

GODORT International Documents Task Force Minutes

1997 ALA Midwinter Conference Business Meeting Saturday, February 15, 1997, 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm Capital Hilton, Massachusetts Meeting Room

Attending: Duncan Aldrich (Coordinator), Mary Gay Anderson, Daniel Blazek, Debora Cheney, Erminio D'Onofrio, Sam Dunlap, Chuck Eckman, Mary Fetzer, Peter Hajnal, Dena Hutto, Peggy Jobe, Linda Johnson, Al Kagan, Carolyn Kohler, Michael Levine-Clark, Rosemary Allen Little, Mike McCaffrey-Noviss, Karen Merguerian, Darlene Montgomery, Andrea Morrison, Michael Oppenheim (Secretary), Sandra Peterson, Barbie Selby, Andrea Sevetson, Marian Shaaban, Helen Sheehy, Karen F. Smith, Lucia Snowhill, Kathy Tezla (Assistant Coordinator/Coordinator-Elect), Peter Van Leeuwen.

Duncan Aldrich called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm.

1. *Introductions*

Following introductions around the room, Duncan noted the welcome presence of a number of past IDTF Coordinators.

2. *Minutes*

1. Minutes of the 1996 Midwinter Meeting of the IDTF in San Antonio, Texas, published in the June 1996 DOCUMENTS TO THE PEOPLE, were unanimously approved.
2. Minutes of the 1996 Annual Meeting of the IDTF in New York City, as published at the IDTF web site (http://www.library.nwu.edu/govpub/idtf/m_ala96.html (http://www.library.nwu.edu/govpub/idtf/m_ala96.html)), were unanimously approved.

3. *Reports from IDTF Liaisons*

1. GODORT Education Committee--Liaison Debora Cheney reported that the committee will not meet until Sunday afternoon.
2. GODORT Legislation Committee--GODORT Chair Andrea Sevetson reported on behalf of Liaison Julia Wallace that among the resolutions Legislation is working on is one on privatization of government information--an issue as vital to international information interests as to any other. Duncan reviewed the other topics Legislation is working on at this Conference.
3. GODORT Cataloging Committee--Liaison Andrea Morrison, noting that Cataloging also meets on Sunday, reported that its agenda includes the cataloging of U.S. government internet resources and an item of special interest to the IDTF, OCLC's new file of European Union MARC cataloging records (viewable on the Web at <http://www.oclc.org/oclc/tb/tb219/219.htm> (<http://www.oclc.org/oclc/tb/tb219/219.htm>)). The EU Library is the source for the records, which are MARC compatible and not designated at OCLC's highest quality level (although some find the records to be distinctly superior to the UN records available in RLIN). They are also available via

official gazettes of foreign countries, and whether the Center intends to continue the microfilming program of those highly preservation-worthy, "rare and endangered" newsprint documents, that the NYPL and the Library of Congress have long carried out together. (Also unknown is whether LC will sustain its part in this endeavor.) Mary Gay Anderson composed the motion, which was brought to the GODORT Business Meeting: Ask the Chair of GODORT to write a letter of inquiry to the appropriate office at the Center for Research Libraries concerning the future of the transferred foreign countries' official gazettes microfilming program, formerly managed jointly by the New York Public Library and the Library of Congress. Specifically, what are CRL's plans for continuing to acquire and microfilm these documents, and providing access to them? Also, what roles, if any, will the NYPL or LC continue to play in this heretofore cooperative project?

2. The best ways by which to "institutionalize" GODORT line- item budgetary support for its (and, of course, ALA's, as well as an individual's home institution's) enjoyment of the benefit of having representation at the expensive, usually rather far-flung IFLA Conferences were discussed. Pertinently, certain CIS publications, royalties for which significantly enhance GODORT's treasury, directly owe their existence to the IDTF. A motion passed that Duncan propose [at Tuesday's Second Steering Committee meeting] that GODORT add a line item to the budget setting aside up to \$1,500 in matching funds to help defray the expenses of IFLA Conference registration and attendance for the GODORT member who attends and participates.
3. Following up from Rosemary's Liaison Report for the ALA International Relations Committee, the IDTF members agreed that GODORT should endorse in principle the Resolution on Human Rights and Freedom of Expression of the ALA International Relations Committee.
4. Mike McCaffrey-Noviss announced still more Northwestern University international documents projects: (1) League of Nations Committee of Enquiry Into a European Union documents (published 1931-1936) are being scanned to create a Web site and (2) a "CIS-level" index of League of Nations statistical publications is being developed. ~~Ma, MMedOM~~"r

