

DIGOR Spring Meeting
Oregon Library Association/Washington Library Association Joint Conference
Vancouver, WA
April 17, 2008

Kate McGann, Presiding
Arlene Weible, Recording

Attending: Kate McGann (OSL), Valery King (OSU), Ted Smith (UO), Jey Wann (OSL), Tom Stave (UO), Roy Bennett (WOU), Arlene Weible (OSL), Laura Tucker (Lewis and Clark), Liz Paulus (Cedar Mill Community Library)

Minutes from the Fall meeting were approved with some minor edits. Ted will make sure the minutes on the web site are corrected.

Treasury report

The current balance is \$1,064. There will be some expenses from the conference to cover speaker lunches.

FDLP Update (Arlene and Ted)

Both Arlene and Ted attended the Federal Depository Library Council meeting in Kansas City in early April and reported the latest news.

A report on the status of the Regionals in the Federal Depository Library Program is being prepared by GPO for the Joint Committee on Printing. The report is due on June 1, 2008, so there is a short deadline for GPO to gather information. Anyone is welcome to send comments: <http://www.fdlp.gov/regionals/study.html>

Ric Davis remains the acting Superintendent of Documents. Arlene speculated that there is unlikely to be a major staffing change in the leadership at GPO until after the fall election.

Many of the programs at the Council meeting emphasized Web 2.0 tools for gathering and providing access to government information.

Demonstrations of the prototype for the Federal Digital System (FDSys) were shown at the meeting. FDSys is the system GPO is developing to replace GPO Access, and to manage all of the digital content in the FDLP. Arlene participated in a focus group working on developing a user friendly interface to the system, which they hope will be launched in late 2008. Keep up with the latest information about developments at: <http://www.gpo.gov/projects/fdsys.htm>

A new program, Public Access Assessment, will replace the old FDLP inspection program. The emphasis of the program will be on assuring that libraries are providing access to their collection to all constituencies, including those beyond their primary clientele. While still in development, it is expected that the program will require libraries to complete a self-assessment document, which will be followed up by an examination of

libraries' web sites by GPO staff to assess library's access policies. In person visits will only be done when significant problems arise, or at the request of the library.

The transition of the Regional from PSU to OSL and the partner libraries is moving along. The final housing agreements should be finalized in May 2008. Arlene will also finalize the *Procedures for the Disposal of Federal Depository Library Program Materials in Oregon* in the next few weeks. Updates can be found on the Regional web site: <http://www.oregon.gov/OSL/GRES/federalgovernment.shtml>

Continuing Education projects (Tom)

Tom will continue working with the small group (Arlene, Ted, Valery) to develop a training session to be held at the George Fox training facility in Portland for the fall. The goal of the group is to plan quarterly training sessions. It was suggested that a planning meeting for the small group be held at OSU at some point in the next couple of months.

Arlene reported on the initiative to build upon the Government Information in the 21st Century IMLS grant project. They have a very helpful web site with training curriculum. <http://www.webjunction.org> Arlene will keep the group informed of activities and potential opportunities to get involved in projects.

DIGOR 2009-2010 Officer Election

Jey Wann was unanimously elected Chair-elect. Liz Paulus was elected Secretary.

DIGOR web page

Ted reported that he has begun the web page migration to the OLA content management system, MemberClicks. The News section of the web page was discussed, and it was agreed that DIGOR should do other types of publicity if it wants to transmit news to the larger library community.

Announcements

Jey encouraged DIGOR members to send comments to ALA about a certification program for library support staff. The description of the program is at: <http://www.ala-apa.org/certification/supportstaff.html>

Jey also mentioned that the State Library is close to completing a collaborative project with the State of Oregon Law Library to digitize older issues of Oregon Voter Pamphlet. Liz mentioned a project by a professor at PSU to index the voter pamphlets, and promised to send follow up information to the DIGOR email list.

Tom reported that Ann Miller has been hired as the Head of Cataloging and Metadata at UO. Ann is a former government documents librarian from Duke University (and a native Oregonian) It is anticipated that she will provide good support for improving the cataloging of documents collections at UO.

Fall Meeting location/date

Eugene was suggested for the next meeting location. Tom and Ted will check on meeting space options for the 2nd week in September.