

Depository Library Council

Advisory body to the Director of the U.S. Government Publishing Office

Depository Library Council Meeting

April 21, 2021

1:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. (EDT)

Spring Meeting (Virtual)

MINUTES

ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE IN ATTENDANCE:

Members serve three-year terms, beginning 1 June and ending 31 May.

2018-2021	2019-2022	2020-2023
Alicia Kubas (Chair)	Richard Mikulski (Secretary)	Renée Bosman
Stephen Parks	Laura Sare	Julia Ezzo
Marianne Ryan	Will Stringfellow	Jennifer Bryan Morgan
Robbie Sittel		Lisa Pritchard
Yvonne Williams		Vicki Tate

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The spring meeting of the Depository Library Council was called to order at 1:00 PM, EDT

II. WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

- a. Alicia Kubas, Chair, Depository Library Council
- b. Hugh Nathaniel Halpern, Director, U.S. Government Publishing Office
- c. Laurie B. Hall, Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Publishing Office

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE DLC FALL 2020 MEETING

Secretary Rick Mikulski presented the minutes of the fall meeting, October 23, 2020. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. Alicia Kubas moved to approve them and Will Stringfellow seconded. Council voted and approved the minutes.

IV. ELECTION OF COUNCIL SECRETARY

Laura Sare was nominated and elected, by acclamation, to serve as secretary, for a term beginning June 1, 2021 and ending May 31, 2022.

V. WORKING GROUP REPORTS & UPDATES

a. Collection and Discovery Services

DLC Members: Jennifer Morgan (Chair), Will Stringfellow, Vicki Tate, Yvonne Williams

GPO Members: Laurie Hall (FDO), Cindy Etkin, Fang Gao, Stephen Kharfen

Community Members: Mary Clark, Gregory Curtis, Beth Downing, Stacy Fowler, Elizabeth McDonald.

Charge: “To assist in coordinating the thoughts, research, plans, and efforts related to cataloging and metadata and expanding and enhancing discovery and access services GPO provides to the depository community and stakeholders; and to engage the depository community in these processes. The Working Group was established at the request of GPO in the fall of 2019 and is a standing working group.”

Three members of the group are ending their terms on May 31, so there will be openings. Group meets 4 times each year. Group held meetings on January 21 and March 25, 2021 to: appoint a chair; define term limits, Appoint two secretaries. Topics addressed during this period included: BIBFRAME; US Congressional Serial Set Digitization; Cataloging Project Registry and LibGuide; 21st Century Tech Services Department. The Group provided programming at Fall 2020 FDL Conference and Spring 2021 DLC Meeting. Finally, group is holding an open forum today to discuss: Cataloging/metadata, technical services, collection development and management, discovery services.

b. Digital Deposit

DLC Members: Robbie Sittel (Chair), Julia Ezzo, Will Stringfellow, Vicki Tate

GPO Members: Lisa LaPlant, Jessica Tieman, Cindy Etkin (DFO)

Community Members: Heather Christenson, James Jacobs.

Charge: “To explore current and future needs related to digital deposit - both dissemination of content and acceptance of content by GPO. The working group was established as a result of a DLC recommendation from their fall 2018 meeting. Work will be completed in spring 2021.”

The group conducted 10 interviews (8 questions each) with 14 participants from 11 different library types to collect feedback about the Digital Depository of GPO content. The group also reported back on a pilot project to “explore technological aspects of digital deposit and will inform changes to the collection and preservation of “lost documents” that will grow the National Collection by contributing content to GPO and

its digital repository, govinfo, as a service hub.” This effort involved 3 focus groups, the recruitment of 23 volunteers, and 214 volunteer hours.

The next steps for the group are: Assess findings from the focus groups, pilot project, and interviews; submit a final report to council, produce best practices guidance; present work at Fall 2021 FDL Conference.

c. Digital Only Depository Libraries

DLC Members: Yvonne Williams (Chair), Rick Mikulski, Stephen Parks, Lisa Pritchard, Marianne Ryan.

GPO Members: Cindy Etkin, Jaime Hays.

The digital depository library working group completed all of their assigned tasks and has submitted a final report that examines the repository library in a COVID-19 pandemic environment. This report incorporates content from open forums events previously held on April 22nd and 27th of 2020. Having fulfilled their charge and completed their assignments, the working group was scheduled to sunset effective May 31, 2021.

d. Exploring the Durability of PURLs and Their Alternatives

DLC Members: Will Stringfellow (Chair), Renée Bosman, Alicia Kubas, Rick Mikulski, Laura Sare, Robbie Sittel.

GPO Members: Ashley Dahlen, Alec Bradley, Cindy Etkin (DFO)

Community Members: Shari Laster, James R. Jacobs.

Charge: “Since March 1998 GPO has used Persistent Uniform Resource Locators (PURLs) to provide federal depository libraries (FDLs) and other parties stable URL access to online federal information. Due to changes in library collection policies, advances in technology, and an increase in the amount of born-digital and digital-only federal information, along with an increased interest in some depositories becoming mostly or all digital depositories, Council created a working group to investigate the durability of PURLs and their alternatives and to present findings and recommendations to Council for consideration.”

Activities this year included: creation of “options” [alternatives] matrix; review current output from GPO; assess community needs; determine possible future needs.

Creation of subgroups: Literature review, Focus Groups, LSCM Output.

Next steps for group: Continue researching digital identifiers and other relevant topics; discuss research findings; create a White Paper (estimated completion 2021); write recommendations for Council consideration (estimated Fall 2021 FDL Conference).

VI. Collection & Discovery Services: Open Forum

- Mary S. Clark, Director of Acquisitions and Access Management, The Library of Virginia
- Stephen Kharfen, Supervisory Librarian, LSCM, GPO
- Jennifer Morgan, Government Documents Librarian, Jerome Hall Law Library, Indiana University

Do you have cataloging or discovery services questions, challenges, or ideas? The DLC Collection and Discovery Services Working Group wanted to hear from the FDL community. The working group hosted an open forum where open questions were asked and discussion centered around cataloging/metadata, technical services, collection development and management, and discovery services issues affecting the FDL community. The working group welcomes all members of the FDL community to participate in the discussion and encouraged everyone to bring ideas and questions.

[Recording, slides, closed captioning transcript, and chat log for this open forum.](#)

VII. COVID-19 a Year Later: Returning to Normal? Or an Emerging New Normal?

— Open Forum

- Will Stringfellow, Coordinator of Government Documents, Vanderbilt University
- Rick Mikulski, Government Documents and Social Sciences Librarian, Portland State University
- Cynthia Etkin, Sr. Program Planning Specialist (Librarian), GPO
- Alicia Kubas, Government Publications & Data Librarian, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

After one year of working and adapting to the pandemic and its impact on our libraries, this DLC open forum was an opportunity to reflect on what we've learned this past year and consider the outlook moving forward. Open questions were posed about changes you've made related to services, staffing, and procedures and how depository libraries are adjusting again as we began to emerge from the pandemic and its constraints on our daily work and services. This forum welcomed perspectives from all library types and staff.

[Recording, slides, closed captioning transcript, and chat log for this open forum.](#)

VIII. LSCM Update

[Recording, slides, closed captioning transcript, and chat log for the LSCM Update.](#)

IX. DLC Wrap-up and Closing Remarks

- a. Closing remarks by Superintendent of Documents Laurie B. Hall
- b. Closing remarks by Council Chair Alicia Kubas
- c. Save the date for the fall 2021 Federal Depository Library Conference and Depository Library Council Meeting: October 18 – 20, 2021. It will be a virtual meeting.

X. Adjourn

Chair Alicia Kubas adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m. EDT.

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Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary, Depository Library Council