2011 Mid-Winter: University of Kansas  
February 11, 2011

Members in attendance (in person): Miriam O’Hare, Carmen Orth-Alfie, Nona Barton, Regina Beard, and Ray Walling.

Members in attendance (web/tele-conference): Nan Myers and Steven Hanschu

Guests: Lorraine J. Haricombe and Deborah M. Ludwig

I. Carmen provided an overview of progress on the Congressional Hearings Hot Topics page (http://guides.lib.ku.edu/hearings_hot_topics).

II. Dean Haricombe welcomed the GODORT members to KU and encouraged them to consider how the state plan can be revised considering the minimum requirements and areas that we might want to branch out on.

III. A discussion ensued regarding the state plan and the best ways to approach it. Some specific points included:

A. The development of a shared workspace to gather information and draft the document. Carmen will poll members to determine the most appropriate tools for this project. Ray volunteered to assist Carmen with developing the workspace once the tools are determined.

B. There was some discussion about how large the scope of the project should be. Carmen felt a thorough environmental scan, information gathering stage, and rewriting of the state plan would be best. Ray raised the concern that the type of project would require significant amounts of work that we might not be able to support at this time. It was agreed that we would start with the minimum requirements for the state plan and build as we saw fit.

C. The group discussed possible starting points and seemed to agree that the mission/vision statements would be logical.

IV. Lunch break followed by a tour for those attending in person at the Kansas Collection of the Spencer Research Library

V. The business meeting was called to order at 2pm.

VI. The agenda and minutes were approved as amended.

VII. Ray reported that the starting balance for the second quarter of the fiscal year was $98.60. We had 3 renewals last quarter adding $21.00 to our account. A donation of $50 was made to the organization. Our balance at the end of the quarter was $169.60. We do not anticipate any expenditures this quarter.
VIII. Ray also noted that there are 20 active members and 3 inactive members

IX. Old Business

A. Bylaw Updates: Nona confirmed that the bylaws changes which can be read in the appendix for this meeting. The group concurred to the changes. Nona will send out an email notifying membership that a vote will be taken at KLA annual regarding the changes.

B. The GODORT program for the KLA conference was not accepted

X. New Business

A. Personal Donations to GODORT: Nona thanked Deb Madsen for her donation to KLA GODORT.

B. Nona congratulated staff at Johnson County Public Library on winning the Depository Library of the Year.

C. KLA Council meeting – January 20, 2011 – Nona noted that the elections will be held in a similar manner as last year and that KLA was reaching out to the KASL to have a joint annual conference in the fall (starting Fall 2013). A question was raised about how this would affect CULS. The perception of CULS members was that the organization found its members were fine with moving CULS to the spring.

D. Report from Nominating Committee – Nan reported the committee would contact nominees in the coming weeks for the upcoming ballot.

E. Report from Event/Educational Planning Task Force – the committee provided an overview of their report (see report). The round table agreed to the proposed course of action for the committee, which will be to develop a survey that will be distributed to the public library section of KLA to assess needs and preferences for training.

F. Joint letter regarding American Factfinder – Ray presented a draft letter regarding the missing 1990 data. Nan recommended adding to the RE statement, so it would read “RE: American FactFinder 2: Missing 1990 Census Data.” The group agreed that the letter would be sent by the current president on behalf of the organization and each institution could add their support to the letter. Ray will forward a revised version and request approval to add members names/institutions to the list.

G. Constitution Day Concept – Ray talked about developing a joint project for Constitution Day which would create a quiz bowl event at participating institutions. The project team would be able to divide the labor and share products from the committee with their campus (by hosting the events locally). Nona and Carmen expressed interest in being kept in the loop about the project.
H. KLA website – Nona informed the group that Anne Liebst has relinquished her role as webmaster for the round table. After thanking Ann for her long service to the organization, Nona asked for volunteers to take over the role. Ray volunteered and the members present consented. Ray will work toward having a draft by KLA annual.

XI. Reports from Selectives

A. Ray Walling – Baker University Library has been working on weeding congressional hearing microfiche based on availability within FDSys. Interior department and DHHS documents are being weeded and cataloged.

B. Miriam O’Hare – Benedictine College Library has streamlined the government document website a bit and continue to create disposal lists.

C. Jane Kelsey – Kansas State Historical Society: As I announced earlier I will be retiring March 31. I am scrambling to clean up any number of projects for both state and federal publications.

i. At this time we do not know if we will be able to fill my position. Margaret Knecht, head of the library section, will be submitted in the system to be our docs person. I am working with Mary Beth, who has opened docs boxes for years to assume some minor duties. Like most state agencies we are in a state of financial uncertainty.

ii. Our senior Lib. Asst. for cataloging retired in December and with my retirement we will have about 1.2 FTE catalogers. Down from the day of 5. At this point from the 1995 period we have lost 1/3 of our entire KSHS staff.

D. Regina Beard – K-State Libraries: In January 2011, an HVAC issue caused water to leak from the roof through to the third floor. Quick action by the staff minimized damage to the juvenile literature collection, although murals in the Great Room were damaged. This episode follows another water catastrophe in November caused by burnt microwave popcorn.

i. On April 13, an employee from the Census Bureau will conduct a 2-hour workshop on how to find and download data using the new interface. Manhattan Public staff will join us for the training. If anyone is interested, we still have some seats available. There will be two workshops, both presenting the same information, from 10-12 and 1:30-3:30. If anyone would like to attend, email Regina (rmbeard@ksu.edu).

ii. The library is in the midst of a major stacks shift to make room for Special Collections’ expansion. It seems the shift created more space than was anticipated and recent (and preliminary) discussion includes how to fill it. Government Publications was mentioned as a possibility.

E. Cindy Roupe – State Library: Still coping with the collection being offsite

i. Coping with new legislative web site that is not as up to date and changes daily
ii. Facing most likely more budget cuts

iii. Coping

F. Amanda Stephenson - Hutchinson Public Library: Working on hearing weeding lists for offer list.

i. Have done some rearranging with our 1st floor location for government documents. We now have a shelf on our new materials shelf that is for new government documents. We have had nice response from patrons as shown by increased checkouts.

ii. We are also still working on getting our electronic records to be shown and usable.

G. Martha Childers – Johnson County Public Library – Donna Lauffer, Johnson County Librarian, has been named to the GPO Counsel. Thanks go to Nan Myers for nominating her.

i. We are in the midst of tax season, which includes provides sites for AARP tax aide volunteers who are doing taxes for patrons and providing some federal tax forms.

ii. The GovFest was well attended with 483. The GovFest 2011 will be held on Nov.

iii. Johnson County Library is experiencing another deep cut into the budget. As a result, the Library is pulling any support for the Gov Doc Kids Group. Tom Adamich in Ohio will be coordinator. If anyone is interested in participating, contact Tom toma@mitinet.com

iv. We give our best to Jane Kelsey as she retires from a distinguished career.

H. Steven F. Hanschu – Emporia State Libraries: Emporia State University is still in a transition position until decisions are made on who will be responsible for Government Documents. In the meantime Technical Services is handling the cataloging of the documents. I am the Documents liaison to the GODORT and faculty on campus. We have not done anything in regards to profiles or weeding.

I. Nan Myers – Wichita State University Libraries: Wichita State University has appointed a new Dean of Libraries, Dr. Donald Gilstrap, who is currently Associate Dean for Technical Services at the University of Oklahoma. Gilstrap was previously Director of Libraries at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. He holds a PhD in Educational Leadership from OU. Dr. Gilstrap will begin at WSU Libraries in mid-June. More at:
http://www.wichita.edu/thisis/wsunews/news/?nid=1371

i. We are looking forward to new leadership in every area of the library, including government documents. In the meantime, low staffing levels hold us to basic maintenance of the collection. However, interest in the use of primary documents from the government documents collection continues to increase at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Nan Myers continues to offer tours and bibliographic instruction to History classes in methods of research.
Meet Adjourned

Submitted by Ray C. Walling