Federal Documents Task Force, Business Meeting ALA Conference, 2008

Anaheim, Calif. – Saturday, June 28, 2008

Presiding: Justin Otto, Chair

Secretary: Tim Dodge

1. The agenda and meeting minutes for the ALA Midwinter Conference 2008 (January 12) were approved.

2. Presentations by Guest Speakers:

- a) EPA Tagging Project (Daniel Cornwall, Head, Information Services, Alaska State Library)
 - Project inspired by rise of tagging images in Web 2.0 social networking applications such as NASA Clickworkers Project (Mars image digitization project) and Galaxy Zoo (images of galaxies from Slocum Digital Sky Survey).
 - Cornwall took 32 EPA documents posted online by EPA Harvest Program and uploaded them to Internet Archive. Located volunteers via listservs to assign descriptive tags. Volunteers all used del.icio.us

- Davis reported that GPO wants to turn FDLP Desktop into a collaborative tool by creating areas on web site for collaborative projects and setting up RSS feeds.
- Originally, when planned, the Digital Initiative project (to digitize the entire Legacy Collection) was to have 500 staff members but only 16 are actually available. Consequently, GPO is now seeking partners for this project via a request for proposals appearing in the July 3 issue of Federal Business Opportunities. When complete this project will allow free unrestricted online access to the Legacy Collection.
- GPO re-launched the Digital Registry project on June 17. Will add RSS feed and is looking for partnerships.
- GPO and the Naval Postgraduate School announced their recent partnership to provide access to the Homeland Security Digital Library, a database of over 50,000 non-classified Presidential directives, policy and national strategy documents, as well as specialized resources related to Homeland Security.

3. Old Business

a) Update on FDTF virtual membership proposal: FDTF Chair-Elect Sarah Gewirtz.

Via appeals on two listservs, sought 12 volunteers to test concept out but, so far, has received only five responses. Task Force agreed that Gewirtz should send out more appeals and also ask for regional depository librarians to encourage volunteers from pool of people unable to attend conferences.

4. New Business

a) Regional Depository Libraries in the 21st Century: A Time for Change? 89(d)-0.956417()-40.478208(**F)20576(4178**(1)51/89()0.078**1167.88**(1)(31678(63)71(0)91756(61)6897(1)871453(53)5(64)976(41776)91740918