

Who do you think you are? Maybe someone has asked you this question before or you have the type of personality where you continually ask yourself this question. It's a question that any honest leader faces when taking over the reigns of an organization with a long and storied tradition like GODORT. However, I think the question taken at face value is an excellent place to start our conversation.

So, who am I? I will confess that when I started out as a government documents librarian in 1995, I felt like a counterfeit. I had no academic training in government information, only practical experience working in the University of Iowa's Government Documents Department. However, I was a voracious

the lines of a common vision. The KU Work Group states that inspire government information specialists to develop services for government information.” It took approximately ten minutes for someone to suggest a revision by simply adding the words “and collections” after services. That’s the whole point of the exercise. Mission statements are one of those things that we

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I’ll close with this. At the national steering meeting in San Francisco as the baton was passed forward, I read the first draft of a mission statement. It was it: “GODORT’s mission is to

Endangered Government Publication Committee (REGP) virtual meeting in July. It includes a discussion of goals for REGP identified in our organization Policy and Procedures Manual (PPM). It’s a fantastic start. However, how do we capture those activities that are a priority for our community that are not reflected in our legacy documents?

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