

GODORT Steering Meeting
Tuesday May 13, 2025

Zoom Registration Link:

https://ala-events.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMofuugrDltE9KJtjgBu9twHY0st_VW35_o

Meeting Began: 1:01 pm CT

Attendees: Andie Craley, Samantha Hager, Lisa Pritchard, Valerie Glenn, Julia Ezzo, Hallie Pritchett, Denise Jones, Ben Aldred, Aaron M. Wilson, Kelly Wilson, Michael Alguire, Sanga Sung

Approval of Minutes: [April 8, 2025](#)

Approval of the Agenda:

Announcements

1. Steering Meetings and GODORT Chats update
 - a. Steering Meetings - 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2 PM EST / 1 PM CT - one more for 2024-25 term on June 10
 - b. Final Friday Chats for 2024-25 term - 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 Andie is still working on compiling a document..
 - ii. On May 2, held "A Casual Chat about Favorite Government Publications - Do you have Favorite Government Publications and Web Sites that you rely on and would miss if they were no longer available? Learned about some favorite government information resources in local, state/province, federal, and international government agencies that you may not be aware of!" - Jenny Groome, and Christine Fletcher, Mississippi
 - iii. Last one for 2024-25 term - on June 6 will hold ALA Annual Discussions - Find out about GODORT's Open Virtual Committee sessions June 9-13, and GODORT's sessions at ALA Annual in Philadelphia on Friday June 27 and Saturday June 28 - <https://godort.libguides.com/2025godortannual>. Also share tips and tricks for dining, accommodations, travel, touring, etc. while in Philadelphia, PA from June 26 - 30, 2025 - <https://2025.alaannual.org/>

2. IFC Feedback Requested: LBOR Interpretations Round 6 released 4/23/25. **Feedback due by 5:00 pm Central Time on Wednesday May 14.** Memo at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tHhIws8ZPWCqEr-ZIIS64LkxzPWpNbGbZrHr39FZb9Y/edit?usp=sharing>
3. IFC Feedback Requested: LBOR Interpretations Round 7 released 4/30/25. **Feedback due by 5:00 pm Central Time on Wednesday May 21.** Memo at https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Z4y4woWQ9g64MbHL717pe_fj8GVliA1MUCedkxLCOxw/edit?usp=sharing
4. Invitation from ALA Treasurer Peter Hepburn for Round Table Coordinating Assembly : PBA (Planning & Budget Assembly) Town Hall on Tuesday May 27 at 11AM PT/1 PM CT/2 PM ET. **Registration at:** https://ala-events.zoom.us/meeting/register/HXvaup5GTS6BYdTPVBx5_Q#/registration Details - In the past few months, a working group that included Executive Board member Karen Schneider, BARC chair Tamika Barnes, and BARC member Katy O'Neill and I have worked on potential models for PBA in the future. The culmination of that work has been the recommendation that PBA be dissolved and that its functions be accounted for otherwise within the association. However, before a formal recommendation be moved and voted on, we would like to gather feedback from PBA itself as well as from stakeholder units. The town hall on May 27 will be one such opportunity. **Attendees may pre-submit questions by end of day on Friday, May 23, at this link:** forms.gle/9UM4yN3xLjYGF4cQA
5. June 9 -13, 2025 GODORT Virtual ALA Annual Meeting week - see grid to sign up for your Committee Meetings slots if you have not already: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fflYadYJBZtfgW-vvjz_FctIRD81Rpb2vB-XUuzJvyE/edit?usp=sharing
 - a. GODORT ALA Annual meetings LibGuide at <https://godort.libguides.com/2025godortannual> . Share with your committees and interest groups to register for Zoom link.
 - b. Committee and Interest Group Chairs - Send your meeting agendas to GODORT Technology at godorttechnology@gmail.com so they can be added to the LibGuide.
Please send ahead of time
6. GODORT Events at 2025 ALA Annual Conference in Philadelphia - <https://godort.libguides.com/c.php?g=1463648&p=10887198>
 - a. Getting to Know the Government Documents Round Table (GODORT 101) - CONFIRMED for Friday June 27 at 3- 4 PM EST.
 - b. Government Documents Round Table (GODORT) Happy Hour - Friday June 27 - time/location finalized to be determined, possibly collaborating with PPIRS, it would occur after the conclusion of the GODORT 101 session.
 - c. NEW UPDATE - GODORT Tour of the Free Library of Philadelphia on Saturday June 28 from 9:30 AM - 11 AM. MAX of 15 people for tour

- i. Andie is working with the GODORT Social Media/Outreach/Technology Chair to edit and finalize a Google event reservation form that caps out at 15 registrations (or ends Friday June 13, whichever comes first). When ready, Andie will send out announcement on ALA GODORT Connect with a link for that registration form.
- ii. Free Library of Philadelphia, 1901 Vine St., 2nd Floor, Map Collection, Philadelphia, PA, 19103 (Accessibility entrance is located at the back of the library at 20th and Wood Street (northwest corner of the building).
- iii. Saturday June 28 from 9:30 AM to 11 AM. Afterwards, tour attendees would also have the option to participate in the Rare Book Department tour, taking place at 11:00 AM. The Rare Book Department will be reopening mid-June after 9 months of HVAC replacement/construction work.
- iv. Our tour hostess will be Marija Gudauskas, Head Supervisor and FDLP Depository Coordinator, Map Collection, Print and Picture Collection, Government Publications, Special Collections Division. Marija has asked that we cap our group at 15 for this behind-the-scenes tour of parts of The Free Library of Philadelphia's collections. Register for the tour: GODORT/Free Library of Philadelphia Tour [*registration form to be linked here*]
- v. Tour itinerary is as follows:
 - 1. 9:30-10:15 a.m. Map Collection/Government Publications - meeting within the Map Collection, located on the second-floor, top of the main staircase within the Social Science and History Department.
 - 2. 10:15-10:30 - Brief tour of the new second-floor exhibition about birds and birding (including selections from the Map Collection, Print and Picture Collection, Government Publications, and the Children's Literature Research Collection)
 - 3. 10:30-10:55- Print and Picture Collection tour
 - 4. 11:00-11:30 - optional tour of the Rare Book Department hosted by RBD staff
- d. GODORT Chairs program "America at 250: Celebrating Freedom, Confronting Inequities, and Considering a New Constitutional Era" - CONFIRMED in ALA Scheduler for Saturday June 28, 2025, from 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM ET. GODORT Chair-Elect/Program Chair Julia Ezzo is the lead.
- e. GODORT Awards Ceremony & Reception - CONFIRMED for Saturday June 28 evening from 6-8 PM at McCormick & Schmick's William Penn Room. GODORT Awards/Conference Chair Sanga Sung is the lead.
 - i. Policy Map has \$3,000 budgeted to help with costs.
- f. Andie received email from Danielle Ponton on May 12 that ALA Conference Services would like to offer up to four PowerPoint slides to Government Documents Round Table (GODORT) to be displayed on the ALA Annual main stage screen between sessions.

- i. Have to submit slides by Thursday, May 29, 2025, at 4:30 PM CT.
 - ii. All slides should be created and sent in Widescreen (16.9) 1920 x 1080 pixels and in PNG format.
 - iii. Can send proposed slides via email to GODORT Steering well before. You can send any suggested content to Andie Craley at acraley@harford.edu
- 7. ALA Executive Board Meeting Highlights - https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1fx4dBri2Uy7VfYNF2V7KtHjS5Ez9qHjg?usp=drive_link
- 8. Round Table Coordinating Assembly (RTCA) Updates folder: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1sC8z8838-KGG1ulpENJbi_2KX_FxEeEa?usp=drive_link

Committee Reports

- Treasurer – Elizabeth Sanders: No updated report since Midwinter 2025 Treasurer's report:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KiwXab027NUG7Lz98tUOLWA5GIGpQF5w/view?usp=sharing>
No additional updates
- Awards/Conference – Sanga Sung:
 - 2025 recipients of the GODORT Awards and the inaugural GODORT Preservation Grant were announced
 - Deposit was made for GODORT Awards Reception location at McCormick & Schmick's William Penn Room, 1 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107 on Saturday June 28 evening from 6-8 PM. Light refreshments and drinks provided. Event sponsored by PolicyMap.
 - RSVP form for Saturday June 28 GODORT Awards Reception was sent out through GODORT Connect and to be shared through GovDoc-L and other social media channels. Please RSVP here: bit.ly/godortannual**No additional updates**
- Bylaws – VACANT through 2025
- Cataloging – Valerie Glenn:
 - 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**
- Development – Shari Laster: Would like to know how GODORT can better utilize American Libraries as an outreach venue going forward. The Development committee asked to share the Preservation Grant fundraising campaign with American Libraries in the "Update: What's Happening at ALA?" section. Couldn't publish this year's awardees in the June issue, as their April deadline was too soon before awardees were to be

announced, so maybe the July issue. Maybe in November send more information and Preservation Grant link when the award opens up for new nominations. Send any suggested contacts for additional sponsorships to shari.laster@gmail.com.

No additional updates

- Education: Aaron Wilson: The next Education Committee meeting will be held on May 21, 2025.

No additional updates

- GIC – Lauren Hall: Has updated its PPM to now allow for a non-voting volunteer group to help the GIC maintain its LibGuides. 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. We also want to add a form to the National History Day guide for suggestions. The next GIC meeting will be during the annual meetings on Tuesday, June 10th at 12 p.m.

No additional updates

- Legislation – Lisa Pritchard:
 - [RESOLUTION HONORING MARYELLEN TRAUTMAN](#) - Hallie Pritchett to take this finalized version to ALA Council before Annual.
 - Robbie Sittel and Danielle Gensch will work with the Education Committee on an Advocacy Toolkit pages or Libguide
 - First draft of letter to JCP is ready and copy was sent out to GODORT Steering - Lisa reached out to Hayley Johnson who is currently serving on the DLC and is a member of GODORT's Steering Committee and David McCarthy, GPO's Chief of Intergovernmental Affairs. They both provided some helpful feedback about the content of the letter and advice about transmittal of the letter to the committee members.
 - Mr. McCarthy stated that pdf's (when ready) should be addressed to each JCP committee member and emailed to a staffer and he supplied a list. We should note that we are including a pdf of the article that Bernadine Abbott Hoduski wrote as background (all as one combined pdf). He also stated that each letter needs a "wet signature" signed by the person authorized to speak on behalf of GODORT. This is the Chair of GODORT - Andie Craley. He indicated that an emailed letter sent to a staffer is preferable to a printed letter and it would provide a record of what is sent.
 - Danielle Gensch serving as copy-editor.
 - DttP article to be sent with the letter. (From Vol 51, No 2, 2003 - <https://journals.ala.org/index.php/dtt/article/view/8059/11229>)
 - Discussion from Steering? Further input from Steering members should be sent to Lisa Pritchard as the Legislative Chair of the committee that is leading this initiative - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_5h_MQ4jfPOkrAoKyHd6t_8PosDOKyudSlhRQu-1ZQc/edit?usp=sharing
- Feedback was given regarding the historical differences between**

the role on the joint committee on printing and how it runs today. Suggested that focus on advocating for what GPO needs vs. any particular legislation.

-Concern if this is the right time to send the letter given current events and how ALA would feel about individual groups reaching out

-Concern about the letter bringing negative attention to FDLP, need to be strategic and mindful how to navigate our stance

-Could greatly benefit from an update on the JCP article since last one was from 2003

-Steering motions to refer this issue back to committee; motion passed.

- **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.

Working on promotion for Happy Hour and working with PPIRS to secure sponsor (Hein) for the reception

-Membership will also work on some of the slides for the general ALA welcome screens

- The 2025 ALA Election Results - contacts to candidates were being made.
 - Elizabeth Sanders - GODORT Assistant Chair/Chair-Elect
 - Valerie Glenn - GODORT Treasurer
 - Leah Grote - GODORT Secretary
 - Kristin Golder - GODORT Publications Chair-Elect
 - Ben Aldred - Councilor to Small Round Table
 - Aimee Quinn - Bylaws Coordinator & Archivist (Our bylaws are somewhat unclear on the Bylaws Coordinator/Archivist and whether those are one)
 - Geoffrey Swindells was also listed as Archivist on the election results
- **Program/Help!/Kenya Flash** – Julia Ezzo: Help series is working with PPIRS on a webinar related to coping with federal government information loss. May 28th at 2pm CT/3pm ET. Panelists: Lynda Kellam; Jack Cushman, Head of the Harvard Library Innovation Lab; and Molly Blake, University of Minnesota
Kenya Flash series: Panel discussion of librarians that focus on inclusive collections and services. Speakers include individuals who work with children and student populations – developing collections, discovering collections, promoting literacy. Three panelists. July 14 at 1pm CT.

Chair's Program at ALA Annual: June 28, 2:30-3:30, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Room 124. Three panelists: A historian from Villanova, a political scientist from Rutgers Camden, and a librarian

- Request from Program - would like to approve honoraria for our 3 presenters at the Chair's Program.

Motion to approve honorarium for 3 presenters; motion passed.

- Publications – Kelly Wilson: No new updates
- 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.
 - Were some possible 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.
 - Current REGP PPM -
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1v-FJ-psLK63AXLZ23o59j9iPlaelM5QJ/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=106045855579827780408&rtpof=true&sd=true>
 - There is some interest that REGP should be assisting in the tracking of web scrubbed web sites in this age of government information removal. PPIRS and IASSIST each have groups collaborating, and that was discussed during the Friday's GODORT May 2 chat about a possible LibGuide. More updates to come.
- Social Media, Outreach & Technology – Samantha Hager: The committee met on May 7th. There has been a flurry of activity posting to GODORT's social media accounts this month. We created a [Linktree](#) account for GODORT. The Linktree will make it easier to share links for our Instagram posts (URLs come across as plain text on Instagram). Committee members are reviewing website content in an effort to polish things up before the Annual meetings. Please take some time to review your committee's web pages, and send along your updates.
Please send any GODORT news/post ideas to godortsocialmedia@gmail.com.
Requests for website updates go to godorttechnology@gmail.com
- International Documents Task Force – Michael Alguire: The IDTF's session during GODORT's Virtual Annual Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10 at 2 p.m. CDT/ 3 p.m. EST. Tentatively titled “Tips and Tricks for Finding Deleted Information from Intergovernmental Organizations (IGOs),” the session will focus on how recent U.S. foreign aid cuts have affected the work of IGOs and their information products. The session will take the form of a moderated discussion amongst IGO publishers/vendors. We are also interested in hearing from current employees of IGOs who are willing to discuss their experiences of these funding cuts on their particular IGO. If you know

anyone in that category, please get in touch with Michael Alguire (michael.s.alguire@gmail.com).

Note that despite this session focusing on foreign aid cuts by the current administration, it is meant to be non-partisan—all viewpoints are welcome.

- Federal Interest Group – Hayley Johnson:

No updates

- State & Local Interest Group – Denise Jones: Meeting June 12 @ 2 PM CT; topic is Migrating Digital Platforms
- ALA Council – Hallie Pritchett:

Council will have a virtual meeting on the 29th, to discuss library bill of rights interpretations, not sure LC current events will also come up at meeting

Older Business

1. Looking ahead to Committee Memberships for 2025-2026. Andie has started to work on the 2025-2026 roster to see where vacancies open and will be making contacts to see which terms continue. Definitely have at least 5 Chair positions opening up.
 - 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.
 - b. Andie will mention new vacancies for 2025-26 during the GODORT 101 and General Membership meetings week of June 9.
 - c. Committees Vacancies from 2024-25:
 - 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.
 - d. Vacancies in Liaison to an ALA Committee from 2024-25: Will have to check for 2025-26.
 - i. ALA EDI Assembly - need 2
 - e. Vacancy in Liaison to another organization:
 - i. ALA Program Jury - need 1
 - f. 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)
2. Check over your PPM's, even though no current Bylaws Coordinator for the remaining 2024-25 term. 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 in the PPM's.
 - ii. Technology Committee created GODORT Best Practices LibGuide that has tab for Accessibility -
<https://godort.libguides.com/BestPractices/accessibility>
 - 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 that wish to continue work on committee LibGuides - this is 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.

Next Meeting - Tuesday June 10, 2025 at 2 PM EST / 1 PM CT

Adjournment: 1:50 PM CT