State Documents News:

Margaret Lane reports the following:

In October, the editor of the Monthly Checklist of State Publications sent a letter to many librarians stating that the Library of Congress might possibly have to discontinue publication and asking for comment. A.L.A Government Documents Round Table (GODORT) sent a response from GODORT and the State and Local Documents Round Table:

"We are very concerned that discontinuing publication of the Monthly Checklist of State Publications will adversely affect bibliographic control for important state documents. It is true that bibliographic information for state publications is increasingly available on the national utilities and state-sponsored online databases. These sources of information, however, are fragmented at best and lack uniform coverage of state publications. There is no other tool comparable to the Monthly Checklist of State Publications that provides a single source for selecting or studying state publications. We oppose discontinuing publication of the Monthly Checklist of State Publications because of its importance to librarians, scholars and citizens alike. (Paragraph in original here) In your letter you alluded to "persistent budgetary restrictions" faced by the Library of Congress. When properly managed, a change from paper to electronic distribution of government information may provide significant cost savings. We encourage you to explore appropriate methods of electronic distribution of the Monthly Checklist of State Publications that would meet the needs of users and still reduce publication costs."

The Louisiana State Documents Advisory Council meeting was held September 9 and had a program on the services and publications of the Department of Economic Development, presented by Joan McGee. Weeding policies, core collection items, and the proposed state documents state plan were discussed. Virginia Smith, State Library, is chair. For more information, you may contact Ms. Smith.

Nunez Community College, Chalmette, has been designated by Thomas F. Jaques, State Librarian, as a depository for state
Last spring the Center for Research Libraries (CRL) made an application to the National Endowment for the Humanities for a grant to microfilm the House and Senate journals from the state legislatures. Louisiana submitted information to be included in the proposal, which would preserve these historical documents and make them available in complete collections for study by scholars and other citizens who might need them. Word has been received that the grant was denied. Patricia Finney, the CRL librarian who prepared the proposal, will be at ALA Midwinter in Philadelphia and will talk with State and Local Documents members about future plans for this project.

Federal Depository Library News

Howard Coy, Jr at the Vernon Parish Public Library reports:

We have been cataloging all of our federal documents on Supercat and sending them in for inclusion in LASernet. We are cataloging all documents with Dewey Decimal Classification, with the exception of some periodicals and vertical file items. All items have SuDoc number added as title entry, so they are fully searchable on LASernet. For serials, the stem is used. Most of the documents are also searchable by author, title and subject as well. All are available for interlibrary loan. Folks, they are also adding CD-ROM documents as well as other CD-ROM products.

Howard has also designed a very good depository flyer which features the library's toll free telephone number and address.

Katie Nachod (Tulane Law) reported that they were moving over the Christmas break to a new facility. Their library will be located in the John Griffin Weinmann Law School. Katie's e-mail address is Knachod@mailhost.tcs.tulane.edu.

Section News:

The Margaret T. Lane Award was approved by the LLA Executive Board during the May 1994 board meeting in Alexandria. (No award will be given until the new by-laws are approved Section members.) Details are detailed below:

Margaret T. Lane Award

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

Nominees must be characterized by two or more of the following:

1. Actively participates in organizations devoted to the promotion and enhancement of access to government information.
2. Fosters the use of government information.
3. Has impacted the use of government information through research and publication, the implementation of new programs and services, or other means.
4. Serves as a model for other librarians in providing access to government information.

NOMINATION:

1. Nominations must be submitted to the Chair of the Award Committee in the form of a letter.
2. Nominations should include:
   a. The name, work address, phone number, and e-mail address (if available) of the
nominee.

b. A detailed outline of the reasons for the nomination. Citations to relevant articles, or other supporting documentation.

3. Nominations and accompanying documentation for candidates not chosen for the award in a given year shall be kept in the Committee files until the following year.

4. In order to renew a nomination for the following year a new letter and updated information about the nominee must be submitted.

Conference News:

The GODORT breakfast, business meeting, and program will be held from 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. The breakfast is funded by CIS. An agenda for the business meeting is attached as the last page of the newsletter. The program will discuss government publications available online via the Wide Area Information Server (WAIS). Smitty Bolner has agreed to help with this endeavor. Please bring copies of new bylaws which have been included in this newsletter.

GODORT will sponsor a program with LSU and the Louisiana Department of Economic Development entitled "Business and Economic Development Resources on the Internet". The program will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 1995 at 10:00 a.m. Joan McGee will be one of the presenters for the program.

GODORT is co-sponsoring a program entitled "What Price Professionalism? Defending Intellectual Freedom with The Intellectual Freedom Committee, Public Libraries Section, Trustees Section, and Academic Sections. Judith Krug will be the featured speaker. The program will be at 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Thursday, March 9, 1995. See LLA program for details.

Information Call:

Stephen Henson compiled a list of e-mail addresses in 1992. At the November council meeting, we discussed the need to update that list. To that end, I am asking everyone out there in Documents Land to forward me their current e-mail address. I know if you have an address from a private source, you may not want to send it for publication, however it will make communicating between members easier.

Send your e-mail address to chayes1@lsueccgt.lsue.edu or chayes6389@aol.com.

Thanks:

Special thanks to Margaret Lane, Lori Smith and Frances Skiffington for their assistance during the past year. Margaret was good enough to gather and send news items from the Baton Rouge area as well as items which relate to State Documents. Lori has been able to help revise the LLA GODORT bylaws and update the Margaret T. Lane Award criteria. Frances Skiffington has worked diligently to get the program planned for the conference.

Cinderella W. Hayes, LLA GODORT chair 1994-5 and Newsletter editor.
Each Member is asked to read the following revision for GODORT bylaws and be prepared to comment on them.

BYLAWS (Draft Revision)
LOUISIANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS ROUND TABLE
(Proposed revisions are in brackets.)

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this section shall be Louisiana Library Association Government Documents Round Table (LLA GODORT).

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purpose of LLA GODORT shall be to (a) provide a forum for discussion and exchange of ideas, problems and news about government publications and information from all levels of government and (b) to provide a means for initiating and supporting programs and publications to increase availability, use and bibliographic control, and management of these documents.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

The membership of LLA GODORT shall be composed of those who, upon payment of their annual dues in the Louisiana Library Association, designate the Government Documents Round Table as a sectional preference.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of LLA GODORT shall be Chair, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, Second Vice-Chair, and Secretary, all of whom shall be members in good standing of LLA GODORT. These officers shall be elected by ballot in the election conducted for LLA officers.

Section 2. No member shall hold more than one elected office at a time and no member shall be eligible to serve for more than one consecutive term in the same office.

Section 3. The officers shall perform the duties prescribed by the Louisiana Library Association Manual, and these bylaws.
A. The Chair shall preside at meetings of the Round Table and its Executive Council, shall appoint two LLA GODORT members to serve on the Award Committee, shall appoint other committees as needed to carry on the work of the Round Table, shall appoint a representative to the LLA Bulletin Editorial Board, shall be responsible or shall appoint someone to be responsible for issuing LLA GODORT publications, shall serve or appoint someone to serve as liaison to ALA/GODORT (who attends affiliates meeting at the mid-winter and annual conference and sends copies of all LLA GODORT publications to ALA headquarters for the Paul W. Thurston Collection and to the Documents on Documents Collection), and shall have general supervision of the affairs of LLA GODORT.

B. The Vice-Chair shall serve as program chairperson for the annual meeting and shall act for the Chair during the Chair’s absence or inability to serve.

C. The Second Vice-Chair shall act for the Chair and Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect in the event of their absence or inability to serve. If necessary he will assume the office of Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect or Chair. [The Second Vice-Chair shall also serve as Chair of the Award Committee.]

D. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the LLA GODORT meetings and shall conduct the correspondence of the Round Table and shall act for the Chair, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and Second Vice Chair in the event of their absence or inability to serve.

E. In the event of the absence or inability of all the officers to serve, the past chair shall either serve as chair or appoint an individual to serve as chair until the next election. In the event of the absence or inability of the Secretary to serve, the Chair shall invite the failed candidate to serve and if refused, shall appoint another individual.

Section 4. The Chair shall see that a slate of nominees for office is prepared and submitted as required by LLA.

ARTICLE V EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The officers of LLA GODORT and the past chair shall constitute the Executive Council, which shall have power to act for the Round Table in intervals between meetings, including filling of vacancies in office.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

The annual meeting of LLA GODORT shall take place during the annual conference of the Association and in the same locality.

Unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Council, those LLA GODORT members who are present at the annual meeting shall constitute a quorum.
ARTICLE VII  COMMITTEES

Section 1. All committees shall be composed of members of LLA GODORT in good standing who shall serve until their successors have taken office or until the committee is dissolved.

Section 2. Committee chairpersons shall submit a report of their activities to LLA GODORT Chair upon request.

[Section 3. The Award Committee is a standing committee chaired by the Second Vice-Chair. At the beginning of his/her term, the GODORT Chair shall appoint two additional members to constitute the committee. The committee is charged with overseeing the process of presenting the Margaret T. Lane Award.]

ARTICLE VIII  AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended only at the annual meeting, by a two-thirds vote, provided the amendment has been submitted to the membership at least thirty days prior to the annual meeting.

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Lafayette, Louisiana

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Baton Rouge, Louisiana
LLA GODORT Business Meeting
March 8, 1995
Tentative Agenda

Announcements & Reports:

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ALA GODORT Representative
Louisiana State Documents Council
Federal Depository Library Council
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Membership

Adjournment: