

# GODORT Social Committee & Outreach Committee

## *Meeting Minutes*

January 11, 2024 (3:00PM-4:00PM EST)

Present: Ben Chiewphasa (chair), Patty Takacs (Co-chair), Melanie Sims, Sanga Sung, Kelly Wilson, Andrea Craley, Benjamin Aldred, Christine Fletcher, Jenny Groome, Mary Bangert

- Notetaker
- Update on social media widgets displayed on GODORT main page:  
<https://www.ala.org/rt/godort>
  - The arrangement of widgets includes Instagram, ALA Connect, and Facebook.
  - Twitter (X) widget has been removed.
  - Thanks to the Tech Committee for troubleshooting and updating ALA Connect.
- A “copy to my calendar” option for future virtual GODORT Midwinter/ALA meetings and the like?
  - See <https://2022.carpentrycon.org/schedule/> as an example
  - Jenny is thinking about making it a post for other events. She would like to reach non-government librarians.
  - This would be useful for more targeted events like “GODORT Help” webinars.
- Does anyone have gov-info-related initiatives/projects they’re working on at their library that they want to share via our socials (i.e. programming, collections updates, exhibits, etc.)?
  - Lauren Hall shared that CSU is celebrating its 59<sup>th</sup> FDLP anniversary. Ben suggested that she send information and pictures to the Committee.
  - Jenny Groome mentioned that they are looking for guest bloggers for Weird and Wonderful Government Publications libguide: <https://godort.libguides.com/weird>
  - *DTTP* is a great source for information to post.
  - Share information from parts of the Voting and Election Toolkit.
  - Post anniversary of states and link to state agency database for that state.
  - Posts could also highlight other GODORT libguides.
- [instagram.com/godort\\_ala](https://www.instagram.com/godort_ala) workflow
  - Ben has been playing with stories in instagram.
  - Sanga had trouble with customizing post for each platform in the Meta Business suite, but finally got it to work.
- Posting schedule for the rest of January
  - Reminder to put your name in the calendar for the rest of January.

- Ben asked about the GODORT Award winners. Melanie said an announcement would be coming soon. The Awards Committee met earlier during the week to select recipients.
- Questions, thoughts, concerns, ideas?
  - ProQuest is retiring their Monthly Catalog of U. S. Government Publications.
  - An official announcement was sent out by ProQuest.
  - Sanga said their ProQuest representative told them a month ago and gave them the option to receive the data files.
  - Jenny uses U.S. Masterfile Documents from Paratext.