

Minutes of the
Spring Meeting of the
Government Documents Roundtable
Kentucky Library Association
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The Spring Meeting of the Government Documents Roundtable was held at the Margaret I. King Library, the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky. Those people attending were: Paul Cammarata, Barbara Hale, Gwen Curtis, Julie Moseley, Sandra McAninch, Phil Yannarella, Lee Caruthers, Connie Gray, Lynn Lady, Kathy Pratt, Brenda Fuller, Dianne Matzke, Bill Orme, Connie Klimke, Sharon Marsh and Jan Wren. Paul Cammarata, Chair, called the meeting to order.

The minutes for the 1985 annual meeting were approved and the business meeting agenda was covered. The business meeting included the report of the Secretary/Treasurer, Barbara Hale, on the financial status of the Roundtable. Paul will try to contact some KLA administrative officials to see if we can have some monetary problems cleared up before the KLA/GODORT Annual Meeting, which will be on October 2, 1986, at 2:30 p.m. at the Ramada Inn, Hurstbourne Lane, Louisville, Kentucky. The topic of future plans for the Roundtable was discussed. They are currently very limited due to the Roundtable's financial limbo. Some suggestions for programs for the Annual Meeting were: use the GPO traveling display; have presentations by a GPO inspector, CIS/Brodart/Information Access representatives, GPO Bookstore manager, or Patent Depository Librarian; or a program on state documents.

Sandra McAninch gave a report on the Spring 1986 meeting of the Depository Library Advisory Council to the Public Printer. All the resolutions that Council passed were covered. Sandee also encouraged everyone to contact her with any concerns that she, as a member of Council, could take to the Fall meeting. Statements from the group ranged from liking the suggested two SuDoc number assignment in the Monthly Catalog for series within series, to a request to cease removing titles from series until a good breaking point (end of volume or year) occurs. The group also voiced concern over unfilled rainchecks and the new item selection schedule and procedures. Sandee asked the group to review the listing of titles for possible microfiche conversion, and to let her know of any problems with the list. She also asked the group to collect statistics over the summer on rainchecks, so that she would have some statistics to take to Council with her this Fall. Since regionals do not receive rainchecks, UK cannot collect any statistics on them.

The following is a partial list of suggestions from the group that would improve depository operations: improved accuracy in GPO operations, more published answers to important inquiries, information on shipping lists concerning the date that item selection printouts were distributed (two depositories had not received their printouts at the time of the meeting), and more prompt publishing of information on titles that have ceased or moved to private sector publishers. The group also discussed possible actions regarding the

JCP announcement that there will be no free distribution of bills by congressmen; bills are now to be sold in the Senate Document Room. Many of the attendees expressed concern over this change.

Kathy Pratt of the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA) gave a report on the new access tool for Kentucky state documents. KDLA is creating a database that will link state publications to the records of the agency that created them. The new database will have an agency history capability that will allow one to track an agency's functions over time (as found in the statutes). The function terms used are those created on a national level. The part of the database that describes the publications is being brought into alignment with the state archives records to create a database that will provide access to both archival records and state publications from the same agency. KDLA is considering MARC format and putting the records into RLIN. KDLA will probably need one year to create the initial descriptions for titles, but microfiching of documents has already begun. Milton Matcke will be the KDLA contact person for purchasing availability and a price list for microfiched publications. The printing and distribution of the indexes may change, the Monthly Checklist will remain as it is now with another index published at another frequency (not determined) that will link the indexing to the microfiche publications. Kathy stated that the agency history project has changed since September and has become its own project, perhaps its own database, which could be published separately with the ability to still link the agency with its publications.

As time was running short, the open forum for discussion of depository library inspections was dropped, but Paul distributed copies of an article by Sheila McGarr entitled "What to do before the Inspector Arrives." He encouraged those depositories that had not undergone the process to discuss it with other depositories that had, in order to relieve some of the anxiety involved in an inspection.

After lunch the group reconvened to discuss points brought up in the report on KDLA's State Documents Program. A group of documents librarians (Sandra McAninch, Sharon Marsh, Phil Yannarella, Lee Caruthers) was formed to draft a resolution to present to KDLA to express the concerns of the Roundtable regarding this new program. The draft resolution should be ready to present to the Roundtable at the Fall meeting.

Gwen Curtis then spoke on "Using the Map Collection of the University of Kentucky Library." The Map Collection is a unit of the Library's Government Publications Department, and housed the maps received on deposit from GPO, except for USGS maps which are housed in the Geology Library. Gwen gave a brief history of U.S. government agencies. Gwen catalogs the majority of the maps she receives and enters them on the OCLC database, which makes them accessible to libraries throughout the state via interlibrary loan.

After the Maps presentation, there was a tour of the U.S. regional depository which included the technical processing area, the collection, the Autographics index of the Monthly Catalog, the Information Access index of the Monthly Catalog, and the LS2000 Online Catalog.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Hale, Secretary/Treasurer
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