Federal Documents Task Force Meeting ALA 2009 Annual Chicago, IL Saturday, July 11, 2009 1:30-3:30pm PALM Clark 05

MEETING AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes ALA 2009 Mid-Winter, Denver, CO
- IV. Committee Liaison Reports and Announcements
 - Reports from committees that have already met:
 - o Legislation (Jeff Bullington, Kay Ann Cassell, Ellen Simons)
 - Program (John Hernandez)
 - Reports from committees that have not met:
 - o Publications (Jennie Gerke)
 - o Rare & Endangered (Tanya Finchum)
 - o Cataloging (Gregory Wool)
 - o Education
 - o GITCO
- V. Presentations by Guest Speaker
 - Update from the Government Printing Office
 - o Cynthia Etkin on behalf of Richard Davis, GPO
- VI. Old Business
 - Update on FDTF virtual liaison program
 - o Laura Horne (for Sarah Gewirtz)
- VII. New Business
 - FDLP Forum "Future of Government Information" update
 - o Kirsten Clark
 - Discussion of ARL's White Paper on Strategic Directions for the Federal Depository Library Program (http://www.arl.org/bm~doc/arlwpfdlptrans.pdf)

^^UNAPPROVED^^

Federal Documents Task Force, Business Meeting

ALA Midwinter Conference, 2009

Denver, CO – Saturday, January 24, 2009

Presiding: Justin Otto, Outgoing Chair (on behalf of Sarah Gewirtz, Chair)

Secretary: Laura Horne

I. The meeting agenda and minutes from the ALA Annual Conference 2008 (June 28) were approved after a suggestion of adding "Chair" to Justin Otto's name in section 4 a.

II. Presentations by Guest Speaker

- Update from the Government Printing Office (GPO) (Ric Davis, Acting Superintendent of Documents, GPO)
 - Office of the Federal Register announced that the Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents is being replaced by the Daily Compilation of Presidential Documents as of January 29, 2009. GPO Access will be the archive of the title from 1993 through the last edition.
 - O Recommends the GITCO presentation of FedSys. The mid 2009 conversion of collections from GPO Access to FedSys continues. There are eight collections of digital government information in FedSys: bills, congressional documents, congressional reports, hearings, the *Congressional Record*, the *Federal Register*, public & private laws, and the *Compilation of Presidential Documents*. Requests that the searching functions be tested and provide feedback to GPO.
 - o Recently released a webpage on FDLP describing the values of participating in the program for libraries and the public.
 - o Continuing digital authentication of government information including public and private laws, bills, etc.
 - Developing a FDLP strategic plan for the Spring GPO Council Meeting in Tampa, FL. Will discuss the final draft of the Regional study at that time with the depository library community before considering any suggested alterations to the FDLP.
 - The most recent feature in the ILS system is a Z 39.5 function to export bibliographic records. There will be an email system from the CGP about additions of new records.
 - O GPO is seeking a private or public sector partner for its digitization efforts. It is currently refining the validation of the digitization standards developed for government information digitization projects. GPO has also relisted the Registry of digitized government information collections to evaluate what collections already exist to avoid duplication of effort.
 - o Ben's Guide refresh is underway based off of survey responses from libraries and the public. The survey is available until Feb. 2, 2009. GPO is requesting for beta testers of the new guide.
 - o "Easy as FDL" marketing campaign continues with additional promotional products, strategies, and a new video on the FDLP website.
 - o FDLP Desktop has been split into two resources. FDLP.gov will continue to focus on traditional resources for depository libraries. Community.fdlp.gov provides a collaborative space for the depository community.

 Theme for the Spring GPO Council Meeting 2009 will be the Future of the FDLP. The conference will be April 20-22. GPO will be sending direct invitations to library directors to attend and participate in the ongoing discussion.

III. Old Business

- Update on FDTF virtual liaison program (Justin Otto, on behalf of Sarah Gewirtz, Chair)
 - There are currently seven volunteers, six librarians and one graduate student.
 The graduate student will be a coordinator. The volunteers have begun making contacts with their liaison agencies. The six agencies are: USAid, FAA, NOAA, SEC, USGS, & EPA.
 - o Original plan is for a total of 12 volunteers. FDTF welcomes further volunteers to participate in this pilot program.

IV. New Business

- GPO Report: "Regional Depository Libraries in the 21st Century: A Time for Change" (Ric Davis, Acting Superintendent of Documents, GPO; Cynthia Etkin, GPO)
 - O GPO received a 100% response rate from Regional Depository Libraries for the survey relating to the final report. Regional libraries responded that space for government publications in the next five years is not a problem. Responses noted that cataloging collections is a greater concern, particularly relating to storage facilities. Regionals also noted that limited finances affect the ability to regularly visit selectives and provide continuing services to selectives.
 - Ric Davis and GPO staff fielded questions and comments regarding the report and further activities.

• FDLP Forum (Kirsten Clark)

- o Forum is planned for ALA Annual 2009 to discuss the impact of government information on all divisions of ALA, their members, and users. Legislation Committee and Legislation Assembly are designing a set of questions to go out to all ALA divisions. Responses will be compiled before meeting at Annual to dialogue about a broad view of government information, its significance for libraries and users, organization of government information, training, etc.
- Legislation Committee will try to set a date for this discussion soon for travel planning needs.
- Based on the responses and discussions during the forum, further actions regarding findings of ALA division awareness of government information will inform what services can be developed by GODORT for the broader library community.
- o Kirsten Clark fielded questions and comments regarding the development of the questions and the Forum.
- Updating FDLP Wikipedia entry (Justin Otto, on behalf of Sarah Gerwitz, Chair)
- FDTF noted that there is an entry in Wikipedia for the FDLP. It is requested that GODORT members volunteer to monitor the entry to ensure accuracy of the information provided. It was suggested that a sign-up sheet be cr