

**Minutes: GODORT Steering Meeting  
Tuesday January 14, 2025**

**Zoom Registration Link:**

<https://ala-events.zoom.us/meeting/register/Ekw6Oxz3Rs6b531Ae82ITQ#/registration>

**Meeting began:** 1:00 pm CT

**Attendees:** Andie Craley, Valerie Glenn, Aaron Wilson, Michael Alguire, Elizabeth Sanders, Hayley Johnson, Julia Ezzo, Lisa Pritchard, Denise Jones, Samantha Hager, Kelly Marie Wilson, Ben Aldred, Shari Laster, Lauren Hall, Sanga Sung

Approval of Minutes: [December 10, 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>
    - i. On January 3, held LibLearn X Discussions - Sharing tips and tricks for dining, accommodations, travel, touring, etc. while in Phoenix, AZ - shared Travel links from ALA LibLearnX website and Visit Phoenix.com
    - ii. Next up on February 7 - 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
    - iii. Only 1 date with no topic yet - May 2  
**Any suggestions should be emailed to Andie Craley (ACraley@harford.edu)**
    - iv. April 4 confirmed as "Introducing [DiscoverGov](#), GPO's new, web-based search tool", Presenters: Catherine Bloom and David Isaak of GPO.
2. ALA Executive Board Meeting Highlights - [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1fx4dBri2Uy7VfYNF2V7KtHjS5Ez9qHjg?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1fx4dBri2Uy7VfYNF2V7KtHjS5Ez9qHjg?usp=drive_link)
3. Maria McCauley, Director of Libraries at Cambridge Public Library and a nominee for ALA President, will attend the GODORT General Membership Committee meeting on Thursday January 16 to say hello and summarize her platform and is first on the agenda as she has another meeting at 3:25 PM CT / 4:25 PM ET. ALA election season begins Dec. 13, 2024, and voting takes place March 10 - April 2, 2025.
4. GODORT Midwinter Virtual Committee Meetings January 13-17, 2025 - <https://godort.libguides.com/midwinter2025>

5. ALA Virtual Membership Information Session on Tuesday January 14 at 1:00 PM PT / 2:00 PM MT / 3:00 PM CT / 4:00 PM ET. Information at [https://www.ala.org/membership/vmm?\\_zs=SA2xg1&\\_zl=aol1A](https://www.ala.org/membership/vmm?_zs=SA2xg1&_zl=aol1A) . Register at [https://ala-events.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_JiGrpMcmTGKmPCdO50aH-A#/registration](https://ala-events.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_JiGrpMcmTGKmPCdO50aH-A#/registration)
6. Round Table Coordinating Assembly (RTCA) Meeting on Thursday January 16 at 3-4 PM EST. Updated link for meeting registration - <https://ala-events.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAsduisrz4oG9TtIroWuO9MaV7v1KJtOzW9#/registration>
  - a. Visits from the ALA presidential candidates and then follow up with regular business meeting.

### Committee Reports

- Treasurer – Elizabeth Sanders: Gave Midwinter 2025 Treasurer’s report: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KiwXab027NUG7Lz98tUOLWA5GIGpQF5w/view?usp=sharing>
  - **Due to the changes in reporting, the new report appears very different than past reports**
  - **As of November, Rozkuszka now has some small gains**
  - **Due to net losses of dues, ALA supplemented those losses**
  - **Dedicated Preservation Grant link forthcoming**
  - **Voting on the proposed budget will take place at Annual. Time remains to consider this.**
- Awards/Conference – Sanga Sung:
  - Emerging Leader update - awarded to Aaron Wilson.
  - GODORT Awards Ceremony venue proposal. Lots of discussion including pricing, what funds are available, any vendor donations, doing as possible ticketed event. No decisions or voting at this time yet, need more detailed proposal report and time for Steering to look over the Treasurer’s report which came this week as ALA just sent information this past weekend.
    - **The venue will be at the Arts Ballroom, given it is the best option for affordability**
    - **Looking into locating future sponsorship that can offset the cost of the events**
    - **Sanga will put the pricing and details in writing and send to Steering**
  - GODORT general award nominations due tomorrow. Haven’t received any nominations, extending deadline to January 31, 2025. Deadlines for the W. David Rozkuszka Scholarship and the GODORT Preservation Grant remain unchanged of March 1, 2025.
    - **Approved to extend the deadline**

- Bylaws – Angela Kent: notified Ben and Andie that she needs to step down immediately as Bylaws Coordinator/Archivist. Andie notified Danielle Ponton and Kathy Carroll. Danielle has added the position to GODORT's slate.
- Cataloging – Valerie Glenn: GODORT Chair Andie Craley has sent retirement congratulations letter to Laurie Hall:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xbzks2An8pe6IID8aJX6TdiGylaPVgJ5VSJQnA3gAEw/edit?tab=t.0> and also sent retirement congratulations letter for Jim Noel:  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ircoubqe5LbWeVbDhSnNtoOjf\\_vvt57xXNyHQ84RfmM/edit?tab=t.0](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ircoubqe5LbWeVbDhSnNtoOjf_vvt57xXNyHQ84RfmM/edit?tab=t.0) . Next meeting is tomorrow, January 15th at 2pm CST.
- Development – Shari Laster: Development Committee met on Monday. We are reviving the Annual Appeal and will use this as an opportunity to fundraise for the Preservation Grant. We are also seeking leads for new corporate sponsors. If you have suggestions please contact Shari directly at [shari.laster@gmail.com](mailto:shari.laster@gmail.com)
  - **Working to strengthen relationships with Readex/Newsbank and ProQuest, and any ideas for additional sponsors should be sent to Shari.**
- Education: Aaron Wilson: The Education Committee will meet on Friday, January 17 at 2 pm CST. The committee is exploring the possibility of a webinar related to Sunshine Week which will occur Mar 16 - 22, 2025. One of our committee members, Patricia Takacs, has contacted her colleagues at the University of Florida Dr. David Cuillier, the Director of the Brechner Freedom of Information Project, which coordinated Sunshine Week. He has expressed a willingness to participate in a panel for Sunshine Week. The committee would like to gauge the Steering Committee's opinion on whether there is support for pursuing this event as a webinar hosted by GODORT. Additionally, I have asked our liaison to the HELP Webinar committee, Liza Weisbrod, to bring this possible webinar to the committee's attention for additional feedback. Steering agreed this was a great opportunity and gave support.
  - **Committee is favorable of the proposal**
- 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](mailto:lhall1@csustan.edu). GIC is meeting Friday, January 17th at 11:00 am PST.
- Legislation – Lisa Pritchard:
  - Legislation Committee would like GODORT Steering will take a vote about adopting the new language for the GODORT FDLP Advocacy Plan:
    - Side by side comparison of language approved in 2021 and new proposed language -  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vGZ\\_AM0\\_ngPWPB4k78oWXIJGmH43fCXf/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=106045855579827780408&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vGZ_AM0_ngPWPB4k78oWXIJGmH43fCXf/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=106045855579827780408&rtpof=true&sd=true)
    - If the new version of the FDLP Advocacy Plan is approved, should an updated page about advocacy be created? Should this be a stand-alone guide or part of the voting guide? And, if updates or a new resource is desired, can Education and Legislation work on this together?
      - Current [Advocacy page](#) on the Voting Tool Kit from the Education Committee

- Steering had discussions, would rather the word “Plan” be replaced by something else, perhaps “Priorities”. Steering approved moving forward incorporating the change.
    - **Moving towards a “guiding principles” versus the previous “action steps”**
    - **Discussion from Steering indicates that the document is important**
    - **No objections and this document was approved by Steering.**
  - ALA Committee on Legislation retreat and ALA's Public Policy & Advocacy Office updates - Lisa Pritchard: [ALA Legislative Agenda 2025](#)
- Membership/Nominating – Ben Aldred: We have secured volunteers for all our elected offices.
- Program/Help!/Kenya Flash – Julia Ezzo: We will be meeting on Friday, January 17 at 1pm ET.
- Publications – Kelly Wilson: Publications met yesterday (1/14) - AI Policy for DttP is almost complete, in a final review process (thanks Jennifer Castle & Elizabeth Sanders!); DttP has an occasional paper currently in review, hoping reviewers to be done by end of Feb / early March; Rick Mikulski has almost completed the Paperwork for DOAJ - just had a couple of questions; Emily Alford is building the Notable Documents Panel.
- 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](mailto:godortsocialmedia@gmail.com). If you have a special topic or presentation planned for the GODORT Virtual Meetings, please let us know! Most committee members have web editing privileges and can create social media posts. Requests for website updates go to [godorttechnology@gmail.com](mailto:godorttechnology@gmail.com)
- International Documents Task Force – Michael Alguire: No updates.
- Federal Interest Group – Hayley Johnson: FIIG will be meeting on Thursday at 2 PM CST. GPO will present an update.
- State & Local Interest Group – Denise Jones: Meets today at 3 PM CT / 4 PM ET.
  - **Discussion on digitization**
- ALA Council – Hallie Pritchett: No updates.

#### Old Business

1. Preservation Grant updates - making some progress:
  - a. Awards/Conference Chair Sanga Sung sent out reminder 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/1FAIpQLSdiElr1gB4Jk5QA\\_sUHxKByU7KSN-M88e9o0dMR5a0OfjQ7Q/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdiElr1gB4Jk5QA_sUHxKByU7KSN-M88e9o0dMR5a0OfjQ7Q/viewform) . The GODORT Awards webpage is updated

with the Preservation Grant information -

<https://www.ala.org/godort/about-awards>

- i. Sanga updated 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. ALA has set up a donation area for Preservation Grant - go to <https://ec.ala.org/donate> , choose GODORT in the list of Roundtables, and use this link <https://ec.ala.org/donate/projects>.
    - ii. ALA direct fundraising link for the Preservation Grant - <https://ec.ala.org/donation/GDR-6156-PRSGRT>
  - c. 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 will report on this meeting to RTCA for informational purposes.
2. ALA Annual June 26-30, 2025 - any updates
- a. ALA Annual 2025 Program Proposals <https://2025.alaannual.org/call-proposals>
    - 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 move to have this as the GODORT Chair's Program. There were no objects voiced from Steering.
  - 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)
    - ii. Government Documents Round Table (GODORT) Happy Hour
    - iii. NO GODORT Jury program - was not accepted as of 12/16/24
    - iv. GODORT Chairs program
    - v. GODORT Awards Ceremony & Reception - should probably soon look into venue. 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.

1. Discussion Item - 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. Steering may need to continue this discussion.
2. Is it too late to submit for a ticketed event? Friday, January 10, 2025 may have been the deadline
3. 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.

3. 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 - 2 vacancies still remain.
  - v. Publications - **need 1 At Large member - possibly to be filled, received email of interest**
    1. Notable Documents Panel under Publications - 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 - so far none of them can take the 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)
- 4. Round Table Coordinating Assembly (RTCA)
  - 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 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=eyJwYWdlYW5kZXgiOjAsImxpYnJhcnllbnRyeSI6bnVsbH0%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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](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](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](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1sC8z8838-KGG1ulpENJbi_2KX_FxEeEa?usp=drive_link)

5. Superintendent of Documents Scott Matheson sent Chair reminder that GPO is seeking nominations for individuals to serve as members of the Depository Library Council. New members will serve a three-year term (June 1, 2025 - May 31, 2028). Submit your nomination (or self-nomination) by Monday, January 20, 2025. GPO appreciates strong candidates that GODORT and ALA recommend. Can use [the link to the form](#), or the candidate can, and a GODORT Steering member can also send a recommendation to either Scott Matheson and/or to Kelly Seifert.

- a. GODORT Chair is not aware that GODORT put forward any nominations for DLC.

6. For ongoing thoughts/discussions

- a. Question about the Accessibility position that was Ex Officio on the Cataloging Committee
  - 1. 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?
  - 2. Technology Committee created GODORT Best Practices LibGuide that has tab for Accessibility -  
<https://godort.libguides.com/BestPractices/accessibility>



- b. Transition 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 at PPM or Bylaws level?
- c. Question of availability of mentorship in GODORT was raised during Monday January 13 GODORT 101 session

#### New Business

- 1. Any GODORT Committee or Interest Group Chairs have any summaries of reports or updates or action items to bring to the Thursday January 16 General Membership meeting? Please send them to me if you do. I'll be sending email to the following to check with them:
  - a. Treasurer and BARC (Budget Analysis & Review Committee) - Elizabeth Sanders: 2024 Annual Meetings Report
  - b. ALA Councilor - Hallie Pritchett
  - c. ALA Executive Board Liaison - Kathy Carroll
  - d. CORE Cataloging & Classification Section: Committee on Cataloging Description & Access CC:DA - Chad Deets
  - e. ALA Committee on Legislation, Government Information Subcommittee, Legislative Assembly - Lisa Pritchard
  - f. IFC (Intellectual Freedom Committee - with Office for Intellectual Freedom) - Michell Hackwelder
  - g. COPE - Aimee Quinn
  - h. Round Table Coordinating Assembly (RTCA) - Julia Ezzo or Andie Craley
  - i. Membership Promotion Task Force - Ben Aldred
  - j. Freedom to Read Foundation - Lisa Pritchard
  - k. IFLA - Frank Lester

Next Meeting - Tuesday February 11, 2025 at 2 PM EST / 1 PM CT

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 2:01 pm CT