

Minutes of the  
Spring Meeting of the  
Government Documents Roundtable  
Kentucky Library Association  
May 15, 1987

The Spring Meeting of the Government Documents Roundtable was held at Centre College, Danville, Kentucky. Those people attending were: Barbara Hale, Lucinda Zoe, Roxanna Jones, Gail Kennedy, Bernadine Hoduski, Julie Moseley, Allison Anderson, Becky Albert, Gwen Curtis, Jan Bolton, Milton Matske, Mary Beth Garriot, Sharon Marsh, Brenda Fuller, Philip Yannarella, Jim Fowler, Abigail McCormick, Kathy Pratt, Rae Shepherd-Shlechter, Connie Gray, Shirley Demos, Lee Caruthers, Patty Powell, Sandra McAninch, Paul Cammarata, Ellen Shiba, Connie Klimke, and Jeff Noel. Paul Cammarata, Chair, called the meeting to order and the minutes for the Fall meeting were approved.

Kathy Pratt of the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA) gave a status report on the Kentucky Documents Project. Kathy distributed copies of the microfiche product that KDLA will produce. KDLA has microfiched approximated 2,000 items to date. A printout from the database was also distributed showing the record style used in the database. Lack of indexing to current (1985 to the present) Kentucky documents was again discussed, with the majority of the Roundtable expressing their concern at this loss. Other concerns expressed were: criteria for documents indexed, the order of selection of agency publications to be indexed, remote access to the database and cost/availability of the microfiche product. Milton Matske supplied the information that cost of the microfiche would be 50¢ per publication with subscription service being provided. Sandra McAninch proposed that an Ad Hoc Committee (formed last year) continue to make recommendations for the library community on fiching and access/indexing to Kentucky documents and a friendly amendment was attached to develop an issues paper to present to KDLA on the questions and concerns of the documents community. This proposal was passed and Paul plans to have state documents on the Fall Meeting agenda, with a possible panel discussion of state documents users.

Barbara Hale then gave a budget report on the financial status of the Roundtable. This again was an estimated budget since KLA had not come through with a statement before the meeting. The Roundtable is estimated to have approximately \$175.00.

Paul called for volunteers to form a selection committee to choose new officers of the Roundtable as current positions will end with the Fall Meeting. Connie Gray, Sharon Marsh and Phil Yannarella agreed to serve on this committee.

The Roundtable discussed the Kentucky Library Network's response to the Roundtable's resolutions passed at the Fall meeting. Gail Kennedy, representing KLN, expressed KLN's interest in KLA/GODORT's resolutions. KLN is currently geared up to creating a Union Database that has the potential to include documents, but the expertise to deal with the problems of including them is lacking. Gail encouraged the forming of a study group that would help educate KLN in understanding the needs of the documents community and help in finding solutions. Paul will be contacting interested individuals to set up a study group.

Time did not permit a discussion of a "Review of Exchange List Guidelines", but Sandra distributed copies of these guidelines for future discussion.

After luncheon break the Roundtable reconvened to discuss Sandra's draft proposal for Kentucky's participation in the electronic information dissemination pilot projects being sponsored by the Joint Committee on Printing (JCP) of the U.S. Congress. Ms Bernadine Hoduski, staff member of the JCP served as a resource person to answer questions raised by Roundtable members. Questions raised were: who would administer the project; was there a set way of choosing libraries; how will the Public Printer get input from the documents community; what agencies will participate in the project; who will do necessary training; will the project be funded or will the institutions have to bear the cost; will the agency be responsible for the intellectual content of the electronic file; how will the project be evaluated; how will government projects effect private vendors and what will be the recommended type of equipment needed. Although there were no definite answers to most of the questions, Bernadine says that the Superintendent of Documents will probably be the focal point for the project which may begin as soon as late fall or early next year. She recommended that we start thinking and preparing for participating in the project and to plan for possible funding to acquire necessary equipment. She recommends that we have a specific plan ready for what it is we want on our end and how we want to serve the patron. Each depository library will eventually receive a letter stating the federal databases participating, criteria for the project and a question -- DO YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE?

A panel discussion on federal government publications/information in electronic format concluded the program. Panel members included Sandra McAninch, moderator (Head, Government Publications Dept., Univ. of Kentucky), Bernadine Hoduski (JCP) and Jeff Noel (staff member, Senator Wendell Ford's office) and representatives of institutions currently supplying government information in electronic format: Lucinda Zoe (Kentucky Economic Information System), Shirley Demos (Kentucky State Data Center) and Jan Bolton (NASA/TAP). The consensus was that depository libraries need to step to the forefront in supplying this type of information as the government is not going to cease "publishing" in this format. Both Bernadine and Jeff recommend that we get involved, to plan for our specific needs and the needs of our patrons. In this planning we should keep close contact with Senator Ford's office and the JCP in letting them know our needs. Jeff commented that "It's coming--prepare for it early--you'll shine".

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RECEIPTS

Cash-on-hand	\$ 30.75
Sale of "Documents to the People" notebooks (donated by R. Harleston-check sent to KLA)	6.00
Membership dues (1985 through 7/31/87)	<u>122.00</u>
	\$158.75

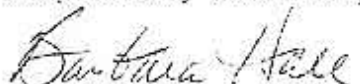
EXPENDITURES

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BALANCE

\$158.75

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Hale, Secretary/Treasurer  
Kentucky Library Association/Government Documents Roundtable