



**Government Documents Roundtable of Ohio
Spring Business Meeting Minutes
State Library of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio
May 16, 2014**

(To be presented at the Fall, 2014 meeting)

In attendance:

Christine Adams, Kevin Carey, Beverly Gage, Madelaine Gordon, Josh Jones, Karen Kimber, Audrey Kise, Roger Kosson, Kirsten Krumsee, Shari Laster, Jeanne Laugendorfer, Cheryl Lubow, Ingrid Mattson, Amy McCoy, Marsha McDevitt-Stredney, Carol Ottolenghi, Andrea Peakovic, SaraJean Petite, Mary Ann Ries, Akram Sadeghi Pari, Rebecca Savage, Ella Shurr, Peter Thayer, Nathan Wolfe, Stephanie Ziegler, Carol Zsulya.

Welcome

First Assistant Attorney General Mary Mertz greeted GODORT members, and thanked them for their assistance in finding documents and old Attorney General of Ohio (AGO) opinions for the Ohio Attorney General's history initiative. The initiative includes posting all AGO opinions online, and a historical artifacts exhibit in the AGO offices.

Ms. Mertz then noted how vital government documents are to the practice of law. She emphasized that AGO attorneys, investigators, and librarians use government documents daily in their work, and often enlist the assistance of GODORT members at the State Library and other Ohio institutions. She finished by reading aloud the resolution, reprinted below, signed by AG Mike DeWine in May of 2014.

***Proclamation Recognizing and Thanking Ohio's Government
Documents Librarians for Their almost
200 Years of Service to Ohio's Citizens***

Whereas a citizenry that is educated and informed of the actions of its government is vital to the proper functioning of a democracy; and,

Whereas, government documents chronicle the executive, legislative and judicial activities of our nation and state; and,

Whereas, Government Documents Librarians collect and preserve government documents; and,

Whereas, Government Document Librarians disseminate those documents and the information therein to the public; and,

Whereas, access to this information aids private citizens and public agencies in their interactions with one another and all levels of government; and

Whereas, Ohio's Government Documents Librarians have served Ohio in this manner since 1817; and,

Whereas, the Office of the Ohio Attorney General has used and will continue to use government documents in its efforts to protect the citizens and the State of Ohio;

Be it resolved, that Ohio Attorney General Michael DeWine formally recognizes the contributions of Government Documents Librarians and thanks them for their efforts on behalf of the Office of the Ohio Attorney General and the citizens of Ohio.

Copies of the Resolution were handed out to spring meeting attendees. If you would like a copy, please contact Carol Ottolenghi at carol.ottolenghi@ohioattorneygeneral.gov.

Program

After Mary Mertz had thanked GODORT members for their past and future assistance, Spring Meeting attendees started the touring part of their day with the AGO's historical display. This includes:

- A timeline matching significant AGO acts with state and national issues – the Fugitive Slave Act, trust busting, film censorship, etc.—stretches museum-style across one long wall;
- Archival cases filled with AGO memorabilia, including the fingerprints of Dillinger and “Pretty Boy” Floyd, items from the AGO's early environmental and consumer protection sections, and photos, reports, etc.

Attendees then viewed the GODORT exhibit in the Map Room in the Statehouse. The exhibit was on display throughout May. Statehouse staff estimates that more than 20,000 students toured the Statehouse during May, and all school tours begin in the Map Room, so Woo-hoo! Government documents got some great PR! Thanks to Kirsten Krumsee, Cheryl Lubow, Marsha McDevitt-Stredney, and Carol Ottolenghi for organizing the display. The Statehouse staff has requested another display for next year.

Following the Statehouse visit, attendees walked to the Ohio Supreme Court. In the main courtroom, Jay Wuebbold, Manager of the Court's Civic Education section, spoke about the Court's history and restoration. Mr. Wuebbold then led the group downstairs to the Court's award-winning educational center for a taste of government-documents-in-action-in-court.

Lunch

President Roger Kosson opened the business portion of the fall meeting.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Carol Ottolenghi)

Carol Ottolenghi presented the secretary's and treasurer's reports. The secretary's report covered the 2013 Fall Business Meeting.

The treasurer's report stated that from November 1, to May 1, 2013, GODORT of Ohio's total income was \$165: \$80 in dues, and \$85 from lunch payments. The expenses attributed to this period are \$104 for lunch at the spring meeting, \$31.65 for breakfast, \$50 for GODORT of Ohio's Secretary of State registration renewal, and \$.50 for a corrected bank error. Shari Laster moved that both reports be accepted; Mary Ann Ries seconded. The motion passed.

Report from the State Library (Kirsten Krumsee)

Ms. Krumsee announced that she had been appointed the Government Documents Consultant at the State Library. Ms. Krumsee reported that the Ohio Department of

Transporation Library had closed, and that she has added many of its materials to the State Library's collection.

Elections

After brief discussion, Mary Ann Ries made the motion to suspend the by-laws requiring that the election slate be published prior to the election. SaraJean Petite seconded. Beverly Gage moved to close the nominations. Ms. Petite seconded.

And...(drum roll)...Congratulations to new Program Chair/President-elect Akram Sadeghi Pari (University of Cincinnati Marx Law Library) and Secretary/Treasurer Carol Ottolenghi (Ohio Attorney General's Office).

Digital Collection Working Group (Shari Laster)

Eight WPA documents have been digitized by Denison University, and are now available in the DRC. There's still metadata cleanup to be done, but you can view these documents now. Additional documents will be added later this summer.

Right now we have a list of possible documents to digitize. If you have a WPA collection and are interested in viewing the list, Mary Prophet can share the list. Submissions of digitized documents are welcome, just check with the group for the digitization standards prior to getting started.

Contact Mary Prophet to get involved!

ALA GODORT (Shari Laster)

GODORT endorsed a series of one-page issue briefings to communicate with the Committee on Legislation's Future of the FDLP Task Force. These are posted on ALA Connect.

One resolution was approved by GODORT Membership and COL, and adopted by the ALA Council.

Resolution is CD#20.3:

RESOLUTION ON MAINTAINING GOVERNMENT WEBSITES DURING A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA):

1. Urges the President to direct the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Department of Justice (DoJ) to develop guidance to federal agencies stating that, in the event of a government shutdown or other emergency, continued access by the public to essential information on agency websites is an "excepted" activity that would warrant the retention of personnel or the obligation of funds to assure access;
2. Urges the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), in the absence of such a guideline, to direct each agency to communicate the status during a shutdown of its website to the Government Printing Office (GPO) or another appropriate agency, which would widely communicate and update information about which agencies are maintaining their websites, which are updating them and which are closing them;

3. Urges OMB to require each agency to determine what information is essential and should be available if a government shutdown or emergency should occur. For such an occurrence, develop a contingency plan for continued public access to information;
4. Urges OMB to direct agencies to work with GPO in hosting their online publications and data in the Federal Digital System (FDSys) or other publicly accessible means;
5. Urges GPO to expand its automated harvesting of Federal agencies' websites and to redirect persistent uniform resource locators (PURLs) to GPO-harvested copies rather than agency websites; and
6. Urges that GPO or another appropriate agency be directed to maintain a clearinghouse of web pages that provide alternate ways of accessing government information.

FDLC (Shari Laster)

At the Federal Depository Library Conference & Depository Library Council Meeting a few weeks ago, the Superintendent of Documents unveiled a proposed national plan for the FDLP which would substantially alter and expand the program. The changes would most directly affect regionals, as well as the very largest and smallest libraries, but the proposed plan is a fundamental shift to a focus on access and access assurance.

The session was recorded and is available as a webinar in the conference archive. The slides are available in the conference proceedings. It is hoped that additional webinars will be scheduled to provide a virtual forum to learn about the plan and provide feedback.

There is no timeline for implementation at this point.

Roger Kosson noted that under the proposed plan, Federal Depository Libraries would be known as Federal Access Libraries or Affiliated Federal Access Libraries, depending on their collection size.

Headed to California

At this point, Ms. Laster, who was the current GODORT President-elect let us know that she would be leaving us for California. Many congratulations and "we'll miss you's" ensued.

These were followed by a discussion of who should be President next year. Newly elected President-elect Sadeghi Pari said that she would serve if no one else stepped up, but that she felt GODORT would benefit if she got the training that's inherent in the President-elect spot. Mary Ann Reis asked "In this age of fluidity, should we add something to our by-laws that addresses this?" Current President Kosson said that he would stay on for another year to ease the transition.

State Action Plan Implementation Team Report (SAPIT) (Roger Kosson)

Mr. Kosson began by congratulating Beverly Gage (Denison University) and Ellen Conrad (also Denison University) on their retirements. Both were thanked for their long-standing support of GODORT. Ms. Gage was a founding member of GODORT.

Then Mr. Kosson:

- Thanked the Marketing Committee for its work on the Statehouse display;
- Called for additional volunteers;
- Introduced Peter Thayer to talk about the Team's libguides initiative.

Mr. Thayer credited Mary Prophet with creating a beta website of existing Libguides for Federal Documents in libraries in the state of Ohio. He passed out flyers with the site URL: <http://libguides.denison.edu/content.php?pid=557390&sid=4594315>. Please note that this is a working document and not really for public use at this time. If you have contributions or recommendations, please contact Ms. Prophet (prophet@denison.edu) or Mr. Thayer (thayerp@marietta.edu).

Ohio GODORT Website Report (SaraJean Petite)

Ms. Petite noted that multiple people were now able to update the website, and that kept things on a more current basis. **Visit the GODORT website and see what's up!** <http://ohiogodort.org/>

Pre-OAC Agency Material Project Task Force Report (SaraJean Petite)

This task force was formed at the Fall 2013 meeting to locate Ohio administrative regulations that were in effect prior to the advent of the Ohio Administrative Code. Task force members are Kirsten Krumsee, Amy McCoy, Carol Ottolenghi, Akram Sadeghi Pari, and SaraJean Petite.

Ms. Petite reported that no collecting has been done to date. If you have copies of old Ohio regulations, please contact one of the task force members.

Membership Committee Report (Lorna Newman)

Ms. Newman had nothing new to report.

And the Award went to...

Audrey Kise (nee Hall) received the Clyde Award because...well, the resolution pretty much spells it out.

WHEREAS Audrey Kise has served the State Library of Ohio as a dedicated and respected employee since 1987; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career Audrey Kise has played a vital role in maintaining and expanding access to government information throughout Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Audrey Kise has provided outstanding service and support to libraries, librarians, and staff as Ohio's Regional Depository Coordinator for the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP); and

WHEREAS, Audrey Kise has ably led the Ohio depository library program; and

WHEREAS, Audrey Kise has provided invaluable support and guidance to Ohio GODORT in her role as our Government Information Consultant;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Board of the Government Documents Roundtable of Ohio expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Audrey Kise for her years of dedication and service to the promotion and use of government information; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Board extends to Audrey Kise its best wishes for a long, healthy, and joyful retirement.

New Business

Retirements, moves-out-of-state, and increased activity means that GODORT needs volunteers. Please contact Mr. Kosson at kossonr@denison.edu to volunteer.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Ottolenghi
Secretary/Treasurer