

## **GODORT Steering Activities**

### **February – June 2013 (Post MidWinter)**

#### **Action Items**

- Tom Adamich was approved as Chair of the Gov Docs Kid Committee - 16 in favor, 1 abstention (absent from ALA Midwinter, so decided to abstain)
- Gov Doc Kids Committee members approved– 16 votes in favor, none opposed.  
Terms to expire after summer 2013: Josephine Smith, Kimberly Brown-Harden (virtual member)  
Members through 2014: Sara Striner, Connie Williams
- Approved expenditure for additional GODORT 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary totes to be sold at the Awards Reception – 18 Ayes, 2 Abstentions

#### **Other Business**

- *ALA Washington Office*  
Several issues were discussed regarding the Washington Office its liaison with GODORT. Most seemed to be related to communications and, possibly, budget woes. Ros is documenting various timelines and deadlines for Roundtables. Additionally, Ros asked that Steering members go through her rather than contacting other members of ALA staff about GODORT activities. We can continue to contact Jessica McGilvray or Lynne Bradley on legislative issues.
- Steering decided not to sign separately on two letters from ALA to House Oversight and Government Reform Committee and to President Obama regarding FOIA issues. The Executive Committee felt that GODORT signing separately from ALA was confusing and unnecessary.
- *Discussion Group on Information Technology*  
This discussion group will not meet at ALA Annual, based on lack of response to ALAConnect posts.
- *Annual Schedule*  
Kristen Clark did yeoman's work to accommodate requests in the schedule for Annual. Primary changes from past schedules are: General Membership meeting was moved to 10:30am on Monday, and the program to 1pm on Monday.
- *Gov Doc Kids Committee*  
With Steering's help this group created a nice overview to be submitted to *American Libraries*.
- *Canadian National Library and Archives issues*  
Steering continued to follow the controversy around the muzzling of librarians working at the National Library. Bill Sudduth worked with Amanda Wakaruk of the Canadian Library Association on a letter to the Minister of Canadian Heritage that went out over ALA President Maureen Sullivan's signature.
- *GODORT Hotel for Annual*  
Due to problems with the hotel properly crediting GODORT for room-nights members were encouraged to double check to be sure their reservations were properly entered as members.
- *NASA Technical Reports Server & Database decommissioning*  
GODORT contacted the ALA Washington Office to determine what ALA was doing about the NASA report server being taken down. Some reports are now back up and we never really heard back from the Washington Office. FDTF is working on a draft resolution on database decommissioning.
- *Membership*  
Kris Kasianovitz requested and received input on her response to someone who sent GODORT a message on Facebook.  
Membership will again sell GODORT totes to raise money for the scholarships. 48 - \$7.25 each (\$348).

Prices will be \$12 for 1 and \$20 for 2.

Kris distributed a GODORT membership report which showed 655 regular members in May 2013. Kris also has a roster of members. She is contacting both new members and non-renewals.

Kris is also working on the successful GODORT Buddy program for the Annual Conference once again.

#### **New GODORT Officers**

Assistant Chair/Chair-Elect – Helen M. Sheehy

Secretary – Linda Spiro

Treasurer – Michael Smith

GODORT Councilor – Bill Sudduth

Fed Docs Task Force Asst. Coordinator/Coordinator-Elect – Timothy Dodge

International Docs Task Force Asst. Coordinator/Coordinator-Elect – Chelsea Dinsmore

State and Local Docs Task Force Asst. Coordinator/Coordinator-Elect – Samantha Hager

Awards Committee members – Stephen Woods, Catherine Morse, Lucia Orlando,

Bylaws and Organization Committee members – Shari Laster, Gretchen Gould

Nominating Committee members – Barbie Selby, John Stevenson

Publications Committee Chair-Elect – Marianne Ryan

Respectfully submitted,

Barbie Selby, GODORT Secretary