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- will establish and maintain its own database. GODORT will continue to maintain its database, especially for projects to digitize non-Federal (state, local, and international) documents, which will not be included in GPO's database. Julie Wallace expressed a concern that the database be maintained.
- 5. An REGP-sponsored tour of the Newberry Library took place on Friday afternoon, June 24, with thirteen attendees. A tour of the Library's Reference Department and Reading Room was followed by a visit to the Special Collections Department, where a selection of 17th-19th century government documents were introduced and circulated among the tour participants. A number of individuals reported on what they had found particularly interesting. David will request the Chair of GODORT to send a letter of thanks to the Newberry Library. Other potential tour venues will be investigated for the 2006 Midwinter and Annual meetings.

## **Reports from Liaisons:**

The FDTF liaison did not make a report.

The SLDTF liaison, Tim Skeers, described presentations at the SLDTF meeting concerning Illinois state electronic publications (Illinois State Library), cooperative cataloging of state extension publications (National Agricultural Library), and the history and current status of the Chicago Public Library's collection of Chicago municipal documents. Paul Arrigo, SLDTF Coordinator-elect, explained his new initiative to begin a series of electronic publications concerning primary sources for municipal documents.

The IDTF liaison, Chuck Malone, described a program which the UN held on classification problems. IDTF is continuing to plan for a pre-conference at the 2006 Annual meeting on accessing (electronic) international documents, including both free and fee-based resources. The presentations will be agency-based, although another pre-conference could present resources in a subject-based format.

The RBMS liaison, Jane Gillis, reported on the RBMS pre-conference in St. Louis, summarizing some of the presentations.

MAGERT and PARS did not make reports.

## Web Manager's Report:

Mark Phillips reported that REGP's Web site has been "cleaned up" and is the only GODORT Web site that is currently compliant with the standards which have been set by GODORT's Steering Committee. A "group work space," for use by REGP Committee members, has been established, and those who wish to use it need to register. Mark is still working on providing the Web site with a functional "person counter" for visitors to the site. Additional content, which the REGP Committee requested be added to the Web site, has been added. The Chair asked that August Imholtz' supplementary report concerning "New Deal" era Federal publications, which he

presented at the 2005 Midwinter meeting, be added to the Web site, once it has been digitally scanned for this purpose.

The Committee took a break from 11:05-11:15 a.m.

The perennial problem of securing appointments to REGP's two LITA liaison positions has been solved, for the time being, with the appointments of Charles Pennell and Yan Han, for a term of one year (2005-2006), with possibility of re-appointment. However, chronic problems remain with appointments to other external liaison positions (PARS, MAGERT, and RBMS). David made a motion that the issue of external liaisons be revisited at the 2006 Annual meeting. August Imholtz seconded the motion. The motion passed, 9-0.

## **New Business:**

David Utz reported on a proposal which he had been exploring with James Jacobs, the Chair of GODORT's Government Information Technology Committee, to establish a new liaison between REGP and GITCO. David made a motion that REGP implement what is already in GODORT's Policies and Procedures Manual, to allow a representative of GITCO to participate on the REGP Committee, "to assure that the overlapping goals of protecting electronic resources are addressed." Aimee Quinn seconded the motion. The motion passed, 9-0.

## **Announcement:**

David announced the new REGP Committee appointments for 2005-2006. Geoff Swindells has agreed to serve as Committee Chair; August Imholtz and Sheri Irvin will be reappointed for a second term as member-at-large and Federal Documents Task Force liaison, respectively. George Barnum and Catherine Morse will be appointed as member-at-large and International Documents Task Force liaison, respectively.

The meeting of the Committee adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Minutes submitted by David A. Utz, Chair.