

GODORT Federal Documents Task Force Meeting Minutes

ALA Annual Conference

Sunday, June 29, 2014: 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Caesars Palace – Messina

Convener: Jill Va

Fifth Order of Business: Committee Liaison Reports.

- 1) **Cataloging:** Steven Jeffrey reported that the GODORT Cataloging Committee is updating the Toolkit for processing and cataloging federal government documents and that the committee thanked the Public Printer for the RDA (Resource Description and Access) transition.
- 2) **Education:** The GODORT Education Committee would be meeting later this day to discuss teaching non-government documents librarians about government information literacy.
- 3) **Legislation:** Bernadine Abbott Hoduski reported on behalf of the absent GODORT Legislation Committee Liaisons. Ms. Abbott Hoduski reported that the Resolution on Preserving Public Access to Scientific and Technical Reports Available through the National Technical Information Service was endorsed at an ALA Committee on

with minimal risk to the FDLP. A major theme that emerged from the study was flexibility. Three major strategic priorities were identified and discussed.

Cindy Etkin explained the first priority: *to establish Library Services and Content Management processes and procedures that apply life cycle management best practices for all formats, while also ensuring permanent public access to government information dissemination products in the digital age.* For GPO to get processes in place to go from print-centric to content-centric in its processes.

Ms. Baish explained the second priority: *to provide a governance process and a sustainable network structure that ensures coordination across the FDLP and allows the most flexible and effective management of depository libraries and their resources.* Flexibility was a recurring theme. Libraries that wish to have an all-electronic collection are inhibited from doing so by a mandate that they hold the core collection, which includes two item numbers that are only available in print. The Superintendent of documents is repealing this as a mandate so that libraries that wish to be all electronic can be all electronic, and states would only be required to select the tangible memorial resolutions about people from their state.

Flexibility in another arena was discussed. Possible changes for document retention requirements for regional depositories: keep tangible documents for seven years and then request approval from the Superintendent of Documents to substitute an electronic copy available through FDsys. Provisions would need to be made to ensure sufficient copies of tangib

electronic-only documents, have only become more problematic

Suggestions included:

Keep other libraries informed about fugitives as you find them.

Educate agencies about the FDLP obligation.

Work to get declassified documents into FDLP.

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