

GILS MEETING – May 4, 2004
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at about 10:10, May 4, 2004. The first announcement was that two positions on the GILS steering committee are up for election; we need one “at-large” member and one from a Southern campus. Current members of the team are Janet Martorana, Jim Church, Marcia Meister, and Yvonne Wilson; Janet and Marcia have finished their terms. The website for GILS is still maintained by UC Santa Barbara; any changes to the directory should be sent to Sherry Dedecker at UCSB. Kris Kasianovitz at UCLA has the file for last year’s meeting minutes. They are available online http://www.library.ucla.edu/ucgils/Minutes_March20_2003.htm She will also send the file to Sherry.

Agenda:

1: Sherry D. passed around the list of title for the Shared Titles Project, which shows which campuses are responsible for which titles. Kris K. is working on a sheet for each campus to fill out, which involves physically checking the volumes, and keeping track of the level of staffing and time spent on the project. The final report is due September 1 and will include costs, which therefore includes time spent. The committee is meeting by conference call once a month. Kay C. wanted to know if she needed to physically go to SRLF; but apparently Colleen Carlton, at SRLF, said she might have her staff check for other campuses. The items need to be cataloged at the owning campus. You can send your copies to other campuses to fill in gaps, also. There are still a lot of unresolved issues on the project; this is why they are sticking with serials at this point, because you have more with less catalog records. We have to set the criteria for how many copies will remain in the system of a given title: SOPAG may want to limit us to one, and we need to have a basis to keep more than one. Berkeley is NOT participating in the project; Cindy W. read a statement from their administration. The main issue is who owns the copies; they don’t want to give up ownership. They prefer their funds to go into digital preservation. Another principle is that individual campuses must retain the right to local decision-making. Will other campuses buy in?

Is there a way to list all the government document titles at SRLF?

Kris updated us on a workshop on Government Information Collection Development, which is being planned. It will be open to all UC librarians since so many of our service points and collections have been merged with general reference and collections. It will focus on collection development in the “digital age”. Janet Coles (CSL) might be one speakers, and possibly someone from GPO. It will be held in July or August in Oakland. There will probably be only one workshop.

2. Survey for ARL: we were all asked to respond. GPO is now working with ARL on this digitization project, to determine what other large sets should be digitized. GPO has also put up a registry of Government documents digitization projects on the web. They took the GITCO list and will combine it with other projects they find. This will centralize the list, so that people don’t “reinvent the wheel.” No one knows who made up

the original list we were surveyed about, or why. Both UCSD and UCSB were approached for money for the project, but both said no; the feeling was that it was just another way for “them” to sell our own material back to us!

3. Elizabeth Cowell pointed out that all conversations about digitization seem to focus on “legacy collections:” never fugitive documents. Debbie Weber thinks that is because it was brought up that way at the Regionals meeting last October in Washington. What incentives do they offer? We are more concerned with capturing disappearing web sites. Elizabeth felt GPO was going in the wrong directions. Other people who had been to the Depository Council gave reports about the impressions of Mr. James, and the direction GPO seems to be taking. Chuck talked about the suggestion of having all government information in two “dark archives” and four “light archives.” We also talked about Judy Russell’s report on the “Collection of Last Resort.” GPO is trying to establish “digitization standards:” they are in part using CDL’s. It looks like less and less will come on deposit; but James assured us that we would have it electronically. If Congress pulls funding, permanent public access could be lost. Elizabeth: they are ignoring the Depository program: we have a program that works, why scrap it? They don’t seem to care if libraries drop out of the program. Law libraries need paper copies, Peg Durkin commented, as she was the only Law library attendee. They are having to print out 500 page documents. What will public librarians do? Debbie Weber commented that Regionals are having a hard time remaining relevant, when [the perception that] everything is on the web.

4. Debbie Weber talked about the California State Documents Conference Report, and gave an update on the California State library. Their State Librarian, Kevin Starr, has retired, but is in the library working on books. He will be speaking at the budget hearings. They are hoping for at least a flat budget. The state library is going up on OCLC, but it will take a few months. The State Plan for Federal Documents is now on the web, though it still needs approval. Besides budget issues, they also have the issue of not receiving the state documents: Janet Coles feels they are only getting about 5% of all documents published! Training and preservation are other big issues at the state library. The Office of Administrative Law seems to have disappeared.

5. LOCKSS-DOCS: Chuck Eckman said their final needs assessment document had been submitted for a NSF grant proposal; it was being reviewed that day. They are asking for \$1.2 million for a 3 year project. There are 10 partners, including UC Davis, CDL, and CSL. GPO is working on it, too. They use a search tool to find agency reports. They may set up an “affiliate” program, because more partners want to join.

6. Nothing to report on the NDIIP Project.

7. Counting California, Rosalie Lack: One of the biggest complaints is the lack of currency of the data. This is a priority for them, to get up newer versions of data as quickly as possible. Health, education and crime are all areas that are in demand. There is a form on the site to recommend data sets. They are doing “back end cleanup” at the moment, from the programmers’ point of view. They are putting up a new search engine

which will search everything on the site; they'll notify us when it's up. We might need a user group again, to comment. They might have a north and south "brainstorming" meeting. She mentioned also that they get a lot of digital reference questions, and aren't sure who to forward them to. Other CDL projects, including one involving Trisha Cruse, deal with preservation. Another is "meta-search," for which they are looking at vendor tools; it would be like GOOGLE. Another big project is on the American West.

Harrison Decker will be working 50% time at CDL for the next 10 months.

8. CDC Update, Lucia S.: big things they are working on are shared print collections for Elsevier and Government information. They are talking about creating an advisory structure for the shared print issue. Also Electronic Resource Management, as a way to collectively manage serials. JSC is whittling away at licensing, and continuing to review SCAP databases. They are sending out surveys about the STAT-USA and serial set databases; we should let Lucia know which serial set database we prefer, in case we can purchase one of them. We should also get input from our History departments. The renewal date for STAT-USA is July 1; most people felt it wasn't worth the money, since USA Trade-online and Euro Trade have been pulled out. Jan Goldsmith is CDL Resource Liaison for STAT-USA: she will find out about usage statistics. While the price has been inching up, content has been lost: it may not be worthwhile to continue this subscription, since the information is free elsewhere, and can be accessed on the depository program for one user at a time. Lucia wants comments on STAT-USA by May 21, and earlier for the Serial set. Stanford has purchased the Readex Serial set.

9. Cataloging Records – Becky C.

Becky distributed a Shared Cataloging Program FAQ. She has also created a form for librarians to include databases and journal publications in SCP. She may develop a separate form for government information.

10. Are people canceling serials? Do we have target amounts to cancel? We have to cut more because of journal price increases. Overall, the increase is supposed to be about 11-12%. Some campuses are putting up websites to show what they are canceling. Berkeley had to cancel 10-14% of their serials.

11. Public Services Issues: impact of merged reference desks on government documents work. Do we have a place in these merged departments? Marcia M. brought up the fact that we discussed this at the Depository Conference, in the "Large Academic Libraries" breakout session. We need to incorporate documents into classroom instruction. We also have to think of ourselves as subject specialists. Some people handle government documents questions as referrals.

Other: Need meeting site for next year; possibly UCLA. Cindi W. brought up retention procedures; do we need to amend Title 44, when everything will be electronic? She also mentioned a trial at UCB for "TRAC." Data comes from FOIA requests. She'll let us know what it's like.

Attendees:

Jenifer Abramson, UCLA
Jim Church, UCB
Kay Collins, UCI
Elizabeth Cowell, UCSD
Becky Culbertson, UCSD
Sherry DeDecker, UCSB
Peg Durkin, UCD Law
Chuck Eckman, Stanford
Jan Goldsmith, UCLA
Ron Heckart, UCB
Susana Hinojosa, UCB

Patsy Inouye, UCD
James R. Jacobs, UCSD
Kris Kasianovitz, UCLA
Janet Martorana, UCSB
Marcia Meister, UCD
Lucia Orlando, UCSC
Lynne Reasoner, UCR
Lucia Snowhill, UCSB
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