

GODORT of Ohio  
Spring Meeting  
May 10, 1996  
Hiram College

The meeting was called to order by President Nani Ball (Miami Univ. at Middletown). As there were several new faces in the crowd we each introduced ourselves.

The minutes of the Fall meeting were approved, but it was noted that some of the paragraphs had been "flip-flopped" in the printing of the newsletter.

The treasurer's report was approved.

#### ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

Megan Mitchell (Oberlin College) was elected Program Chair/President elect; Mae Schreiber (Univ. of Akron) was elected Secretary/Treasurer.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**MEMBERSHIP:** No report. Mary Prophet (Denison Univ.) asked (again!) to be removed from the committee roster. Coleen Parmer (Bowling Green State Univ.), Andrea Peakovic (Kenyon College), and Diane May (Kent State Univ.) will serve on this committee.

**NEWSLETTER:** George Barnum (Case Western Reserve Univ.) reported that he and Karen Kottsy (Univ. of Cincinnati) are working to revamp *Doc's Prescriptions*. Spring and Fall issues will be meeting oriented; the Winter and Summer issues will be more "features" oriented. Distribution costs have dropped significantly now that we are using Pony Express. If you have trouble receiving your issue via Pony Express contact George.

George is interested in rekindling the newsletter exchange program with other states documents groups; if you know the editor of another newsletter pass the information to him.

**RESOURCE SHARING:** This committee was abolished.

**ACCESS TO STATE GOVERNMENT:** No report. We discussed the fact that the growth of government information available on the WWW might eliminate the need for this committee in the future.

In a related aside: members at OhioLINK institutions were encouraged to report problems with HANNAH to their User Services Representative.

UNION LIST: After the membership commended Rosemary Harrick (Kent State Univ.) for her outstanding efforts on this committee in the past, this committee was abolished.

STATE PLAN REVISION: Karen Kottsy and Julia Baldwin (Univ. of Toledo) have been working with Barbara Kussow at the State Library of Ohio. They plan to get together to do more work over the summer. Karen hopes to have a draft for the Fall meeting.

GODORT of Ohio e-mail list: Diane May asked that we keep her apprised of changes in our e-mail addresses and invited us to send her anything we'd like to share with, or ask of, the membership.

OhioLINK/III INTEREST GROUP: Kathy Webb (Univ. of Dayton) will take over as chair of this group; Coleen Parmer (BGSU) will remain on the roster. As information on OhioLINK access to the *Legislate* service becomes available Kathy will keep us informed via the e-mail list.

SPEAKER'S BUREAU: Kathy Webb (Univ. of Dayton) and Mark Gooch (CSU Law) will continue to serve on this committee.

GODORT of OHIO WWW page: Mark Gooch will coordinate this effort.

REPORT FROM THE HARVARD CONFERENCE: In March, George Barnum (CWRU), Margie Powell (College of Wooster), and Mary Prophet (Denison Univ.) presented a paper at the conference "Finding Common Ground: Creating The Library Of The Future Without Endangering The Library Of The Past." All reported that it was a well attended, well organized event. If anyone would like a copy of their paper, "Elsewhere in the Forest:...." contact any of the presenters. Recommended reading: *Future Libraries: Dreams, Madness, & Reality* by Walt Crawford and Michael Gorman.

#### FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARY CONFERENCE

Karen Kottsy began by noting that Ohio was well represented among the nearly 600 in attendance. Most of the break-out sessions were well attended, with GPO ACCESS demonstrations being the most popular. The hottest topic of discussion was the transition plan. Questions about who will pay for the costs of printing electronic government documents and who will archive the electronic data remain unanswered.

Mac Schreiber noted that CIS and Lexis have announced that they will archive some government information but that it won't be free.

Megan Mitchell talked about a session in which depository librarians teamed up with faculty members at the University of Montana to teach people how to use Census data and Bureau of Economic Analysis information to learn about their changing communities.

Kathy Webb mentioned the discussions about the future of the data on cd-rom and the questions regarding backwards compatibility of the next computer operating systems.

#### RECENT INSPECTIONS

Barbara Bell (College of Wooster) noted that preparing for an inspection was a great way to break-in a new assistant. Wooster had time to prepare and completed the self-study; Carole Callard spent a full day touring the new building, talking with student assistants and observing processing routines in action. Helpful hint: be sure to initial the log in the front of the manual!

George Kline (Toledo Lucas County Public Library) was pleased to report that they passed. The self-study process was helpful, as was the previous inspector's report. He thanked Clyde Hordusky and the rest of the staff at the State Library of Ohio for responding quickly to requests to withdraw material. There will be a new state of the art building in the near future.

Mt. Union and Malone colleges are scheduled to be inspected next week.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Coleen Parmer reported that Berman will be coming to BGSU to conduct an Internet workshop. Margie Powell (Wooster) testified to the quality of the workshop, which is quite expensive.

Coleen announced for Julia Baldwin, who couldn't attend, that the University of Toledo is looking for a full-time temporary Government Documents Librarian. A copy of the position description was available.

Coleen asked for assistance with a reference question dealing with foreign trade data from 1844.

Kathy Webb (Univ. of Dayton) reported that the Cooperative Information Resources Management (CIRM) group of OhioLINK recommended Legislate over the CQ service. In addition to providing access to such databases as the *Congressional Record* and the *Federal Register*, some of the features of Legislate include: full text of some testimony at congressional hearings and submitted statements, biographical information about representatives, and hot links to articles.

George Barnum proposed that we, in cooperation with the documents group in Kentucky, invite Maggie Parhamovich Farrell of the GPO Transition staff

and co-creator of the GPO Pathway Services to speak to us about that project. Karen Kottsy offered to host the event at the University of Cincinnati. As GPO has no funding for travel we would have to pay for all expenses, including airfare, food, and lodging. The membership approved and George agreed to make the arrangements with Ms. Farrell. Given that she is completing her service at GPO in the very near future, George will be scheduling the event sometime in June.

George offered to host the Fall 1996 meeting at CWRU.

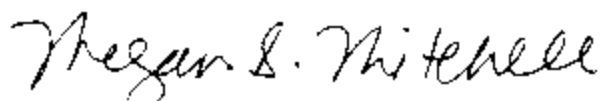
#### AFTERNOON PROGRAM

Coleen Parmer (BCSU) demonstrated the Department of State cd-rom product.

George Barnum (CWRU) and Wendy Gunton, of KSU library school, talked about constructing a government documents web site.

Also: There was a tour of Hiram's new library building and a presentation of the Fox Collection of Rare Maps.

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary/Treasurer