



**Government Documents Roundtable of Ohio
Spring Business Meeting Minutes
State Library of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio
May 17, 2013**

(Presented November 8, 2013)

In attendance:

LaVerne Austin, Cindy Boyden, Connie Burke, Kevin Carey, Elizabeth Cline, Schuyler Cook, Audrey Hall, Jeffrey Hartsell-Gundy, Roger Kosson, Shari Laster, Cheryl Lubow, Amy McCoy, Carol Ottolenghi, Cheryl Paine, Allen Reichart, Mary Ann Ries, Rhenda Routh, Akram Sadeghi Pari, Carol Singer, Peter Thayer.

Welcome

GODORT President Jeffrey Hartsell-Gundy welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to the State Library.

Programs

Spring Meeting programs tapped GODORT members for ideas. Carol Singer led off with *Free Sources of Laws of the Original 13 Colonies*. This very interesting program included posters that would fit the “Display in a Bag” format described below.

Peter Thayer gave a delightfully low-geek explanation of *Using a Data Visualization Approach to Collection Analysis*. Beginning with the task – reducing the “Ls” by 21 shelves -- he walked us through the steps, including:

- Define problem, task or question;
- Obtain raw data from library ILS;
- Import raw data into a spreadsheet;
- Clean and encode the spreadsheet;
- Load cleaned spreadsheet into data visualization tool;
- Generate and interpret visuals;
- Report finding and take action.

Visual analysis of this sort assist librarians in 1) making decisions, and 2) explaining those decision to non-librarians.

A group discussion moderated by the Marketing Task Force closed out the program. Shari Laster explained the FDLP’s new promotional tool kit. Audrey Hall reviewed the May 16 webinar “Promoting Your Depository and the FDLP,” explained the Task Force’s “Display in a Bag.” idea, and discussed a Statehouse exhibit. Cheryl Lubow led the entire group in a discussion of promotional ideas and activities that people had tried. During this discussion, Cheryl Paine described the April 4 celebration held to commemorate the University of Mount Union’s 125 years as a Federal Depository Library.

Lunch

Schuyler Cook Receives Clyde Award

GODORT awarded Schuyler Cook the Clyde Award in appreciation for his many contributions to GODORT and government documents librarianship. The Clyde Award, named in honor of Clyde Hordusky, past Documents Specialist at the State Library of Ohio, recognizes “outstanding achievement(s) or service in the field of government information in Ohio or the national documents community.”

Report from the State Library (Audrey Hall)

Ms. Hall unveiled the State Library’s new logo, “A Smarter Ohio.” The parts – state of Ohio, a tablet and a book -- reflect the Library’s mission to provide virtual, online and on-the-go access to expert assistance, and digitized and traditionally formatted resources. Ms. Hall also:

- Announced several new government documents coordinators within the state;
- Noted (very enthusiastically) that two practicum students would be helping to clear the offers backlog;
- Reported on the ongoing disposition of materials from the dissolving Cleveland Public Library’s Government Documents Department;
- Offered procedural or other assistance to depository libraries, with the possibility of on-site visits.

Secretary/Treasurer’s Report (Carol Ottolenghi)

Carol Ottolenghi presented the secretary’s and treasurer’s reports. The secretary’s report covered the 2012 Fall Business Meeting. Several minor corrections were suggested. Ms. Ottolenghi indicated that she would make the corrections. Peter Thayer moved that the report be accepted as corrected. Shari Laster seconded. The motion passed.

The treasurer’s report stated that from November 2012 to May 2013, GODORT of Ohio’s total income was \$75: \$20 in dues, and \$55 from lunch payments. The expenses attributed to this period are \$120.25 for lunch at the fall meeting, \$3.00 for a reconciled bank service charge for April 2012, and \$13.00 for WordPress name mapping for the website. Amy McCoy moved that the report be accepted. Shari Laster seconded. The motion passed.

ByLaws Revision Report (Audrey Hall for SaraJean Petite)

SaraJean synchronized various online versions of the GODORT Constitution and Bylaws. The complete and correct version is on GODORT’s WordPress site.

Ms. Petite also noted that it would be most efficient to have one and only one copy of the GODORT Constitution and Bylaws posted online. Other online references to the Constitution and Bylaws would link to this sole copy, eliminating the danger of people using older versions of the documents.

ByLaws Change

Carol Ottolenghi noted that, as a state employee, she may not list her work address as the address for GODORT Secretary of State registration, etc. She requested a change to GODORT Bylaw 1, Section 3, Part G to allow Secretary/Treasurers to use either their work or home address for GODORT business. Mary Ann Ries suggested changing the pertinent phrase to, "He or she shall use *either* his or her business *or home* address as the addresses of the organization." Cheryl Paine moved to accept the change; Cheryl Lubow seconded. The motion passed.

Shari Laster Elected President-Elect/Program Chair

Jeffrey Hartsell-Gundy accepted nominations for the position. Schuyler Cook moved that the nominations be closed. Peter Thayer seconded. Ms. Laster was elevated to the role by acclamation.

Web Committee Report (SaraJean Petite)

SaraJean Petite has completed migrating online content from the Wooster site to the WordPress site. Ms. Petite also:

- Updated the Docs RX archive in the FDLP Community File Sharing area;
- Is moving substantive content from the FDLP Community Group to the WordPress site.

Ms. Petite does not recommend deletion of the FDLP Community Group site since it may assist people to access GODORT archives, and can serve as a message board and photo sharing space.

ALA GODORT Report (Shari Laster)

Shari Laster reported that:

- GODORT membership discussed changes in Canadian government information. The group endorsed a related resolution in principle, but the resolution was not approved by the ALA Committee on Legislation;
- The Government Information for Children Committee was formed, to be chaired by Tom Adamich;
- Educational webinars were held on May 21 and 24.

OhioLink / Digital Commons Working Group (Shari Laster)

Shari Laster reported that OhioLink is decommissioning the Digital Resource Commons (DRC), so GODORT of Ohio's collection must find a new home. The content must be off of OhioLink servers by the end of September 2013. A subcommittee is determining the future location of DRC content. It may be possible to move GODORT content to the new platform, but no decisions have been made. Other possible repositories include Ohio GODORT institutions, local non-GODORT institutions, and out-of-state- digital depositories.

Ms Laster noted that Kent State University's Library Science program is interested in a formal practicum program centered around digitizing collections. However, this cannot move forward until current and future content has a "home."

Membership Committee Report (Jeffrey Hartsell-Gundy)

The Fall Meeting's discussion of holding one meeting per year was continued. Various wording for a necessary Constitutional change allowing for the decrease in meeting times was suggested, but nothing was voted on.

New Business

The cost of traveling to GODORT meetings can be prohibitive. So, Jeffrey Hartsell-Gundy raised the motion to have the Executive Board develop a plan to provide travel scholarships to members who are not reimbursed for the cost of their travel. Allen Reichart moved to accept the motion; Cheryl Paine seconded. The motion passed.

The GODORT of Ohio Fall Meeting will be at the State Library on November 8, 2013.

Adjournment

Mary Ann Ries moved that the meeting be adjourned. Carol Singer seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Ottolenghi
Secretary/Treasurer