

American Library Association
Government Documents Round Table

Government Information Technology Committee (GITCO)



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**Minutes of the GITCO meeting at ALA Midwinter, San Antonio, TX.
Holiday Inn Riverwalk, Tarantella 2
1/16/2000, 2-5:30 p.m.
Doralyn Edwards, Chair
Megan Fitch, Secretary**

Meeting called to order. Special thanks given to Barbara Levergood for her work and contributions as the prior chair of GITCO, as well as her continuing support.

Motion to approve minutes from 1999 Annual meeting in New Orleans made by Barb Mann, seconded by Brian Rossmann, passed by voice vote. Motion to approve agenda seconded and passed by voice vote.

Reports:

T.C Evans, GPO: DVD conversions continue to be a shifting target. PTO DVD's are forthcoming and will contain full-text and images. The PTO product was developed with a hardware benchmark of the Pioneer DVD-302 driver. It can read regular CD-ROMs as well as CD-R. The Electronic Code of Federal Regulations (ECFR) is to make its debut in the late spring early summer. ECFR will be a compendium of federal regulations, updated daily. Other activities: working on metadata, researching how search engines index GPO Access pages.

Judy Russell, NCLIS: NCLIS is strategizing how to effectively follow up on their report and work with agencies to improve standardization of web information, archiving, and more. They are seeking feedback from stakeholder groups on where to go from here, how/whether to do another survey. NCLIS would like GITCO and GODORT to work with them on appropriate issues. Discussion identified

receive more prominent recognition. The url for the project is: www.indiana.edu/~libgpd

Barbara Levergood requested working group handout files be sent to her for posting on the GITCO site.

Working Group 11: Four charges: 1) create content standards 2) Design data entry form 3) Determine which fields to take from pre-existing Iowa records 4) Develop an introductory page for the database. Handouts were circulated to flesh out the recommendations. Discussion ensued on a variety of topics, including searchable fields. It was decided to add a field indicating whether the item was Y2K compliant, change the date field, and add a padded 5 digit number field. Recommendations made for front page changes.

Motion made and passed to extend meeting until 5:30. of the meeting.

Workgroup 12: Charge: 1) Divide up responsibility for managing the project 2) Draft agreements for various participants. Handouts outlined responsibilities of managing editors, regular editors, voluntary contributors. Discussed possibility of GPO providing basic bibliographic information. Draft agreements based in large part on the solicitation. Discussion ensued as to whom to recruit for managing editor. It was decided to target professional librarians rather than students or a library school. Potential model for continued GITCO involvement could be the relationship Education Committee has with the Handout Exchange.

Post Meeting Activities:

Workgroup 11: rewrite introductory language, add/modify fields, tweak. Aim for getting front end to database up and running before Annual, to assist with recruiting Managing Editor.

Workgroup 12: Clarify GITCO and Managing Editor responsibilities.

Overall tasks: get site up, recruit and select Managing Editor before Annual, help them get started.

Other: Discussions on NTDB, NCLIS, e-books on listserv and GOVDOC-L as appropriate. GITCO will have a program as part of its next meeting, at ALA annual in Chicago. It will comprise the first part of the GITCO meeting and include speakers from government agencies, as well as a presentation/demonstration of the CD-ROM Documentation Project. This part of the meeting will be followed by the business portion of the meeting. Barb Mann agreed work with Doralyn Edwards on the program