

VII. State and Local Documents Task Force (SLDTF)

A. Purpose

To provide a forum for librarians and others working with, or interested in, state and local government information. The Task Force focuses attention on the problems and concerns of documents librarians and others, offering an opportunity for discussion and exchange of ideas and news in the field of state, regional, and local information. The Task Force provides a means for initiation and support of bibliographic control, guidelines, and special programs and for increasing the availability, management, and use of state and local information.

B. Goals

The goals of the Task Force shall support and enhance the overall mission and goals of the organization.

- i. Promote and speak for the interests of documents librarianship relating to state, regional, and local information. Improve bibliographic control for these resources;
- ii. Enhance awareness of the role of documents librarians among library and non-library professionals and organizations and to develop effective working relationships with them;
- iii. Monitor and speak out on government and private sector activities likely to affect state, regional, and local documents librarians.

- iv. Promote the electronic and print communication between state and local document librarians;
- v. Enhance the capability of librarians and state/local depositories to serve the needs of their users;
- vi. Adopt and support standards and guidelines needed by documents librarians, including bibliographic control;
- vii. Identify, explore, foster communication, and act on problems and issues facing librarians and state/local depositories, including interstate and intergovernmental agencies;
- viii. Promote research and publications relevant to state and local documents librarianship;
- ix. Identify research topics and to encourage improvement in research;
 - x. Advance the professional knowledge of state/local documents librarians through an effective public awareness program;
- xi. Contribute to the total professional development of state and local documents librarians;
- xii. Sponsor and encourage opportunities for state and local documents librarians to update existing competencies, learn requisite new skills, and gain awareness of the state of the art, based on member needs assessment; and
- xiii. Encourage and promote active membership participation in all task force activities.

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