

GODORT Membership Committee meeting 09.28.2023

Meeting started at 4:02 PM EDT

Attending: Kian Flynn, Kristine Stilwell

The attending committee members:

1. Reviewed existing GODORT committees for the purpose of merger/consolidation. We were in agreement with Megan Graewingholt's email suggestion that the GODORT Membership Committee investigate joining the GODORT's "Social Media and Outreach Committee."
2. Discussed retention of new members and decided to develop a more personalized email welcoming new members and returning members to GODORT. The email would spotlight the ALA Annual Conference, ALA Midwinter, and LibLearnX. It would also provide a link to GODORT Friday Chats and the Help! I'm an Accidental Government Documents Librarian series. The email would include more general information about GODORT and highlight immediate opportunities to get involved—especially joining GODORT committees with openings. Kristine Stilwell volunteered to complete a draft of the new and returning member's email greeting by October 23, 2023.
3. Discussed other ways to recruit and retain new members including handing out "swag" to new members at conferences, reaching out to state-level government documents organizations, and establishing a drawing for a year's membership in ALA/GODORT for a staff [or non-managerial public library employee working with government documents].
4. Reviewed the ALA GODORT homepage (<https://www.ala.org/rt/godort/>) and links to the Help! Series and Friday Chats. Kian demonstrated the steps to locate new members on ALA Connect. He also stated that finalized copies of GODORT committee minutes go to the GODORT Technology Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 4:21 PM EDT

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine Stilwell
Chair, GODORT Membership Committee