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GDSIS
Business Meeting
June 24, 1980

The Government Documents Special Interest Section meeting was called to order by Kamla King, Chairperson, at 7:50 am. Kammie introduced members of the Section at the head table (Michael Gehinger, incoming Chairperson, and Kurt Adamson, incoming Secretay/Treasurer) and then reviewed the current status of the GDSIS. Her comments were on the upbeat. Kammie said the Section is "coming of age." The organization of the Section is in good shape and now it was time to focus its energies on substantive projects that can make important contributions to the field of government documents. On a more mundane level, Kammie discussed the possibility of organizing a "real" breakfast for next year's annual meeting in Washington. A hand vote on the idea produced an evenly divided response.

The minutes of the 1979 GDSIS meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report for 1979-80 was presented and approved.

Penny Hazelton, chairperson of the Nominating Committee, presented the results of the first mail ballot for officers conducted by the SIS. 135 ballots were returned out of 252 mailed to members. The results were:

Vice Chairperson/Chairperson Elect: Colleen Pauwells
Secretary/Treasurer: Kurt Adamson

The announcement of the election results ended the regular business portion of the meeting.

Next, Patricia Aldrich was introduced and made comments on the compilation of the Missouri documents bibliography. Among her comments was the fact that Missouri had no formal legislative history and that documents published in Missouri before the 1974 depository program began are very hard to find. Patricia also mentioned the special lists appended to the bibliography which include a list of Missouri documents depositories and selected names, addresses and telephone numbers of Missouri agencies.

Johanna Thompson, ALA GODORT liaison, reported on GODORT activities, especially the proposed revision of Title 44 of the U.S. Code. Johanna indicated that she would be attending the next ALA meeting in New York and would be glad to relay any concerns of the SIS to GODORT.

There was a brief discussion of the Legislative History Project. Marian Parker requested that there be a meeting on Wednesday of all participants in the project.

Suzanne Thevenet reported on JURISDOCS for Larry cheeseman. It is proposed that there may be only three issues per year instead of the original idea of four issues. This is due to the high cost of printing and mailing the newsletter. Larry also asked for more contributions to the newsletter from the membership of the SIS. It was also reported that there are no back issues of the newsletter available from Larry. Kammie King indicated that she occasionally sent her copies to others so that they could duplicate them at their own expense. cont'd
Judy Gecas gave a brief review of the SIS program to be sponsored at the Convention. The program is entitled "Government Statistics: sources and services for the 80's." Cathy Karrick reported on plans for the Documents Update session as well.

Kammie King introduced Martha Girard, Director of Presidential Documents & Special Projects at the Federal Register. Ms. Girard spoke about new activities at the Federal Register. The main point of discussion was proposed improvements to the indexes of the P.R. and C.F.R. They are currently working on developing a thesaurus. An index of all subject matter and persons affected for every part of the C.F.R. is scheduled for late 1982 under present plans.

Mary Fisher reported on the activities of the AALL Executive Board. With the proliferation of SIS's, the Board is reviewing governing structure. There is also action to help coordinate programs at the annual conventions through an SIS Steering Committee. The Board also had compliments for the GDSIS' activities and publications. Special praise was given to the Legislative History Project in terms of its quality and importance to the whole AALL.

Barrie Wolfe reported on the April meeting of the Depository Library Council. He commented on the growing importance and impact of the Council and requested that problems and complaints be directed to Dick Hutchins or to the SIS for relay. It was also announced that Nancy Johnson had been nominated for the seat on the Council to be vacated by Barrie in September.

Phyllis Christenson, from GAO, reported on the Legislative History Files project at GAO. She reviewed some of the current problems discovered in the filming process and indicated that samples of the fiche could be seen at the afternoon SIS program.

In new business, Kathy Larson reported on a paper received from Stuart Basfesky on "Bibliographic Citation for Government Documents." There is a clear need to develop a more uniform system than exists now. It was proposed that the SIS could undertake to provide some consultation with the various style manual publishers and work toward greater uniformity. This was approved and Kammie asked for volunteers.

Kammie King also inquired of the membership if there were any volunteers to provide less expensive printing. See note in JURISDOCS. She also asked for volunteers to provide state document bibliographies for next year's meeting. These have been a great success.

Michael Gehringer spoke about the successful year of the GDSIS and his hopes for the coming year. He especially would like to see broader participation by members over the coming year. Finally, he thanked Kammie King for her fine job as this year's Chairperson.

Kammie King adjourned the meeting at 9:30am.

Kurt Adamson
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Special Interest Section
Photocopy Study in Progress

In preparation for its mandated report to Congress on the new Copyright law, the U.S. Copyright Office has held a series of 5 nationwide hearings and has contracted for an independent statistical study on perhaps the most difficult problem raised by the new law -- how to deal with photocopying in libraries.

Just how difficult it is to balance the needs of library users against the rights of copyright owners was very evident at the fifth and final hearing in New York City in January. On the one hand, library representatives argued that inter-library loans involving photocopying provide an essential service and that the recordkeeping required by the CONTU guidelines is burdensome.

On the other hand, representatives of publishers argued that subscriptions to their journals have fallen off as a result of excessive photocopying, that libraries customarily violate the guidelines, and that libraries must face the issue of fair compensation to authors through royalty payments.

To develop objective data on these conflicting claims, the Copyright Office has contracted with King Research, Inc. to conduct an empirical study. In the first phase, King Research is mailing questionnaires to over 500 libraries, and will conduct some on-site investigations.

The second phase of the King Survey will focus on users. King has selected 5 libraries (of 5 different types) in 5 cities and will gather information there as to how much photocopying is being done at both the supervised and unsupervised machines.

The third phase will concentrate on publishers' practices, particularly on royalty fees received both before and after the new copyright law became effective.

The Copyright Office will receive a draft report from King Research by the end of 1981 and the finished study and interpretation by March 1982. The study will be incorporated into the findings made by the Copyright Office from the public hearing.

The final report will be made to Congress in January 1983.

CRS Update

The Congressional Research Service (CRS) reports completion of its long-awaited move to the new Madison Building, which brings all CRS divisions together in the same building for the first time since 1974.

CRS has also announced two new publications which will become available from GPO. Major Legislation of Congress, a computer-produced monthly summary of the most important legislative issues, identifies the 600 to 700 principal bills under consideration on those topics. It is expected to be available by subscription sometime in fiscal year 1981.

CRS Studies in the Public Domain is a semiannual listing of all CRS research products which have been printed by the Congress and are available as Committee prints, House or Senate documents or insertions in the Congressional Record.

LC Law Evaluation

The evaluation of the Law Library of Congress by the Arthur D. Little consultant firm was completed with the issuance of a final, 247 page report, Strengthening the Law Library of Congress: Service to Congress Through Helping (to) Meet National Needs for Legal Information. The report's conclusion recommended that the separate organization status of the Law Library within the Library of Congress be retained.

The proposal that the Law Library secede altogether to form a separate agency, on the other hand, was rejected not only as too costly, but as a factor that would inevitably put a strain on services to Congress.
1st Annual Government Docs. Conference
by Rita Conway

On March 3rd and 4th, 1981, the First Annual Library Governments Documents and Information Conference was held in Boston, sponsored by Microform Review, Inc. The theme of the Conference was "Government Publications as an area of Scholarly Pursuit: With Special Attention Given to Collection Development and Public Access", and was presented in a series of papers by prominent librarians of the U.S., United Nations and Canada.

In "UNESCO Documents and Publications in Research Materials", Peter Hajnal of the University of Toronto Library explained the difference between UN documents and publications. UN documents are official records of agencies, and are not available off site to the public. Publications, however, receive an ISBN, are listed in catalogs and are available for sale to the public. Occasionally, a document is printed and released to the public several years after its original release. UN publications include over 300 titles in different languages, translations of many cultural works, art slides and sound recordings. UN publications and documents are available throughout the world in a network of depository libraries, of which New York Public Library at 42nd Street is one.

A paper on "Selection of Materials by Libraries" was presented by Peter Heron of Simmons College. Most documents are unused and hard copy can probably be disposed as long as the material is at hand on microfilm. In large collections, funds are becoming scarce and collection policies must be re-examined. A good documents collection must be integrated with the rest of the collection and this is best accomplished by the interests of the clientele. Planning a collection should be based on the objectives and priorities of each library.

This idea was supported by Gary Purcell of the University of Tennessee. In his research, he found that the first 7 most highly purchased documents were acquired by both public and academic libraries. His research sustains the idea of creating a network of local depositories each with a strong subject collection complementing other libraries in the network.

In a second paper, Peter Heron explained the concept of Half-Life by which one can discard hard copy of materials provided that microforms or microprint is available. His research consisted of determining the number of times various government journals were cited in the Social Sciences Index for several years. Knowing the number of cites for a specific year, half-life is determined by finding the previous year containing 1/2 that number. The difference between the two years is a journal's half-life. The concept can help prevent severe space problems with materials such as the Federal Register that expand rapidly and relentlessly.

Charles McClure of the University of Oklahoma spoke of the structure and function of the Depository System. He examined the weaknesses of the GPO, its vague objectives, the criteria necessary for administrative control of an efficient system, and the possibilities of an alternate structure based on fewer Federal Regulations and specified performance measures. Some topics he covered included the necessity of the range of government publications, and whether a compromise could be reached incorporating the strength of the current system while eliminating its weaknesses. He concluded that the answers must be based on research, not politics or personal opinions in order to develop a depository most responsive to our needs.

Joe Moorehead of SUNY at Albany spoke of the use and misuse of government statistics, using the statistics of Crime, Labor and Energy as prime examples. Statistics can be and are misused by individuals and the media. He posed the question of librarians being trained to advise users of government documents or at least making users aware of how the information is presented.

William Barrett of the GPO spoke of the Vision of the GPO in the 1980's. His facts revealed the tremendous growth of the GPO in the past decade. He raised several questions, including the effect of the growing computer industry on paper and electronics industries, and whether there will be hard copy available from the GPO by 1990. How will libraries be affected as more computers are brought into the home? He advised that librarians be in touch with changes as the role of libraries is transformed by the expanding use of computers in our society.

The papers presented a solid foundation upon which change and cooperation could be established and encouraged thinking beyond our daily routines. The papers will be available from Microform Review in the fall.
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ALPHAMAZE, A SELECTED COMPILATION OF INFORMATION COMMUNITY ACRONYMS AND INITIALISMS is available free of charge from: University Microfilms International (UMI)/300 N. Zeeb Rd./Ann Arbor, MI 48106. Be sure to include your zip code with your return address.

Handy guide to those ubiquitous acronyms used in library circles.


Guide shows how businesses can do joint research without violating antitrust laws. Prepared by the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.


Handy compilation describing nearly 500 statutes in this growing area of law.

CONGRESSIONAL STAFF JOURNAL, bi-monthly, is available from Superintendent of Documents/ U.S. Government Printing Office/ Washington, DC 20402, for $8.00 a year.

Good source for finding out about new information sources and publications available from Capitol Hill.

ERA IMPACT CLEARINGHOUSE INDEX AND RESOURCES GUIDE, 60 pages, is available for $3.50 from: ERA Impact Clearinghouse/ 132 West 43rd Street/ New York, NY 10036

Compilation of legal and lay resources on state equal rights amendments.

FEDERAL RESERVE REGULATORY SERVICE is a new looseleaf service available from:
Publication Section/Federal Reserve Board/ Washington, DC 20551.

Consists of four publications: a complete service covering all Board regulations and related materials, and three separate handbooks on securities credit, consumer regulations and regulations related to monetary policy. Handbooks will cost $50 annually, while the full service will cost $150 annually.

1980 SUPPLEMENT TO ECONOMIC INDICATORS is available free of charge from: Joint Economic Committee/ G 133 Dirksen Senate Office Building/ Washington, DC 20510/ (202) 224-5171.

Explains in non-technical language the data that goes into the Economic Indicators published monthly by the Joint Economic Committee.

HOW TO UPDATE A STATUTE FOR ALL CANADIAN JURISDICTIONS is available for $2.25 from:
Canadian Law Information Council/Suite 2010, Tower B/ Place de Ville, 112 Kent Street/ Ottawa, K1P 5P2, Canada.

POPULATION WALL CHART is available for $1.00 from: Population Reference Bureau, Inc./1337 Connecticut Avenue, N.W./Washington, DC 20036/ (202) 785-4664.

Attractive wall chart shows the population of the U.S. and each state, and demographic data such as birth rate, etc.

PERIODICALS AND SOURCES, 1980-1981 edition, 20p., is available free of charge from:
Congressional Information Service, Inc./ 4520 East-West Highway, Suite 800/ Washington, DC 20011/ (301) 654-1550.

Useful for identifying and evaluating U.S. government statistical publication.

STATE ELECTIVE OFFICIALS AND THE LEGISLATURES 1981-82 is available for $12 from:
The Council of State Governments/ Iron Works Pike/ PO Box 11910/ Lexington, Kentucky 40579.

Lists all elected state officials, all members of state supreme courts, and all elected legislators with names, addresses, districts and party affiliations.

WHITE COLLAR CRIME: A SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY is available free of charge from:
National Criminal Justice Reference Service/ Department P, Box 6000/ Rockville, Md. 20850.

over 250 citations.

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Copyright Basics

This latest U.S. Copyright Office circular attempts to answer some of the questions that are frequently asked about copyright. For example:

- What copyright is and who can claim it
- What works are protected
- How to secure a copyright
- How long copyright protection endures

This publication and a list of other material published by the Copyright Office, "Publications of the Copyright Office" can be obtained free of charge by writing to the Information and Publications Section/Copyright Office/Library of Congress/ Washington, DC 20559.

In fact, we strongly recommend that you request a complete set of circulars, and forms and that you ask to have your name added to the Copyright Office mailing list to receive new circulars, announcements, and forms as they are published.

How to Read the Financial Page

If you have always wanted to be able to interpret the Stock Exchange tables in the daily newspaper, if you do not know the difference between a debenture and a bearer bond, if you would like to master the basic details of option trading, then you will find HOW TO READ THE FINANCIAL PAGES OF YOUR NEWSPAPER: A GUIDE IN UNDERSTANDING SECURITIES MARKET QUOTATIONS AND THE LANGUAGE OF WALL STREET invaluable.

In fact, this 24 page guide is a key to unlocking the multitude of information found in the financial pages of the newspaper, and to understanding the jargon of Wall Street. In it, you will find clear explanations of some of the most confusing topics dealing with the stock markets, the mutual funds, the bond tables, the over-the-counter quotations, as well as the option market listings.

The booklet may be obtained by enclosing $2.00 with your request to: J.J.V. Associates/107 South Lowell Avenue/Syracuse, NY 13204.

Selected Sources of Information on Business

Compiled by John Henry Hess of the National Referral Center, this descriptive listing (77p) gives the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and other particulars about organizations that are willing to answer questions or provide information on various aspects relating to business.

The material is arranged under the headings of general information sources, advertising and marketing, retail trade and sales, banking and finance, securities and investments, small and minority businesses, international trade and world economic policy, college and university research, and forecasting.

Copies may be obtained free on request from the National Referral Center/Library of Congress/ Washington, DC 20540. Enclose a self-addressed mailing label.

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Current State Reference Sources by Nancy P. Johnson

This title is the only single-volume reference work providing a convenient, dependable source of information on state government.

Entries are arranged alphabetically by state, then by issuing agency and title. Availability statements (prices, addresses, and film copies) are given. The index volume has four sections: subject, agency name, author, and title. See review in DltP, v. 8, no. 2, p. 58, March, 1980. NIS offers companion microfiche program.

Compendium of sources of state legislative (bills, hearings) and selected administrative materials.

This accurate, current bibliography lists reference sources (blue books, checklists, etc.) and explains the state's depository arrangements and microform programs. Photocopy this article for the reference desk!

The section "State Information Guide" lists state industrial and business directories.

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Lists only publications received by the Library of Congress. Gift and Exchange Division. Arranged by state and agency within each state. Periodicals and checklists are listed in the June and December issues. Annual index.

Lists state agency addresses, phone numbers, and directors. Also has an appendix listing associations of state government officials. Unfortunately, it is difficult to locate names of subordinate bodies since it lists one agency per function.

Chapter on states, territories, and local government provides current and retrospective lists of state publications.

Selective, annotated guide to important documents issued by various state agencies with emphasis on legislative manuals, handbooks, directories, and agency addresses.

Lists, in chronological order, state statutes, session laws, attorneys general opinions, judicial councils, and restatements.

Indexes some state publications - worth a try.

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State Reference Sources CONT'D


Annotated listing of major California state publications—includes noteworthy guides, indexes, and checklists.

Classified listing under general subject headings includes some state documents. Unfortunately, there is no annual index, so patron must thumb through all issues.


Comprehensive state-by-state roster of state administrative officials listed by functional category, i.e., mining, welfare. Each entry includes address, phone number, and director. Great buy!


A directory (state-by-state) of elected state officials, justices of the courts of last resort, and members of the legislatures, along with their party affiliations, and districts.


Formerly called Legislative Research Checklist, this selective bibliography of materials lists publications issued by state legislatures, committees and study commissions, Council of State Governments, the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations and selected universities. Documents are available for loan through Council of State Governments. No annual index.


Contains names, addresses, and telephone numbers of legislative leaders, committees, and staff members.

Includes a 5-page appendix of state statistical abstracts published by either private or governmental agencies.

The state government section includes state statistical compendia (available for 36 states) and additional statistical reports for all 50 states. The data, vital statistics, health, etc. are arranged by state. CIS offers a companion microfiche library.

SELECTIVE STATE MICROFORM COLLECTIONS

Brookhaven Press:


State Government Documents/Minnesota, 1860-1924, $2250; Wisconsin, 1852-1914, $2195.

State Reference Source cont’d

Congressional Information Service:


William S. Hein & Co.:

Information Handling Services:

KTO Microform:


Library of Congress. Photoduplication Service:

Research Publications:

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