

GODORT Legislation Committee Meeting
March 23, 2017

Present: Hallie Pritchett(chair), Marie Concannon, Ambrogino Giusti, Simon Healy, Kate Tallman (recorder), Samantha Hagar (tech support)

Meeting Recordings and Minutes

Samantha will send out the recording from this and February meeting

Marie will send minutes from the February meeting; Kate will send minutes from this meeting.

Five Year Plan Discussion

We need to have the five year plan finalized by Annual in June so we can pass it along to membership and report to Steering.

Advocacy Discussion at Annual

ALA is willing to send someone to GODORT meetings to talk about advocacy how it's done within the organization. Hallie is going to ask if they can come to our Leg II meeting to give overview and answer questions.

Survey of GODORT Members

We want to survey GODORT members to help inform our 5 year plan. We will want to do the survey and analyze the results before Annual. This should be short, 4-5 questions, with some multiple choice and open ended options. Hallie can do this in her Qualtric instance and we will send to GODORT membership and the wider government documents community. What do we want to know? Should we be advocates? Are we already seen as advocates or not? Do members know what Legislation Committee can do?

Question Brainstorming:

What do you expect from this committee?

What do you know about this committee?

Do you know where to get legislative alerts?

Do you know how to bring an issue that needs advocacy to the committee?

Do you know where to go to get this type of information?

Open ended question: what do you think the legislative committee does? Based on that, what do you think the legislative committee should do? What do you think it is not doing?

What role should GODORT be playing in advocacy/legislation?

How do you get information about important legislative matters?

How do you want us to communicate this information to you?

Who wants to be active and lives in a particular state? i.e. where we'd need somebody to contact particular congress people

Who is your local state group that deals with advocacy?

What kind of advocacy have you seen? (Phrase it to include GODORT, ALA, the state, local, or national library community, or local community)

What types of advocacy or issues do our members think we should be looking at?

What are the issues where you think we can make an impact?
Do people feel that there are any barriers to our pursuing advocacy? What prevents you from approaching GODORT with an advocacy concern or question?
Close out with an open ended question: What else do you want to tell us?

Timeline:

Hallie will start a Google Doc with questions

We need to have a good set of questions ready by our next meeting on April 19

Survey out by May 1st and leave open until Memorial Day

We may schedule another meeting in June so we can review data before Annual (May meeting will be focused on our Leg Com II agenda)

Legislation Committee Membership-

There has been some discussion about increasing the number of committee spots. Right now we are at 6 members with 1 officio. The liaison model has been changed to a simple, standalone membership model with 2 year terms. In order to do the kind of work that we have been discussing, we need more people. A few members would be good, and we can set it so that only half of the committee rotates off each year. Can we handle it with 1 year terms?

Steering meeting on March 24