

**SPRING FEDERAL DEPOSITORY
LIBRARY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL SESSION: COUNCIL WRAP UP
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Access and preservation:

Points coming out of plenary session:

- discoverability
- incentives to keep and preserve digital content
- collaboration

Recommendations:

- need to browse digitization registry by project looking for collaborator and highlight collaborator N&Os in navigation [<http://registry.fdlp.gov/>]
- add link to grant opportunities document delivered in Tampa (on desktop under recommendations) and to the priority titles for digitization to digitization registry
- Council intends to pursue discussions with associations (ACRL, ARL etc.) that collect statistics and rate libraries based on those statistics to explore the issues surrounding the weighing of e-collections vis-à-vis tangible volumes in their metrics

Recommend to GPO:

1. Council is excited about the long awaited planned migration of remaining collections and planned Release 1 and 2 of FDSys and the sun setting of GPOAccess by December 2010. Council requests that if there is substantial slippage in announced deadlines for schedules or deliverables of one month, that Council be notified, with information about project impact and mitigation. Council pledges to respond with comments within two weeks.
2. When major features or functionalities announced for future releases are deferred or pushed back into subsequent releases, Council recommends that they be consulted. When consulted, Council pledges to respond with comments within two weeks.
3. Council recommends that as FDSys PMO reviews system requirements and functionality for future releases, they include stakeholders including the FDLP community. PMO should use appropriate communications methods to do so .

Action Items from the Plenary Session on Regional Issues

Goal 1:

By May 15, 2010 the community will be better informed of the scope and target completion dates of the GPO shelflist conversion project.

Draft Recommendation:

Council recommends that GPO staff share with the community a detailed summary of the scope and target completion dates of the GPO shelflist conversion project (project to digitize the dictionary catalog). This summary should include (1) total number of cards in the project; (2) total number to be transcribed; (3) total number to be digitized; (4) examples of intended end use(s) of these transcribed and digitized records, including use in a proposed automated disposal list and N&O list automation tool; and (5) rename the project to reflect its actual content and scope. This summary should be disseminated by May 15, 2010.

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Goal 2:

As soon as possible, GPO, Council, and Regionals will finalize procedural details of GPO's decision to abandon government ownership of depository publications that have gone through the complete regional-supervised disposal process.

Draft Action Item:

Council appreciates GPO's efforts to respond to the needs of regional and selective depositories by working with the community to find ways to streamline the disposition process. Council recommends that GPO seek guidance from its general counsel on the newly proposed revised policy regarding the sale of abandoned government property, and encourages GPO to develop guidelines (with input from the community) for interpreting and applying the new policy in order to minimize any unintended negative consequences that might result from the misunderstanding or misuse of the policy.

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Goal 3:

GPO, in concert with Council and the Community, will strive to identify and enhance exclusive benefits accruing to both regional and selective depositories.

Draft Recommendation:

Council recommends that GPO work with Council and the Community to create additional exclusive benefits that will accrue to official FDLP depositories, both selective and regional. These exclusive benefits will serve as positive incentives for applying for designations as official FDLP depositories and for remaining in the program. In addition, Council recommends that GPO build on previous documentation of incentives and prominently disseminate a master list of all depository benefits, including (when appropriate) those benefits' approximate monetary value.

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Draft Action Item:

Council commends GPO for undertaking a segmentation survey in order to learn more about the diverse needs of the various types and sizes of libraries in the FDLP, and for integrating information about these needs into its strategic thinking. Council looks forward to seeing the results of the survey by May 15, and stands ready to work with GPO and the depository community to help interpret the survey results and use them, as appropriate, to inform discussions and decisions about FDLP services.

Action Items from the Plenary Session on Regional Issues

Draft Action Item:

Council offers to work with GPO to develop a plan for utilizing the biennial survey to gather information and solicit input from federal depository libraries in order to provide relevant data on strategic and operational issues facing the FDLP. Such a plan should include timelines for the introduction and testing of new questions with the intent of giving depository libraries reasonable advance notice of questions.

Action Items from the Plenary Session on Regional Issues

Draft Action Item:

Council offers to work with GPO to explore ways to solicit timely feedback from federal depository libraries through the use of web surveys or other web-based tools. This work also should include developing guidelines for the timing and frequency of surveys and other social media mechanisms as well as a process to prioritize potential survey topics or areas of inquiry.

In Memoriam

- William “Willie” Thompson

The Depository Library Council wishes to recognize the life and contributions to GPO of the late William “Willie” Thompson. Willie retired from GPO in 2004 after nearly 45 years of service. He had begun working at GPO as a clerk and in 1994 joined the Library Program Services staff as a program analyst.

It was in this position that many in the depository community came to know Willie when he became responsible for the logistical planning of the Depository Library Council meeting and Federal Depository Conference. Willie served in this capacity for the next ten years until his retirement in 2004. Attendees of meetings during those years remember Willie for his “can-do” attitude and smile.

Willie passed away suddenly on March 14, 2010. The depository community has lost a truly great man and an even better friend.