Greetings everyone. It's time to get started of this meeting of the depository library counsel and as it happens the 95th meeting of the federal depository library conference. Thank you all for being here today. [Applause] I am James Shaw the government documents library and collections coordinator at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. And I am acting chair of the depository library counsel. Karen Ross our chair was also the research and community library and at the University of Arkansas Little Rock. Is unable to be with us this week but she addresses as she addresses some serious health concerns. Please keep her in our thoughts and we will all wish her best wishes for a speedy recovery. We will also soldier on and have a very fine conference so thank you all for being here and again, please keep Karen in your thoughts. Depository library counsel is very much a team effort. And we can all greatly appreciate our colleagues sitting appeared this morning who have contributed mightily to navigating a very active season of counsel business. Before my Council members introduce themselves I would like to acknowledge the director of the US publishing office. And Lori Hall the acting superintendent of documents who are on the stage today. Just go around.

>> University of North Texas.
>> Eric Beck University of Colorado Law school.
>> Yvonne Williams public library.
>> Mary Clark the library of Virginia. [Indiscernible] state library of Ohio.
>> Alyssa Bernstein University of school of Law.
>> Lori Thorton New Mexico state library.
>> Cass Hartnett University of Washington.
>> Beth Williams Stanford Law school library.
>> Friend McDonald University of Maryland.
>> [Indiscernible] public library Fort Lauderdale.
>> Jane [Indiscernible] Catholic University of Puerto Rico and probably have the honor being the only person in the history of counsel who got here by way of a foreign country which was I was routed through the Dominican Republic yesterday to get here. [Applause]

I can guarantee you, everybody was so pleased to see Jane. As I'm sure everyone is aware, several months ago asked counsel to confer with depository and community to develop a recommendation to amend chapter 19 of title 44 US code, the statute that governs the federal depository library program. Three counsel sessions this afternoon will explore and discuss the recommendation and you will find a copy of council's memorandum in your conference folder, if you haven't seen it already or if you haven't refreshed your memory. I would like to point out that we made sure it has very wide generous margins, lots of base to take notes on and right on. If you can let us know what you think about it. Even verbally or you could hand it back to us. You also find in your conference packets, GPO's title 44 modernization recommendation as well. You will have those this afternoon as well. There is a more going on this week than the title 44 sessions this afternoon. We have three distinguished keynote schedule. Today and -- in about and hour or so Dr. Carla Hayden will be here in this room to address you. That's going to be exciting. Tomorrow Mr. James Leroux from the LA office of intellectual freedom will be our keynote address and on Wednesday Ms. Jane Sanchez from the Law Library of Congress will be here. We've got some really good speakers here this week. We are very fortunate. But there is more. If you look at the conference agenda you'll discover there over 30 additional sessions that range widely across the land scape. Truly this week the Doubletree Hotel in Arlington Virginia is probably the best place you can do to keep America informed. I also have a few not meant would make a couple of which colleagues -- they just appeared. And today there is a lunch gathering for regional and selective depository.

You know you are among friends when the LC and FDLP conferences. A couple of announcements. We don't selective depositories are posted on the board near the registration desk. If you are -- your
region is not able to be here today you're welcome to meet up with the GPO outreach librarians who will be there. And registration desk. Everyone gets lunch. That's a good deal. The preservation of electronic government information, their group will be holding a working lunch and form today from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.. I understand they asked for RSVP several weeks ago. If you did RSVP to go they will be in the capital view room way up high in the hotel. And congratulations to leemac, they were recently awarded and $87,000 grant from the -- Institute IMLS rent. That's really good. [ Applause ]

Another announcement, an open form and digital deposit scheduled tomorrow, Tuesday, from 12:00 to 12:30 in the Wilson Harrison room. Open form and digital deposit. One or two of the Council recommendations, other recommendations have been made over the last few weeks deal with some aspects of digital deposit. That is a good form. My additional announcements, law librarians and friends, but to know law librarians have friends, tonight and I will pronounce it should a Irish pub. If you've never been there, walk over to mull, through the mall, through the parking garage up and down the stairs on the other side, keep going direct action direction and follow your colleagues heading that way. The reservation is 545 this afternoon. Please sign up on the message board by noon for a final count. Whoever is organizing that, thank you very much. And this one is from a GPO colleague but I don't know my GPO colleagues as well. If you have taught a library school or information school course in government information in the last five years or so. GPO wants to speak to you. There is no explanation as to why. [ Laughter ] Please see Robin, Mohammed, or George if you have done that. And chat with him. And then warn your fellow faculty colleagues if necessary. GPO wants to be to you if you have been teaching recently. Now time to get all serious because it is important. Thank you for being here for what will be a truly memorable conference. As you proceed to everything this week. In the hallways were ever you are at, if you cross one of our GPO colleagues you will recognize them from their name tags, please pause moment and say thank you. It takes a lot of time and effort to organize this every year and we do want to acknowledge everything they do to help us. And at this time, it is my pleasure to introduce Divina Vance Cook director of the US publishing office. Who will address us and please join me in thanking me for her support and advocacy for the cause of keeping American -- American form. [ Applause ]

>> Good morning. Wasn't Jim wonderful? [ Applause ] Welcome to the 2017 federal to the Tory federal depository library conference. Our 95th gathering of colleagues. To those of you out of town, welcome to our nation's capital. And I'm behalf of the government publishing office I bring formal gratings to the depository library counsel. The conference attendees both here and virtual across the country and our guest. I would like to thank all of the GPO employees who worked hard to prepare and host this conference. Conference is truly a collaborative effort. It includes the employee of the library services and content management department. As well is employees from across the agency. Let me go ahead and embarrass them. We'll all of the GPO employees who worked on this conference in any capacity please stand so that we may recognize you. [ Applause ] Thank you. We appreciate you so much. We have a great conference plan for you today and the next day and the day after that. We have a number of interesting workshops and other activities. I am particularly delighted and excited that my good friend Dr. Carla Hayden the 14th librarian of Congress will provide a keynote address this morning. Before I begin my remarks, I would like to thank all of the GPO employees who worked hard to prepare and host this conference. Conference is truly a collaborative effort. It includes the employee of the library services and content management department. As well is employees from across the agency. Let me go ahead and embarrass them. I love to do that. We'll all of the GPO employees who worked on this conference in any capacity please stand so that we may recognize you. [ Applause ] Thank you. We appreciate you so much. We have a great conference plan for you today and the next day and the day after that. We have a number of interesting workshops and other activities. I am particularly delighted and excited that my good friend Dr. Carla Hayden the 14th librarian of Congress will provide a keynote address this morning. Before I begin my remarks, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the impact of the natural disasters in our nation. And more directly some of our library colleagues. The hurricanes. The flooding. The wildfires. Have wreaked such pain and suffering across this country. Please no that we at the GPO are here to support our library colleagues during this very difficult time of rebuilding and recovery. And on that note we are particularly happy to the Jane Canfield. A member of the depository library counsel who came all the way from Puerto Rico. She was absolutely determined to get to this conference. Who knew she liked it this much? [ Laughter ] And we are so very happy to see her and let's give her a round of applause. [ Applause ] On another note, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Lori home. The acting superintendent of document of May of 2016. And I
am so please to let you know that Laurie is now the superintendent of documents. [ Applause ] And as you know we are so proud of her. Let me just say well done. I am pleased to report that GPO had another successful year. Recently the house of Representatives committee on appropriations praised the GPO for its use of digital technology and providing public access to congressional information. The committee cited GPO digital initiatives in its report. Which accompany the FY 18 appropriations bill for the legislative branch. The report said let me tell you exactly what they wrote. GPO skilled use of digital technology has allowed the agency to constrain the cost of its operation while expanding government information access options to the American people. Greater openness and transparency to the operations of Congress and the government. This is who we are. This is what we do. This is why we exist. Doing our best to help keep America informed by providing access to congressional information. We closed FY 17 in a financially strong position for FY 18 GPO submitted for the third consecutive year and appropriations request. The GPO continues to demonstrate a commitment to effectively manage revenue and expenses while embracing new technology. To ensure the public have access to congressional information on multiple platforms. The GPO is customer driven. And we take pride in supporting our stakeholders. In FY 17 we produce 41.2 million pages of the Congressional record. 1.7 million pages of the Federal Register and 22.5 million [ Indiscernible ]. We work with the joint commission, the joint Congressional committee on inaugural ceremonies to produce approximately 40 unique products for the 58th presidential inauguration. We will begin presenting printings to the official portraits of the President and vice resident. And on Gov Info, the the President FY 18 by the -- budget. We supported the development of an updated Senate website. Trafficking in persons report for the state department. Closely with the census. On the 2020 survey products. We conducted roadshows across the country. With current and prospective customers. Continue to meet with you, the FDLP community. And in the midst of supporting stakeholder requirement, we found the time to develop and release a photo history GPO family album book as well as to up date and release the 31st address and -- 31st addition of of the GPO style manual. So exciting. The GPO continue to embrace digital initiative. We are partnering with the Library of Congress to digitize and make available all volumes of the bond Congressional record from 1873 to 1998. To date, we have released records all the way back through the 1920s. In a few weeks issues from 1901 to 1919. We are partnering with the national archive office in the Federal Register to digitally release the Federal Register. Dating back to the first several register in 1936. >> Two dates, we have released digital volumes back to the 1980s. [ Applause ] Gov Info repository database has reached 2.2 million titles. With 40 million retrievals per month. We launched a newly designed user-friendly GPO .gov public facing agency website. Legacy site will be retired within a few weeks. We launched a newly designed user-friendly Everman online bookstore website. That connects the user to connects to 4000 topics. The GPO received awards and earned certifications for a number of achievement. Allow me to act like a mom and say I am so proud. Let me tell you some of these words. Let me tell you about them. American printing Association institutional award of 2017 for our work in preserving and documenting history and making its resources available to the public and presentations and [ Indiscernible ]. We want to implant innovator Lord. Sponsored by [ Indiscernible ] magazine for plant modernization initiative. We want six, American graphic design awards. Sponsored by graphic design USA magazine. In support of products for Veterans Affairs. International religious freedom. National Defense University. National Park Service. And enable history and Heritage command. And we weren't done. We won a prestigious -- [ Indiscernible ] were in the employee engagement category for creating the leadership evaluation and development program which for the past six years has empowered the next veneration of GPO leaders. According to the graduate school USA, our program demonstrates innovation resulting in improved engagement, internal communication and [ Indiscernible ]. Plan operation was recertified by the sustainable green printing partnership. For meeting sustainable and environmental and it's. Passport [ Indiscernible ] facility operation achieved I have full 9001 -- 2015
In February May and July of this year, I testified before Congress. There was a need to revise the law, governing the federal depository library program. Some of the library community expressed the price. And wondered why this issue, why now? After 5+ years in leading the GPO the issue to me is clear. The technologies and practices we employ today to make the FDLP strongest and most successful information link. Between the government and we the people have gone beyond the laws, set up for that purpose in 1962. It is time for those laws to catch up. With the FDLP today and clear the way for continued progress in the future. Accordingly in May, I asked the depository library counsel to provide recommendations to modernize those laws in chapter 19 of title 44 of the US code. I asked them to consult with the FDLP community. To identify changes. That would promote flexibility and continued modernization of meeting FDLP requirements while continue to support FDLP mission of keeping America informed. I appreciate the work performed by the depository library counsel. And appreciate the many comments and suggestions and recommendations. Provided by the FDLP community. Obviously there are many areas of consensus within the community. And I believe it is directly related to the facts that all of us deeply care about the program. And we wanted to be relevant in the digital environment. I look forward to the discussions about these recommendations during this conference. In terms of our strategic priorities going beyond, let me say this. Our priorities continue to support our ongoing modernization energy and development of digital information products and services. We will begin the transition from to Gov Info. We will begin to work with our stakeholders to adjust their processes. We will continue our work on replacing a 30-year-old locator composition system with a state-of-the-art XML system. We will continue to update our procurement system, cost accounting system and our acquisitions program. We will complete the preparations for the next generation passport and we will continue to digitize historical documents. Also last month GPO posted a solicitation on for the conduct of an audit as we pursue certification as a trusted digital repository. Let me conclude my remarks by telling you one simple thing. The GPO is a wonderful agency. And I am so very proud of our employees. They are responsible for the accomplishment of this agency. I am proud and I am privileged to work alongside them. Through the commitment and dedication of our great employees, the GPO is customer focused. It is employee driven. And strategically positioned to meet the demand of a digital environment. To each and every one of the GPO employees I say thank you. To the FDLP community, I say thank you as well for partnering with the GPO in keeping America informed. Have a wonderful conference, and God bless.

Thank you. [ Applause ]

>> And now I am quite happy to introduce Lori home, the superintendent of documents. [ Applause ]

>> Thanks everyone. I don’t have to change my speech. If I stumble a little bit, -- good morning everyone. Everyone here and every virtually I am Lori home and I guess as of now I am the superintendent of documents program. I worked in LSCM since 1985. That is a longago number. I have been here in LSCM. Currently we have about 94 staff of librarians and information professionals in LSCM. With the help of additional contractors that help us to some of our progress -- projects. As well as other folks in the public and information sales organization. And Pueblo warehouse facility. All under the superintendent of documents program. I want to echo the remarks and welcome you all here. To this meeting. Last year we were talking about how many years this has going on. It has been 44 years since we had our first meeting and there is a really interesting picture. That is in Alexandria for those of you who may remember that. Glad to see so many familiar faces in the crowd. We have been out and about this year in our GPO on the go initiative. I’ve met quite a few of you. We are so glad to have you here or for virtual attendees were listening and across the nation. I want to echo before I get really started. The comments about the national disasters. We have really been in contact with you. We are dealing with hurricanes Harvey, Marie, Irma, Nate, the California wildfires and a little bit ago there was serious flooding in the Arizona areas which damaged one of our public libraries in Arizona. We know many of
you have been affected over the past few weeks and we have been monitoring you and trying to get in contact. And help you be prepared. We had a session this morning on disaster recovery. We have been monitoring you if we can be in contact with you and we have been reaching out to you. We shipments and we are also available to consult on cleanup, mold, other kinds of problems you may encounter when you have gone through some of these disasters. Our number one concern is that everyone a safe and material can be replaced but people can't. We really stand ready to work with you. In the next couple of days we also have some information brochures going out. I looked at them last week and had been putting things together so there is more information coming on FDLP .gov after the conference. Stay tuned we will be doing webinars. To help any of you in any way we can. So as Davida said, every year we put this event together. Don't get me wrong, over -- organized chaos since probably the end of August. To get this meeting together. altogether, all the brochures are done, all the agendas are done. Now all of that is taking care of our most important thing, to be here with you. To talk to you, to learn from you, to answer any of your questions that you may have about what is going on. And working together and sharing that information that we all do to keep America informed. You will see the GPO staff members have blue badges on. If you need a question answered or just find one of us and if we are not the right person we will make sure you get to the right person. Business cards et cetera, at the front desk. Making connections with the particular we are all there to help you find the people to answer your questions. Feel free to talk to us about any issues or challenges you have in your library. If we can't give you an answer right now we will go back and be in contact with you once we get back to GPO. As Davida said this event is particularly important because we are talking about title 44 reform. Modernizing the FDLP to the digital age. Safeguarding government information access for all. And we heard that throughout our visit and questions and inquiries from you all. You are concerned about that so that's why we chose that topic for this meeting and you will find throughout the conference schedule there are meetings and sessions that touch on that topic in some way. Hopefully you will identify with those and there will be some really key informational things that you really appreciate and enjoy.

>> Chapter 19 title 44 is the key initiative for closing out FY 17 and we will be pursuing that in FY 18 and that's why is Jane -- Jim and Davida said that first full day of the session is going to be on that topic. We are also going be presenting GPO staff present again title 44 changes to other chapters like chapter 17 and other parts that impact the GPO organization. So those sessions will be the end of today and there will be a session tomorrow morning about the possibility of having a grant authority. Be prepared to attend those. I think those will be some very good sessions. Last month I had to appear before the committee on house administration. Like right at the end of my vacation so I didn't have time to get too scared or anxious. I went from vacation right into sitting in front of the committee. I wanted to thank them for that opportunity. I was okay, [ Laughter ] . As I said to some people by 14 or 15 versions of my five minute speech but I wanted to thank them for that opportunity. I really came away feeling that they really did appreciate what we do and what we have done in this program for many years. I am really excited about making some of these changes and I think the organization really stands ready to do some of those changes. So I'm looking forward to that next chapter. I think I also conveyed to the community and I hope it's okay with you that when we talk to we know you're facing much -- major buzz it -- major budget cuts and we hear more and more of you that you really do need more flexibility to be part of the FDLP. We've also heard that you want us to take on more responsibility especially for digital content but you also need some help in preserving those historic collections on paper that are in your collections. Many of them for a long time and help you preserve these national assets. I felt really confident after I was questions -- questions. Those the hardest part before the house because I didn't really know what they were going to ask or he didn't know what they were going to say. But I really felt that we put the program in a really good light. And to date, for those title 44 changes we we received 120 individual and 13 from library organizations and I know there are still probably post conference a few more of you will have some suggestions or recommendations. Please come to the microphone, share any of your
thoughts and if you think about it as you’re driving back or flying back we still have a mailbox open for you to submit any kind of comments or questions and please work with the Council and they're ready to hear any suggestions or comments you may have. Now I will put my operational hat on a little bit and talk about some key initiatives that you are probably very interest in. We continue to take I'm very new challenges in trying to find different solutions to some of our problems that we come up with. We struggle to maintain some existing services and create new ones to help you. Manage your collections and I'm only going to talk about a few key ones here. To talk about and that's where the cataloging and discussion will be so my staff is here to talk to about various things that we are doing. And give you any status updates. If you have conflicts and can't attend anything there's all kinds of stuff on FDLP.gov. It gives you also some updates and links to where there is more information about specific initiatives and products -- projects. End of the year usually the first quarter of FY 18 is the LSCM year and review. We will consolidate all that in that publication that comes out. So in the past year, there is a lot of work on the FDLP exchange. Which is the upcoming replacement from the needs and offers and during the summer we launched a suite of training and educational tools that many of you took advantage of. And this morning I am pleased to announce that the training site for FDLPasked change will go live right now or at this afternoon or today. It will be available for you to -- [Applause]

>> Welcome. She is also going to do a session this afternoon on that. So now we are giving you some time to play in the space before we go to the final production site for those regions, you may want to test it before you're making a decision to adopt, we will be loading data in the interim and getting ready for the final production site which is forthcoming. So please stay tuned. Next one of the big programs this year was the preservation towards. At last year's conference we signed our first ever preservation stored agreement with the University of Colorado Boulder and this last year in FY 17 we have signed 11 more of these partnerships and we have quite a few in the works. When we put out the call to the community for the preservation stored program for those of you to make a commitment to retain and preserve tangible resources, you risk onto. I want to thank everyone for stepping up on helping us launch this really critical program. Because we are making really great strides in building that national collection of government information all throughout the country. Thank you, and and we hopefully will continue to add new folks on the preservation stored program. I talk to somebody when I came in this morning who is already in the process of doing their agreement. Was thank you. Our FDLP Academy, our educational program continues to be extremely popular. Since we launched the program we have brought over 400 free webinars and webcast. We welcomed over 20,000 attendees and we recorded our archive they recorded archives have been viewed over 60,000 times. And last year was our first virtual meeting and we had a most 800 virtual attendees between this year and the spring. So we continue to search for programs. If you are from an agency or from a library that has something new, a new initiative or something you want to talk about, please contact our outreach folks. They are looking for new programs and new products that the government is putting out to help you and your users to stay up to date on the new things that are being published so you can help your public and communities use government information products and services so you better serve them. Please look forward to any new webinars that are coming out. Sometimes we have three times a week so we do a lot. As Davida has talked about we continue -- our staff continues to work with others have and GPO to bring on new collections and to Gov Info. We have done the Federal Register and Congressional record. We're getting ready to do some other digitization projects and we will keep you informed on that in the first quarter of FY 18. We have increased our web harvest in our FDLP web archive so there are more and more records that have links to those collections in the CGP. We continue to do a lot of social media. Kelly reminded me that the [Indiscernible] is out with the picture and please help yourself and FY 17 we have had over 200 post about you, but what we do, visits to on social media. Thanks for allowing us to take pictures.

>> Technical services, we continue to break a lot of records this year. With catalogued over 18,000 titles in the CGP and about 10,000 of those have heard [Indiscernible]. That's a pretty high number this year
so far. And our desk to be some facility out of Laurel, we have sent you over 4000 titles and almost 850,000 individual copies of documents. We know the tangibles are slowing down but yours will getting a fair amount of material. And from the [Indiscernible] organization as Davida said we have launched the new bookstore. Our folks are here from the bookstore. There is a booth out and also a session on when the morning for the staff there to give you some demos and talk about the online bookstore. I would just like to thank all of the staff in LSCM and GPO for helping us do all of these wonderful things and achieving so much this year. So I thought now I would talk to you a little bit about the conference packages. Davida and Jim said we have to handout in the conference package on title 44. The recommendations from DLC and one that GPO put together to talk about title 44 chapter 17 and other parts of chapter 17 that we are looking at in LSCM and also a guide to a poster presentation that is happening shortly are right now and we have a lot of folks who liked it. Last year was the first year, allows you to jot down some thoughts and we also like the little [Indiscernible]. So we are also willing to hear any feedback that you have about the conference itself and our information and all this is also posted along with the presentations to FDLP.gov. Also social media booth, I forgot to announce the #Hashtag. GPO DLC 17. Please Tweet as you go to various sessions and we’re also -- we are just finishing up this one having the conference but already planning for the next one and that’s going to be a virtual conference, April 18 through the 20th. And that is coming sooner than we think. So before we conclude the kickoff I want to thank all of you including the virtual attendees for taking time out of your busy schedule to be here. To share things with us, work with us, collaborate, collaborate with us, share our ideas, reminding that many of the sessions will be archived so if you miss one you can go back after the session, they will be in the archives. So thank you. Online survey as well. When you are done and flying back home are taking the train back home we will give you the link to our online survey and we would really appreciate your feedback on that. I think I have covered everything that I was going to do. Back to you Jim. [Applause]

>> Thank you Davida and Lori and congratulations Lori again. Before we all scatter for the first break of the day, there is a customary thing called counsel calisthenics that apparently has happened for -- I would be run out on a rail if we didn't do at least a few. East of the Mississippi, everybody who came to conference from locations east of the Mississippi. [Applause] Okay, west of them this sippy folks. [Applause] West of the Mississippi. [Applause]. What may be the only geography quiz you get this week, west of the Continental divide. [Applause] Okay. This is not geography here. I will admit straight up to everybody in the room I am asking the next couple of things because I am personally curious how many people in the room you are the FDLP coordinator two should. You are you are the FDLP -- okay John title. How many people in the room have a John title. HR John title that says you are the government publication you are the document and you are the new really government documents person. That is your core title. [Applause] How many people government documents is a real component of what you do, it's not only do. And may not be here John title but you are involved in caring your interest. [Applause] Somebody who needs to get a paper published might run with this. Really interesting to me to know how the demography and how our profession is changing and how many of us are real utility players. That's how I describe myself. I am the utility guy. I wear other hats to. Which is why I'm getting bolts of S. My hypothesis would be that there is more and more multitasking government documents folks out. And with that, thank you so very much for being here. It's time for a break. Gets more coffee. Say thank you to the GPO folks. Have a great conference folks, we will see you back in a little while for our first keynote address. Thank you. [Event Concluded]