

From the Chair

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What has GODORT been up to since Orlando? GODORT is participating in strategic planning for ALA. At the Round Table Coordinating Committee meeting in Orlando, the Library Support Staff Interest Round Table (LSSIRT) and GODORT were selected to represent round table interests at the ALA 2010 fall planning retreat. Those who responded to the ALA member survey may note that this meeting is part of the second phase of planning. More information is available from the ALA 2010 Web site <http://www.ala.org/ala2010>. James L. Hill, LSSIRT chair, and I attended this strategic planning retreat in Skokie, Illinois, held September 17–19. We can expect broad discussion of the strategic plan at the 2005 Midwinter Meeting, with the goal of ALA Council adopting the plan at the 2005 Annual Conference in Chicago.

collections of public documents. Expect announcements for this special opportunity later in the fall.

Next summer's ALA Annual Conference will be held in Chicago, a favorite city for many. GODORT's program will be "Cataloging and Preservation of Digital Government Information: Classification, Capture and Curation of Resources at Risk." Focusing on state and international documents, this program received broad endorsement from GODORT task forces and committees. GODORT will also be hosting a Thursday preconference at Northwestern University titled "Demystifying Government Sources: Government Information for the Rest of Us," intended for library staff whose major responsibilities do not include government information but who would like a good orientation to build skills on.

Finally, with the 2004 calendar running down, it's not too late to make a tax-deductible contribution to support the W. David Rozkuszka Scholarship, GODORT's annual \$3,000 award to benefit a library master's degree candidate who is currently working with government documents in a library. It's wonderful to meet the recipients in person and to realize that some have gone on to become active GODORT members. For example, Mark Phillips received this year's scholarship at the GODORT reception in Orlando and serves on the Government Information Technology Committee (GITCO). He works at the University of North Texas Libraries. 2001 scholarship winner Kris Kasianovitz now works at UCLA, serves on the Education Committee, and writes for *DttP*. Information about the scholarship is available at the GODORT Awards Committee Web page <http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/GODORT/awards>.

Checks to support the scholarship may be sent to GODORT Treasurer, Ann Miller, Public Documents and Maps, Perkins Library, Duke University, Durham, NC 27708-0177.