

Fall Meeting of Kentucky Government Documents Roundtable
Held October 15, 1999 at the Galt House in Louisville

Participants: Gary Austin, Vickey Baggott, Brenda Fuller, Julia Gilmore, Kevin C. Kretschmer, Julia Lewis, Glen McAninch, Sandra McAninch, Matt Onion, Bill Richardson, Rae Shepherd-Schlecter, Carrie Stephenson, Barbara Whitener, Dee Wood, and Philip Yannarella

Welcome and Business: The meeting began at 11:00 a.m. with Chair, Sandra McAninch, conducting. She welcomed the members and thanked them for their support.

Matt Onion, who led a revision of the state plan at the spring meeting, explained that he expanded and elaborated on the flip charts for its report in the minutes. Philip Yannarella moved that the minutes of the spring meeting held May 14, 1999, be approved; Vickie Baggott seconded the motion. It passed.

Carrie Stephenson, Secretary/Treasurer, thanked the members for their support and reported that the roundtable, presently composed of 29 members, had \$432.78 in its treasury. The group suggested we use some of the funds for refreshments at the next Fall meeting.

Chair's Report: Ms. McAninch said that her report to the Kentucky Library Association (KLA) focused on the Kentucky Commonwealth Virtual Library (KCVL) and the revision of the state plan. She hopes that the directors have been alerted of the forthcoming changes to the plan. Because of the self-study, inspections, and illness, she regretted her inability to be involved in much KLA planning. She encouraged the new chair to increase the roundtable's profile by becoming more involved in KLA and perhaps sponsoring a major program at the annual conference. She and Ms. Stephenson came prepared to turn over archival material to their successors.

Regional Librarian's Report: Ms. McAninch, regional librarian, reported that she was busy working on exchange lists. Maria Terrell is new and has had some training, but she and Cecil Madison have no time to devote to the exchange list process, so that leaves only students to assist her. The regional depository library barely passed its inspection because of its small staff, but she foresaw no increase in staffing as a result. Kevin C. Kretschmer asked if the other libraries could help check the repeats. Mr. Yannarella wondered if other libraries could help with different formats. Ms. McAninch indicated their suggestions might help. She also reminded members of the regional's web page linked off the home page of the University of Kentucky. It has the exchange guidelines, which if followed, would quicken the response of the regional library, especially if dates and format are given properly. She commended Brenda Fuller for her wonderful format that she attributed to her administrative assistant, Donna Short. Ms. McAninch will post her example. She also reported some of the items from the exercises at the spring meeting were in order. Mr. Onion asked if the SuDoc items in the King Library were in order too. Ms. McAninch responded that they were, but King now has closed stacks, which adds to the time factor.

Mr. Onion reported that the draft of the revised state plan will be linked off the regional home page. He has been busy chairing a principal committee for his

institution's SACS accreditation. With that behind him, he will work to get the revised plan up by January or February of 2000, and would appreciate feedback on it at the next Spring meeting.

Report of State Publications Librarian: Bill Richardson, state publications coordinator and co-chair of the Government Information Access Subcommittee of the KCVL, reported the only constant was change. There are presently no plans to digitize modern era publications due to a lack of funds for the actual costs of digitization. Instead, agencies will be responsible to get titles from the core list online. If it is not electronic, they are to make it so. He is willing to help the agencies determine format and protocol so they can be linked. The state publications will use its scarce funds to digitize its checklist back to 1954 and include other finding aids for archival collections. Bound material from the 19th Century and the Carnegie Guide Index from 1794-94 will also be digitized. If more money becomes available, the subcommittee has identified what to digitize.

Mr. Richardson reported that he will be giving the same material at 3 p.m. in company with Susan Brown of the KCVL. Ms. Baggott announced that she and Ms. Stephenson plugged his program and that of Rae Shepherd-Schlecter (patents) at their 8:00 a.m. session. Unfortunately, both are across from one another. Ms. McAninch then commended Ms. Baggott and Ms. Stephenson for their PowerPoint program on state and federal information on the KCVL.

Mr. Richardson also pointed out that staffing was an issue, as it will take staff to do the digitizing and staff to help afterwards.

Gary Austin, co-chair of the same committee, said there was some money to put some federal census tapes online. He suggested members see what Oregon has done with its site. It uses CD-ROMs with a choice of databases. He would like to combine these on a single search engine. This will take some money for a database consultant. Mr. Richardson announced that the Kentuckiana Collection has hired a consultant who will be coming in November and could probably also advise on government publications.

Mr. Austin wanted to know which products would be online. He felt GODORT should have input on these decisions. Ms. McAninch suggested the committee forward suggestions to LTD. She also pointed out that DOS-based CD-ROMs are a problem, so GPO won't continue to support them. She observed that KCVL does not want to duplicate the web, but does want to provide statistics and other things not presently on the web. There will be more information given on these topics on LTD.

State Plan: Mr. Onion, chair of the revision committee, thanked Eileen Haddix for her profile revisions and expressed his hope that more interesting facts be included. At the spring meeting members discussed five of the six areas and came up with some good goals that led to outcomes. Ms. Baggott, Ms. Haddix, Roxanna Jones, and Dee Wood also serve on the committee.

Other Business: Ms. McAninch asked that members check the information on their institutions on the regional web page and make any correction by e-mail. She would like to get a link to it on KLA's web page and with the new web services provider for KLA,

that should be easier to do. It would help promote membership and assist in distributing handouts.

The nominating committee composed of JoAnn Collins, Connie Klimke, and Ms. Stephenson brought ballots, which Ms. Baggot and Mr. Yannarella volunteered to count. The committee nominated Mr. Austin and Mr. Onion for Chair and Ms. Haddix and Ms. Wood for Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Richardson moved the nominations cease. Ms. Shepherd-Schlecter seconded the motion, and it passed. Members then voted.

The members discussed whether or not to hold a meeting in conjunction with the academic section's spring meeting to increase documents profile. This meeting will be held in April at Jenny Wiley Stake Park so Hazard Community College would be the nearest depository library. If the roundtable meets in May then support and technical staff are more likely to attend because there would be little or no expense and no competition. It could also last all day. When the group has met with other states, the spring meeting has usually been held in June; this involves more work. The members decided a planning committee should consider having both an April and a May meeting. Mr. Austin, Julia Lewis, and Mr. Onion volunteered to serve on the committee. It was also suggested that Ms. Haddix be included because her library is the nearest.

Mr. Yannarella announced the election results---Mr. Onion will be the chair with Ms. Wood as secretary/treasure. Mr. Onion's first KLA board meeting will be December 11. Ms. McAninch will continue the two listservs.

Mr. Richardson moved the meeting adjourn. Ms. Shepherd-Schlecter seconded the motion. It passed so the meeting adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted
Carrie C. Stephenson
Secretary/Treasurer