with new ProQuest (Clarivate) contacts for the ProQuest/GODORT/ALA "Documents to the People" Award, had a conversation with our sponsors at Readex to plan for the Silent Auction, sent out Annual Appeal Letter (big thanks to Ben Aldred for handling the mail merge!). Send any suggested contacts for additional sponsorships to shari.laster@gmail.com.
- Education: Aaron Wilson: Thank you to all of those who attended the March Help Webinar. A special thank you to the Help/Programing Committee and Social Media Committee for assisting with making the webinar possible. The next Education Committee meeting will be held on May 21, 2025. Details will be shared next month.
Good turnout and discussion at the March Webinar.
- GIC – Lauren Hall: The National History Day Guide has been published, but we would still like to add more pages with themes so if you would like to volunteer please contact Lauren at lhall1@csustan.edu. We are currently working on going through our guide and checking for broken links and finding the archived sites to replace the links.
- Legislation – Lisa Pritchard:
 - Resolution honoring Maryellen Trautman will be sent to ALA Council before Annual by Hallie Pritchett.
 - Robbie Sittel and Danielle Gensch will work with the Education Committee on an Advocacy Toolkit pages or Libguide
 - The next meeting will be on April 17, 2025 at 1 PM

- Suggestion from Bernadine Abbott Hoduski to contact members of Congress with information about Federal Depository Libraries, as they are voting on budget and appropriation bills. The new members of JCP need a welcoming letter from GODORT. She is also recommending that her DttP article be sent. (From Vol 51, No 2, 2003 - <https://journals.ala.org/index.php/dtt/article/view/8059/11229>)
 - Use aspects from the newest [GODORT Advocacy Priorities for the Federal Depository Library Program](#) ?
 - Lisa took suggestion to ALA's Committee on Legislation (COL) to check that this suggestion doesn't contradict or duplicate anything ALA is doing, before Legislation works on a draft. ALA wants to weigh in on any action we take at this point. Ed Garzia, Chair of ALA's COL Committee, is going to DC to meet with ALA folks.

No additional updates; will meet next week.

- Membership/Nominating – Ben Aldred: a group is working on a “GODORT Join Me at the Table Welcome Kit”, initiative is meant to raise awareness of the various ALA round tables and encourage members to learn about a new round table they aren't familiar with.

Election results are in, Ben will be reaching out to those elected.

- Program/Help!/Kenya Flash – Julia Ezzo: The committee is working on getting speakers for the Chair's Program, “America 250.” The members of the Kenya Flash Lecture series are planning this year's lecture. Sheila Mazari at UC Santa Cruz has given a tentative yes to presenting at the lecture series. The lecture series group will be meeting in two weeks. Andie sent a possible Help webinar idea with PPIRS on coping with uncertain federal data resources.

Possible collaboration with PPIRS in the near future.

- Publications – Kelly Wilson: Met on 4/1/2025, DttP issue will hopefully be done close to the April 10th deadline. AI Policy for DttP has been added to the DttP website here: <https://journals.ala.org/index.php/dtt/about> ; The Paperwork for DOAJ is almost done; Our Notable Docs chair stepped down but Jennifer Castle will be stepping into this role. Rick has offered to help; Occasional Paper will hopefully be published by the end of April / early May. Next meeting TBD
- Rare & Endangered - VACANT - no official volunteers yet to serve as Chair, Aimee Quinn willing to serve as Interim Chair until her term is up June 2025. Andie sent the 4 REGP committee members the Steering Committee meeting information, in case any want to attend to represent.

Currently coordinating time for committee to meet

- Social Media, Outreach & Technology – Samantha Hager: We will be working to set up the conference LibGuide for the GODORT Virtual Annual meetings. Please send any GODORT news/post ideas to godortsocialmedia@gmail.com. Requests for website updates go to godorttechnology@gmail.com The next committee meeting will be on May 7.

Samantha's term will be ending, so anyone with technology interest and/or skill is encouraged to reach out to Samantha or Ben.

- International Documents Task Force – Michael Alguire:

In the midst of getting a group together to talk about the Trump administration's effect on IGO documents. If anyone comes to mind, please contact Michael Alguire.

- Federal Interest Group – Hayley Johnson:
No updates given.
- State & Local Interest Group – Denise Jones:
No updates at this time.
- ALA Council – Hallie Pritchett:
Council has been very concerned regarding IMLS being shut down, but no meeting date at this time. ALA is joining a lawsuit regarding IMLS.

Old Business

1. From Legislation Committee - [RESOLUTION HONORING MARYELLEN TRAUTMAN](#) - Legislation committee voted to move forward at the February 7 Steering Meeting. This is the finalized version. Hallie Pritchett to take it to ALA Council before Annual.
2. Looking ahead to June 9 -13, 2025 GODORT Virtual ALA Annual Meeting week - see grid to sign up for your Committee Meetings slots:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fflYadYJBZtfgW-vvjz_FctIRD81Rpb2vB-XUuzJvyE/edit?usp=sharing
Please remember to sign up for your committee meetings using this document.
3. Already that time to start looking ahead to Committee Memberships for 2025-2026. Andie has started to work on the 2025-2026 roster to see where vacancies open and making contacts to see which terms continue.
 - a. Andie discovered there is an ACRL STS (Science & Technology) Government Information Committee -
<https://www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl/directoryofleadership/sections/sts/acr-stsgi> with the announcement of their 2025 annual virtual mini-conference on “Bringing Together AI, STEM, and Government Information” on June 24, 2025 at 2 pm EDT. as announced on GovDoc-L. (ACRL Rare Books and Manuscripts Division is on the roster list, but no liaison interest this past year in that group.) Their charge is “To serve as a focus for STS member concerns about science and technology government issues and to cooperate with other ACRL and ALA legislative groups as appropriate.” Is this an area to ask about an ALA Liaison from them to GODORT? Steering seemed to have interest. Andie will reach out to an ACRL STS contact for any interest from them - still to do.
Andie will be working through these vacancies.
4. Check over your PPM's, even though no current Bylaws Coordinator at the moment. Some thoughts to consider:
 - a. Question about the Accessibility position that was Ex Officio on the Cataloging Committee

- i. 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?
 - ii. Technology Committee created GODORT Best Practices LibGuide that has tab for Accessibility -
<https://godort.libguides.com/BestPractices/accessibility>
Andie recommends that committees make these proposals in their PPMs. We will have a Bylaws coordinator for the upcoming term.
 - b. Transition/sustainability plans when committee members have to officially roll off their committees after completing allotted terms
 - i. Ex Officio members (non-voting) and volunteers to continue work on committee LibGuides? Is that at PPM or Bylaws level? Andie suggests this is more at a PPM level, if a committee wanted to update their PPM and add some language about Ex Officio (non-voting) volunteer members in a Working Group to continue work on LibGuides. This has been done in some committee PPM's in the past (ex. Cataloging Committee).
5. Preservation Grant updates:
- a. Development Chair Shari Laster sent out an updated donation fundraising call -
<https://www.ala.org/godort/donate>
 - i. ALA direct fundraising link for the Preservation Grant -
<https://ec.ala.org/donation/GDR-6156-PRSGRT>
 - ii. GODORT Outreach/Social Media/Technology Committee created a tile/button for the Preservation Grant to the
<https://www.ala.org/godort/donate> with the direct fundraising link.
 - b. On December 16, GODORT Development Committee met with GODORT Chair, GODORT Treasurer, GODORT Past Chair, GODORT Chair-Elect, Kathy Carroll (ALA Executive Board Liaison), Melissa Walling (ALA Associate Executive Director, ALA Offices & Member Relations), and Danielle Ponton (ALA Staff Liaison).
 - i. ALA is establishing a charge line for the Preservation Grant. Danielle will transfer the donations to the new charge line once it is available.
 - ii. On January 11, 2025, Danielle sent November 2024 reports and list of FY24 GODORT donations to Elizabeth Sanders
 - iii. ALA does not have any method to give us "real time" updates on fundraising. However, Melissa and Danielle will raise this issue with the new ALA Director of Development.
 - iv. Andie reported on this meeting to RTCA for informational purposes.
6. ALA Annual June 26-30, 2025 - any updates
- a. ALA Annual 2025 Program
 - i. GODORT Juried Program Proposal on America 250 for consideration was not accepted. ALA noted that the acceptance rate was less than 28%. The GODORT Program Committee will have this as the GODORT Chair's

Program - "America at 250: Celebrating Freedom, Confronting Inequities, and Considering a New Constitutional Era" -

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mWAqP7bWga1R144lqe_gXC7p75SRHfxq7Jxmszslj0/edit?usp=sharing

- b. 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) - CONFIRMED for Friday June 27 at 3- 4 PM EST. Session access in ALA Scheduler will not be available until mid to late April, per Yvonne A. McLean, CMP, ALA Conference Services.
- ii. Government Documents Round Table (GODORT) Happy Hour - Friday June 27 - time/location finalized to be determined, it would occur after the conclusion of the GODORT 101 session.
- iii. GODORT Chairs program "America at 250: Celebrating Freedom, Confronting Inequities, and Considering a New Constitutional Era"- CONFIRMED in ALA Scheduler as of 2-19-25 for Saturday June 28, 2025, from 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM ET

1. Discussion regarding Honorarium for speakers. Steering would need to approve an Honorarium and would need to go with the budget lines. Next steps: determine the amount to consider giving as honorarium, then take to Steering for approval. Elizabeth confirmed there are budget lines for honorarium and expenses:

5304 - Speaker/Guest Expenses - \$1000

5305 - Speaker/Guest Honorarium - \$250

- iv. GODORT Awards Ceremony & Reception - To be held on Saturday June 28 evening from 6-8 PM at McCormick & Schmick's William Penn Room. Session access in ALA Scheduler will not be available until mid to late April, per Yvonne A. McLean, CMP, ALA Conference Services.
 1. Policy Map has \$3,000 budgeted to help with costs.
 2. FYI - ALA CORE is turning 5 years old on September 1, 2025 and is hosting a CORE 5 Year Gala on Sunday, June 29, 2025, from 7-9 PM during the ALA Annual Conference in Philadelphia.
 3. Discussion Item for future ALA conferences - transition this to a ticketed event to help mitigate costs. Budget is tricky with DttP open access and no longer bringing in income to support publication, and might want to do a nominal fee to help cover costs.
 - a. Ticketed event deadline for ALA Annual 2025 was Friday, January 10, 2025.
 4. Message from Melissa Walling (ALA): With the adoption of standardized dues, the following provision was also adopted:

- a. At the close of each fiscal year, if a Round Table's dues revenue has decreased by more than 2% from the previous fiscal year, ALA will provide a subsidy of the entire lost amount to the Round Table. Any decrease of less than 2% would not be recovered.
- b. The funds transfers have been made to any round table that experienced a 2%+ decrease. An email message went out on 12/23 notifying affected RT chairs and treasurers.
 - i. At the first close of FY24, the Government Documents Round Table collected \$9074.85 compared to \$10257.55 in 2023. This decrease was more than the anticipated decrease meaning that the provision applies to your Round Table. Therefore, \$1182.70 was transferred into your Round Table membership dues for FY24. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/15KzJmDFivtmmZAo07HUOvaU79hpFHPmLgXbTHVQdpnU/edit?usp=sharing>
- c. No action is needed from any RT at this time - this is informational only.

- c. Tour Interest?? Any interest in checking with any contacts GODORT might have with libraries and institutions in Philadelphia, about setting up a possible GODORT tour at any library or institution during ALA Annual? Andie received no suggestions. Andie sent an email to Simon Healey at the State Library of Philadelphia, no response yet. No other suggestions given.

Andie will brainstorm and follow up about potential tours

- 7. Any ongoing discussion/thoughts for potential renaming of the "Rare and Endangered Government Publications Committee" to the "Government Information Rescue Committee" and a recruiting of members for that purpose. Might help to re-engage people with Rare and Endangered, and Government Information Rescue includes their prior charge, it just also recognizes the dangers to contemporary government information.
 - a. Current REGP PPM - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1v-FJ-psLK63AXLZ23o59j9iPlaelM5QJ/edit?usp=sharing&oid=106045855579827780408&rtpof=true&sd=true>
- 8. Suggestion received by Chair while reworking the Friday Feb 7 GODORT Friday Chat - to see which Committee (maybe Education) might be able to take on as a future project, as a companion to the Voting & Elections Toolkit - something like a GODORT collaborative guide on Presidential transitions with basic facts and resources and transitions on finding Federal government information after an Executive transition.

- a. For use in the Friday February 7 GODORT Chat, Jenny Groome created this LibGuide - [GODORT 2025 Presidential Transition](#)
 - i. In discussions with Jenny if she and Christine Fletcher are looking to maintain this LibGuide as individuals, or seek out help for editors and content, or need help from a committee to maintain. Question from Jenny was do those helping already need LibGuide Admin rights from their own institutions, or given new LibGuide Admin rights from GODORT?
 - b. And in the future if still having GODORT Friday Chats - after each Presidential Election (next one 2028, move in 2029), the first February 2029 GODORT Friday Chat should be dedicated to finding the government information that moved or got lost. A good introduction on what is always archived, and any new issues or third party sites.
9. Vacancies on committees:
- a. GODORT Chair will mention these again during the GODORT 101 and General Membership meetings.
 - b. Committees Vacancies:
 - i. Awards/Conference - 1 vacancy still remains.
 - ii. Development - 2 vacancies still remain.
 - iii. Government Information for Children (GiC) - 1 vacancy remains.
 - iv. Legislation - 1 vacancy still remains.
 - v. Publications
 - 1. Notable Documents Panel under Publications - Jennifer Castle willing to step into Notable Documents Chair as Emily Alford has taken another opportunity outside libraries and stepped down from GODORT. Also need 2 Federal Documents Judges, need 2 State & Local Documents Judges, need 1 International Documents Selector
 - vi. Rare & Endangered Government Publications - Chair position is the only vacancy now. GODORT Chair sent email to 4 current members of REGP Committee to see if one of them is willing to be Committee Chair - Aimee Quinn acting as an Interim Chair position.
 - c. Vacancies in Liaison to an ALA Committee:
 - i. ALA EDI Assembly - need 2
 - d. Vacancy in Liaison to another organization:
 - i. ALA Program Jury - need 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. 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)

10. Round Table Coordinating Assembly (RTCA)

- a. Andie shared Mark Robison's post to RTCA Connect via email on 3/6/25 about "Your Participation Requested: RTCA Net Asset Balance Project Spring 2025" with link to link to [shared Google doc](#).
- b. Andie shared via email on 3/21/25 - Summary of Key Financial Provisions QA FY26 from Dina Tsourdinis, ALA Chief Financial Officer, during March 27, 2205 RTCA meeting -
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ud927AWCyPGsEGuoJA1BuH3Ij7F0AK31/edit?usp=sharing&oid=106045855579827780408&rtpof=true&sd=true>
 - i. Outlines the roundtable funding process that goes into effect 9/1/25 for FY2026
- c. Round Table Coordinating Assembly Handbook to be updated, per the RTCA meeting of January 16, 2025 -
<https://www.ala.org/sites/default/files/rt/content/rtca-handbook.pdf>
- d. 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 3 sessions:
<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=eyJwYWdlYW5kZXgiOjAsImxpYnJhcmlbnRyeSI6bnVsbH0%3D>
 - 2. ALA Round Table Training: Elections, and ALA Round Table Training: ALA Connect and ALAIR recordings are posted. ALA Financial Statement Training recording still not yet posted.
- b. 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-_fA9dvyfDRusDef_KE_o/edit?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)

- c. At its October 2024 meeting, the ALA Executive Board adopted three measures related to the Operating Agreement, effective for the FY2026 budget process. The Executive Board approved the overhead model selected by a majority of the divisions and round tables:
 - i. Overhead Model: A new model based on net operating surplus (NOS) will be applied to all revenue-generating units.
 - ii. Savings Plan: Units can invest 30% of their NOS for future use, with the rest placed in ALA's short-term investments.
 - iii. Review Cycle: The overhead model will be reviewed before FY2029, with annual discussions and a three-year review cycle.
- d. November 18, 2024 Overhead Communication from Peter Hepburn here:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1C-HRiSeqKPcFe3vpXN4ZZSGHHnM6XA4E/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=106045855579827780408&rtpof=true&sd=true
- e. Round Table Coordinating Assembly related documents here:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1sC8z8838-KGG1ulpENJbi_2KX_FxEeEa?usp=drive_link

New Business

No new business to be discussed.

Next Meeting - Tuesday May 13, 2025 at 2 PM EST / 1 PM CT

Meeting Adjournment: **1:37pm CT**