

**GODORT Legislation Committee (I)**  
**Friday, June 15, 2001 3:00-5:00 PM**  
**Hyatt Regency – Regency Room**  
**Bill Sudduth, chair**  
**Stephen Hayes, Secretary**

Attending: G. Swindells, V. Glenn, L. Nickum, B. Chapman, J. Justis, L. Dickson, B. Abbott-Hoduski, K. Reynolds, S. Hayes.

Minutes moved, B. Chapman, Seconded, L. Dickson. Passed

Counselors report: reviewed topic from steering including Labor activities in convention cities and Quorum for ALA membership meetings; additional potential issues included: privatization of federal library activities, certification of post-Masters programs, memorial resolutions on Lois Mills and perhaps Bill Buchanan

Chair report: review of activities since mid-winter included: NCLIS and GAO reports review with joint letters coming from ALA, ALA-GODORT, and AALL; hearing on May 10, 2001 on S. 803 with June 14 hearing postponed. No action on appropriates due to slow process this year.

NAAN report: revised NAAN list will be distributed at a later meeting; Contacts are needed for SD and NY. A test will be conducted July 2001.

Conference schedule: This meeting ends at 5:00 p.m. so chair can attend Legislative Assembly. 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting will be with Government Information Subcommittee in MCC 120 with GODORT Leg. continuing in MCC 114; 3<sup>rd</sup> session will be working session. The final meeting will include new incoming members for transition issues.

Discussion turned to S.803 (E-Government bill) concerns included: taking over of other agencies responsibilities (i.e. cataloging standards); what at the National Libraries views of the bill; many elements of the bill already have existing mechanisms and the agencies just need money; bill need to have existing activities and mechanisms added; emphasis is on technology and not the increase in efficiencies achieved using technology; bill threatens cataloging standards and appears to transfer this processes to OMB/GSA not libraries; the press conference seemed positive and now that actual bill is available, there may be problems; and the scope of the National Electronic Library is not defined.

Positives include: supports getting court information into the system; the potential to link the three branches may be in the National Electronic Library or permanent public access sections; and the additional of some funding for coordination and organizations is a positive;

A long list of issues is expected to be transmitted to the ALA Washington Office.

Adjourned: 4:30

**GODORT Legislation Committee (II)**  
**Saturday, June 16, 2001, 2:00-5:30 pm**  
**Moscone Convention Center, Room 114**  
**Bill Sudduth, chair**  
**Laura Dickson, Secretary**

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 PM. The meeting was held jointly with the Ad Hoc Government Information Subcommittee (GIS) of the ALA Committee of Legislation (ALA COL). To accommodate both groups the meeting was moved to Room 120 of the Moscone Convention Center.

Members of both committees in attendance are noted with their affiliation. Bill Sudduth (GODORT, chair & GIS), Dan O'Mahony (GIS (chair) & ALA COL), Bernadine Hoduski (GODORT Councilor), Janet Justice (GODORT Legislation) Cathy Hartman (GIS), Jane Sessa (GIS & ALA COL), Bert Chapman (GODORT), Kevin Reynolds (GODORT), Geoff Swindells (GODORT), Gary Cornwell (GIS), Lisa Nickum (GODORT), Valerie Glenn (GODORT), Laura Dickson (GODORT).

Dan O'Mahony (Brown University) made the following announcements: the House hearing on GPO 2002 Appropriations scheduled for June 13 was postponed and not re-scheduled. ALA passed a resolution at Midwinter that is still relevant; Dan asked for volunteers to review the Blue Book (ALA's Legislative Agenda) for revisions. Steve Hayes (U. of Notre Dame) and Gary Cornwell (University of Florida) volunteered. There will be an open discussion about the draft "Principles in a Networked Environment" today in MCC Rooms 270-276. Everyone is encouraged to look over the flyer from the ALA Washington Office called "ALA Washington Connection" for an overview of issues. ALA's Committee of Legislation has established a Subcommittee on Privacy to continue work and implement programs based on the development of the principles. The group of principles is also being called the Skokie Principles. Duncan Aldrich (U of Nevada-Reno) represented GODORT during the drafting process.

Discussion on S. 803 – Lieberman E-government bill was facilitated by Tom Sussman. The following topics were discussed. Lieberman is now chair of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. A Senate hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. The bill should be considered a work in progress. The bill does include "permanent access". The bill also works off of a lot of un-mentioned proposals including funds that have yet to be authorized. Empowerment of a chief CIO in OMB might diminish the role of GPO and the Superintendent of Documents.

What aspects of the bill can we work with and what aspects do we need to negotiate?

One goal is to break down the parts of the bill and analyze them. The bill can also be sub-divided between funding programs and structure (CIO & CIO Council).

Jane asked about the role of the Federal CIO and the office being part of OMB. Her reaction was that we did not want this and that most agency CIO's are only around for a

couple of years. They are not content oriented in their outlooks, and tend to focus most of their energy on reorganizing the structure. Another issue is the conflict between policy and content. When President Bush came into office several web pages were taken down at Commerce because they reflected the policies of the Clinton Administration. While it is understandable that a new administration would not want pages reflecting previous administration policy, the action removed content that was still relevant.

Bernadine asked what role the National Libraries should play and whether they were consulted in the drafting or will be consulted as the bill progresses. This is particularly important in regards to the sections on standards for cataloging. Under the current language, OMB would set the standards and not LC or other national libraries.

Tom Sussman replied that he didn't know if LC had been consulted, but many people including ALA had input on the bill. He also stated that Lieberman's staff knew that this was a work in progress.

Fran Buckley stated that he heard that the National Library of Medicine (NLM) was concerned with the issue and had not been consulted.

Stephen Hayes asked whether the vagueness of the bill (S. 803) was an education problem or a committee referral problem? The bill needs more footnotes, for example, this program already exists... Steve also stated that he is uncomfortable with the CIO being in OMB.

Bernadine sees the bill as mixing two different concepts: e-services and government dissemination.

Tom Sussman responded that we must remember that this is an e-government bill, not just an access to government information bill. GPO's omission from the bill was to avoid a committee referral to Senate Rules Committee.

Bernadine replied that the bill does mention Title 44 and could be referred if requested.

Dan O'Mahony asked if there would be any advantage to having a Federal CIO that would enforce, make, or adopt standards.

Strong aspects of the bill: interoperability, mentions public libraries but not much on academic libraries (an area to expand upon), improvement in services in the use of technology, compliance, electronic signatures, online government manual.

Gary Cornwell stated that the bill appears to ignore many things that already exist including online directories.

Lynn Bradley (ALA Washington Office) – committee staff originally knew very little about these issues and wanted to get a bill out that could get results.

Cathy Hartman expressed concern with the “opt-out” provisions in the bill. Section 205 on the courts is very lenient on “opt-out”.

Gladys Ann – need to make a laundry list of what is going on. We need to document the issues.

Bernadine and Jane will look at the Standards: Cataloging section. Others will be looking at the whole bill and get feedback to Lynn Bradley at the Washington Office as well as keep GIS and GODORT Legislation in the loop.

Other issues: Section 215 PPA - “permanent public accessibility” not our language completely.

Bernadine – this bill is the re-birth of PRA (Paperwork Reduction Act) in the electronic format. Funding of federal research (NTIS and ERIC) included but not providing any solutions.

Dan O’Mahony summarized the discussion:

We must recognize the new clout Lieberman has in the Senate and we need to identify a position. The bill needs to be expanded to cover all branches. There are definite issues with the Standards: Cataloging section; the PPA language is acceptable. How do we deal with web pages disappearing on inauguration day? If not OMB then who or what should make-up a central coordinating group?

Next GIS meeting will be to review resolutions and further discussion of S. 803.

The joint meeting adjourned at 4:12.

The GODORT Legislation Committee re-adjourned at 4:20 in room 114 of the Moscone Convention Center.

Bill distributed additional background information on S. 803. The committee will meet tomorrow (Sunday) 2:00-5:30. The agenda will include items scheduled for Monday. The Monday (8:00-10:00 PM) meeting will be canceled.

The committee reviewed and accepted with suggestions a resolution honoring Lois P. Mills for her service to ALA and GODORT. Bill will ask that FDTF present the resolution.

The committee adjourned at 4:45 PM.

**GODORT Legislation Committee (III)**  
**Sunday, June 17, 2001, 2:00-5:30 pm**  
**Moscone Convention Center, Rooms 258/260**  
**Bill Sudduth, chair**  
**Valerie Glenn, Secretary**

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 PM. Discussion on S. 803 (E-government bill) continued. There is a need for continuing analysis of the bill. Senator Lieberman has scheduled a hearing for July 11<sup>th</sup>. Comments will need to be in the ALA Washington Office by June 30<sup>th</sup> and directed to Lynn Bradley. Analysis should include the identification of programs or services that already exist that would make good example for the committee to know about. Comments should also be circulated on the legislation reflector. Responses should include an overview of ALA/GODORT positions on OMB as an information dissemination agency, need for a three-branch approach to information policy.

Discussion of OMB as home of the Federal Chief Information Officer. ALA already has a position against OMB as the appropriate agency to lead dissemination program. OMB has no background in dissemination program or developing a dissemination program. The GAO report demonstrated that all the needed functions already exist in the agencies, but coordination is needed.

Assignments: Steve Hayes, Bill Sudduth, and Geoff Swindells will review all the sections. Kevin Reynolds (Sec. 217); MAGERT will be asked to review section 209; a representative from LITA will be asked to review the whole bill (Bill Sudduth will ask the Legislation Assembly representative of LITA); ALCTS and GODORT Cataloging Committee (Nan Myers) will be asked to look over Section 215. The COL Subcommittee on Privacy will be asked to look at Section 218. Section 213 – should be looked at by PLA and ACRL Community Colleges section. Arlene Weible will look over Section 216. Members outside GODORT will be asked to comment directly to Lynn Bradley of the ALA Washington Office by June 30th.

NAAN – Janet Justis distributed a list of NAAN contacts and noted that we lacked three states (South Dakota, New York, and Pennsylvania). Bill Sudduth told Janet that Julia Wallace might have a contact for South Dakota. Arlene Weible volunteered to help Janet coordinate the NAAN and its maintenance. Bill Sudduth suggested that a test should be done in July. The list of contacts will be added to the Legislation Committee's Home Page.

Legislation Committee Home Page – The GODORT List of resolutions will move from the Publications Committee (DtP) to the GODORT Legislation Committee Web Page. Committee members are encouraged to review the web page and send suggestions to Bill who will be updating the page through July. Bill will then need to hand the page off to a new web master for the committee.

The Legislation Committee reflector will be moving from Berkeley to Michigan State during July. Laura Dickson, in-coming chair of Legislation, will notify the committee when the change has been made.

Bill Sudduth thanked the committee for all of its good work. Laura Dickson was introduced as the new chair designee, pending approval at Second Steering Committee.

The Monday (Legislation IV) meeting was canceled.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM.