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GODORT State and Local Documents Task Force (SLDTF) Meeting Minutes

Saturday, July 11

8am to 10am

Palmer House Hilton, State Ballroom

Kris Kasianovitz, Coordinator

Suzanne Sears, Coordinator-Elect

Annelise Sklar, Secretary

Jennie Gerke, Web Coordinator

I. Welcome and Introductions (5 minutes): All introduced themselves. Kris outlined the agenda.

A. Icebreaker - What's in your budget?

5 minutes, in groups of 4.

Attendees divided into groups of four and discussed the current budget situations in their libraries and states. Common themes included having low state and local government information materials budget to begin with; cuts to student support and technical services; vacant positions frozen or eliminated; cuts to state agencies who produce, distribute, and catalog material; more collaboration between the libraries and local agencies and/or campus departments on grants and projects, especially in obtaining GIS data and in digitizing print collections; cuts to binding budgets. Oklahoma has a deal with LexisNexis where they provide cataloging of IIS documents in exchange for a free subscription to the IIS fiche and LexisNexis funding the salary of the technical support staff person who does the cataloging.

B. Kris circulated the attendance sheet.

II. The agenda was adopted. Kris suggested tabling new business items since person who added those items was not able to attend.

III. Minutes from the State and Local Documents Task Force meeting at Midwinter 2009 were approved.

IV. Liaison Reports (2 minutes) Reports from Committees that have met and only items that are of direct interest or affect SLDTF; Liaisons please post reports to this section of the wiki)

- Legislation – no report
- Membership – no report
- Program (2009 Chicago Annual Meeting Program specifically ties in with SLDTF)

The Committee of 8 was started by Margaret Lane in the pre-electronic environment as a way to quickly disseminate information to all state documents librarians through SLDTF. Each of the eight librarians was responsible for contacting a librarians throughout a few of the 50 states, usually through a telephone tree or letters. It evolved to a model where the SLDTF coordinator-elect would run it. Now we have Govdoc-l for communication and perhaps do not need it.

Barbara wants to write an article for DttP on the history of the Committee of 8 and is hoping someone else who was around when it was strong can fill in the gaps with additional information. She have enough for a “whereas” statement in the resolution on Margaret Lane. It was an early attempt to get people who don't come to ALA involved with projects. It was suggested that Barbara consult the minutes in old issues of DttP.

Kris suggested that it sounds like we don't need to continue on the committee of 8 with our current means of electronic communication. It was pointed out that we do need someone who will report on issues for each state. Kris suggested that maybe it evolve into a liaison for each state and noted that there is potential for virtual participation. There are several projects on wiki where someone has adopted each state and it is still worthwhile to have some sort of network of contacts. Reconstituting it can be a project for for Midwinter.

Also asked: How are we dealing with territories? Tribal libraries?

VI. Remembrance of Margaret T. Lane (Kris and group) (10 minutes) This discussion was combined with the discussion on the Committee of 8.

VII. Discussion - Statistics and Data Session (Kris Kasianovitz, Annelise Sklar, Berencia Vejvoda) (60 minutes)
Outcomes

1. Participants understand the difference between statistics and data, aggregate data, microdata
2. Participants are introduced to use of statistical information and/or data in library instruction and research
3. Participants gain experience in evaluating statistical information
4. Participants learn components of statistical

