

DRAFT MINUTES

GODORT Federal Documents Task Force

Sheraton Park Hotel – Palm West

Saturday, June 23, 2012, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Convener: Antoinette Satterfield (Coordinator); Lori Smith (Coordinator-elect)

Recorder: Sarah Naper

Attendees

Members: Simon Healey (Free Library of Philadelphia), Janet Fisher (Arizona State Library & Archives), Frank Lester (Vanderbilt), Sandra McAninch (University of Kentucky), Mary Prophet (Denison University), Brandon Burnette (Southeastern Oklahoma State University), Jill Vassilakos-Long (California State University, San Bernardino), Mary Martin (Claremont Colleges), Bernadine Abbott Hoduski, Lynn Thitchener (Cornell University), Marie Concannon (University of Missouri), Bill Sudduth (University of South Carolina), Catherine Morse (University of Michigan), Barbara Miller (Oklahoma State University), Kathy Bayer (GPO), Cass Hartnett (University of Washington), Vicki L. Tate (University of South Alabama), Kirsten Clark (University of Minnesota), Stephanie Braunstein (Louisiana State University), Chelsea Dinsmor (University of Florida), Atifa Rawan (University of Arizona),

Committee liaison reports: Legislation Committee reports that there are no new resolutions at this time; the third Legislation Committee meeting has been cancelled because there are no resolutions.

Committee liaison volunteers are requested; please contact Lori Smith if you are interested in providing this service.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Q&A session about Statistical Abstract product (Rick Nelson, ProQuest)

Nelson introduced Barbara Olson and Susan Bokern (both from ProQuest), plus Bruce Samuelson (Bernan representative). Nelson provided introductory remarks about the *Statistical Abstract* initiative. An advisory group has guided the process. Twenty-five people on ProQuest staff that are dedicated to statistical analysis, plus members of a licensing team, have been devoting at least some of their time to this project. Staff have been first trying to figure out where to get data; secondly, if the data is licensed, the staff have been trying to determine how to get a license.

In May, the analysis project was completed. Now, the updating part of the project is underway. It is expected to be finished in the next three months. ProQuest expects to have 95% of the content that was in government-produced version. As a reminder, *Statistical Abstract* was never a static document, there have always been a number of tables that were switched out. This will continue.

Approximately 30% of content is from a licensed source. ProQuest expects to get 80-90% of content. ProQuest's preexisting relationships have helped with the project.

Questions/comments:

Question/comment: Thank you for doing this. The library community appreciates ProQuest's willingness to step up to help with this product. With that said, I hope that you are indexing beyond the table title. Table titles are not always helpful to patrons (e.g., the number of fires started by smoking is currently listed under "tobacco").

Response: Our online version will have search functionality and facets. This will be different from the government's browsing version of the *Statistical Abstract*.

Question/comment: Will online version also have browse functionality?

Response: Yes. We had hoped to have it available to show at the Annual Conference. Unfortunately, we didn't make it, but a PDF/snapshot version is available at the ProQuest booth.

Question/comment: Will there be some way that some limited access could be provided to depository libraries without charge?

Response: There have been some preliminary conversations, but we do not know yet. We are putting a lot of resources into this project. Census Bureau had \$2.9 million budget to do this work. We are trying to keep prices low, with a structured pricing scheme. There might

Question/comment: I have heard that there will be different pricing structures if a library already gets the ProQuest statistical package?

Response: Yes, we will try to reward customers that already have the statistical package.

Question/comment: In my state, there are Native American libraries that have a total purchasing amount of \$500. These libraries have become depositories largely because they

the Conference is “Celebrating Past and Building Future Together.” Data from state forecasting project will be available at the Conference. Baish encouraged submission of program proposals for the Conference. Last year had wireless in one room for hands-on training. This will be available this year too.

Last year, Vicky Tate asked us to do training, training, training. This has been one of Baish’s top initiatives in past year. In FY 2011, GPO had 8 online OPAL sessions, one on FDsys. An educational curriculum has been created, plus an archive format has been developed. 32 training videos are planned (e.g, basic searching on FDsys). In FY 2012, we have had 46 face-to-face training sessions and have hosted 11 webinars. There have been 1178 attendees at the sessions: 876 in webinars and 302 in face-to-face sessions. Face-to-face training includes training for Congressional staff, federal libraries, etc.

Baish urged individuals to share suggestions on what they would like GPO to do.

As part of an ongoing study, Congress gave \$1 million to CRS to contract with NAPA (National Academy of Public Administration) on GPO. This study will review past studies of GPO (printing and dissemination). The study will also examine whether GPO should continue executive branch printing and will also consider other cost saving measures.

NAPA has endeavored to make this a very transparent process. They have met with staff and have had a good dialogue. NAPA expects to give a draft to GPO and CRS by the end of September and to the House by Jan 31. Depository Library Council members will likely be contacted for an interview, plus five who just rotated off.

Like many in this room, federal government agencies are

Response (from Mary Alice Baish): This was not a report mandated that we do; we decided to do this. However, there has been great interest in the project by the acting Public Printer, by the House and Senate committees with jurisdiction over GPO, plus CRS. The process by which we are doing the report is open and transparent.

Question/Comment: I hope that the results will be presented to Congressional staff in educated way, so that they will arrive at right conclusions.

Question/Comment: What has happened to the redesign of Ben's Guide?

Response (from Mary Alice Baish): GPO staffing is down. Jane has been tasked to answer what skills are strategically needed. Web content has only 3-4 staff, but top priority is the new Desktop.

That said, GPO will have representation at forthcoming school library conference. We want to get lesson plans from school libraries in tandem with Ben's Guide. We expect to have it out in November. We will have group that will look at content. We want to make sure that what we are doing is the right thing from the perspective of the school library

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.