

# Depository Library Council

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

## Depository Library Council Meeting

**October 23, 2020**

**2:15 – 3:15 (EDT)**

**Virtual Meeting**

### MINUTES

#### **I. Call to Order (10/23/2020)**

2:16pm EDT

#### **II. Roll Call**

Cori Holder (GPO), Alicia Kubas, Cindy Etkin (GPO), Jennifer Morgan, Julia Ezzo, Kelly Seifert (GPO), Laura Sare, Rick Mikulski, Laurie Hall (GPO), Lisa Pritchard, Marianne Ryan, Renee Bosman, Stephen Parks, Vicki Tate, Will Stringfellow, Yvonne Williams.

#### **III. Standing Items**

##### a. Approval of 4/22/2020 Minutes

Laura moves to accept; Julia seconds.

Vote to approve: approved.

##### b. GPO Responses to Spring 2020 Recommendations

*Recommendation 1:* GPO will work with Digital Deposit Working Group to implement the pilot to explore a full ecosystem approach to reporting lost documents to GPO as outlined in their report.

Comments: GPO appears to be making good progress on this issue.

*Recommendation 2:* Suggest GPO hold a summer forum to build upon previous COVID-19 open forums in the Spring.

Comments: GPO is already doing a good job of facilitating forums, and the summer session was helpful. DLC might consider a commendation to recognize the GPO's ongoing efforts. DLC may also consider a recommendation that these programs continue. GPO's current efforts to support the efforts are helpful.

Action item: Commend GPO's current effort and recommend they continue; explore ways the existing working groups can also support these efforts.

### c. Election of next Council Chair

Election of William Stringfellow for 2021-2022 chair.

## **IV. Working Group Reports**

### a. Collection and Discovery Services

(Will Stringfellow reporting). Charge summary: “Assisting 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.” Currently 11 members, including 2 new members of the DLC. Highlights included: 4 meetings; updated charter; membership updated; reviewed NIST collection records and provided feedback on minimal cataloging; provided feedback on fugitive documents; currently in process of creating joint-subgroup with PURL working group to provide expertise on cataloging issues such as MARC fields and local cataloging practices related to PURLs; presented findings at 2020 FDL Conference.

### b. Digital Deposit

(Will Stringfellow reporting for Robbie Sittel). Charge summary: Group to explore current and future needs related to digital depository, both dissemination of content and acceptance of content by GPO. Highlights for 2020: Proposed pilot project white paper to council (pilot approved); Distributed fugitive hunting survey to FDL community; new members of the DLC were added to the group; Planned and initiated fugitive hunting pilot project with 23 community volunteers; convened focus groups to assist fugitive hunting workflows. What is next for the group: Completion of pilot; drafting of a think piece; creation of commendations to Council.

### c. Digital Only Depository Library

(Yvonne Williams reporting). Introduction of members (Williams, Mikulski, Parks, Pritchard, Ryan, Etkins, Hays). Charge: review the open forum recordings and chat logs; prepare a written report to summarize the forums, with a focus on ways depositories keep America informed while working remotely. Group also studied challenges faced by teleworking. Group provided suggestions for how GPO can further assist depository libraries during the pandemic crisis. Deliverables: Written report; recommendations; outlines of lessons learned. Two reports were completed and submitted to the DLC and GPO. Both reports are currently accessible through the FDL website. In addition, the group presented a session on lessons learned at the Fall Conference. This completes the charge of the group; however, the group is prepared to reconvene as needed and requested.

### d. Durability of PURLs and their Alternatives

(Will Stringfellow reporting). Charge: investigate the durability of PURLs and their alternatives and present findings and recommendations to Council for consideration. GPO has used PURLs since 1998. Highlights: Membership updated to included 1 new DLC member, 2 community

members, and 2 GPO liaisons; began research into persistent identifiers in effort to create a report and recommendations; created draft framework for this paper to explore digital content and access options. Report will also examine current output, community needs, and future needs; group is in the process of creating a joint-subgroup with Collection and Discovery Services Working Group (to examine MARC fields and local cataloging processes relating to PURLs); delivered a fall conference presentation.

#### Q&A and Discussion about Working Groups Activities

*Question:* Is there a timeline for Durability of PURLS white paper?

*Ans:* goal to have it by Spring 2021 conference, but COVID may have created a delay.

*Community Question:* Is there any hesitation to support Digital Only Depository Library working group's recommendation #3, which encourages GPO to explore and discuss an all-digital depositories system. Drafting of a white paper is also suggested. Question was asked during the working group's "Uncharted Waters" session. Concern: how will this impact print-on-demand, and how does it impact individual institutions.

*DLC Discussion:* This is an important time to explore and begin discussing what an all-digital FDLP would look like. Discuss impact on selective depositories. Report would look at what this would look like?

What are possible impacts on Selectives; Impact on print collection; may cause parent institutions to question the importance of physical collection; impact on preservation stewards; how does it impact non-print formats. Recommendation suggests looking into this topic to more fully develop details, questions, and issues relating to this issue.

*Question:* Does DLC still want to move forward with study? Working group suggests yes.

Motion to approve recommendations and commendations of the Digital Only Working Group.

Jennifer and Marianne move to vote. Vote carries.

#### **V. Council Discussion of Conference and potential recommendations from Fall 2020 Meeting**

Commendation to GPO for online 2020 conference and DLC suggests additional online forums from GPO. Informal vote to move forward with these commendations and suggestions, the details of which will be drafted later.

#### **VI. Questions, comment, feedback from the depository library community**

Comments reflected in chatlog:

<https://www.fdlp.gov/2020-fdl-conference-dlc-business-meeting>

**Next DLC conference will be held as a virtual meeting April 21 – 23, 2021**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard M. Mikulski". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and "M".

Richard M. Mikulski  
DLC Secretary