

DLC Business Meeting - Transcript

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I will hand the microphone to Charmaine to start the session.

Thank you so much for joining us today I know it is one of the [Indiscernible] appreciate you guys coming and I am Charmaine and a reminder for attendees that if you have any comments anything feel free to put that in the chat and you see it is a full agenda today and we won't get to any of those comments until the end of the agenda and know that we will have a transcript later as well. And during the wrap-up session after this one we have an open forum to hear from the community to provide feedback to us which we appreciate.

And with that we will do a roll call for our councilmembers. So what that means is that I will call each day and if you undo yourself and say here or present so we can make sure we have a quorum would be great.

I will start with Javon here, as even? Here.

Mary Ann? Robbie is not here, Laura? Here., Will? Rick? Jennifer? Julia? Here. Vicki? Great Renée? Here. And Lisa? Here. Wonderful thank you everybody we are here and accounted for and that's great. So we will move right into our standing items and first is approval of our spring business meeting minutes so can I call for a motion to approve those minutes? Any comments first? And moved to accept the minutes

Thank you and is there a second?

I second.

That was Julia's back

Want to make sure we get it for the minutes and we have a second so then no more discussion we will vote by raising your hand with the icon underneath the panelist is a hand icon if you want to to show you approve the minutes. Solomon is our approved from the spring meeting. Thank you. So our next agenda item are any comments and counsel in terms of GPO responses to our spring 2020 recommendations accommodations? Just to see if there's any anything we want to respond to with these the first counsel recommendation from the spring is to recommend you can work with the digital deposit working group to implement digital deposit poll to lost documents to GPL outlined in working group report. Any counsel comments or thoughts additional you'd like to say about that? And GPO's response? Anyone from the digital deposit group have thoughts? The working group session seems like you are making good progress and GPL -- working with the groups to get more information on the topic. So I would say everything went well and is supportive and collaborating with the working group on this

and if anyone has a [Indiscernible] we can move on. And recommendation from counsel the spring discuss openly planning in the forum and would be won't take place in libraries as a result of COVID19 overall. And I think GPO and counsel did a really great job supporting these forums and courting them and making it happen I think just from it seems like the team meeting was engaged that was awesome to see. Any other thoughts about this one?

Alicia this is Stephen and these were a great tool to use spring and summer and helped us working group prepare for our session this week and I appreciate GPO helping put those on.

Thank you Stephen. And I wonder this is getting to something later if we want to put together some kind of commendation around GPO's response to all of this work with the open forums and additional flexibility communication Webinars all of the things that GPO is bound to support the community and work closely alongside counsel to do what we could to support the depository library community and that is what I'm thinking and I guess maybe gets to the third piece the spring recommendation accommodations just everything that GPO has been doing I would say continuing to do this pandemic first began and any thoughts or comments from counsel that we might want to follow up commendation to build on what has been done since the spring?

Definitely I agree with you about the accommodation I felt the open forums were popular and it gave opportunity for the depository library to have a voice and that's what people really needed at this time to express their concerns and thoughts and see if they are being heard. Definitely it was important.

I would totally agree.

This is William I think I would agree with my fellow council members everything he said but the question I have is it seems like the work is not done and we have a great start for this and maybe this is something that we want to look at and I agree with the commendation something we want to look at as recommendation potentially for continuing this program through the times as needed because it does seem it has been very successful at least in my opinion and it seems something we could continue to work with the community FDL community and I don't see our work is done it is a great start a great opportunity to keep doing the work thank you.

I agree with that 100% will.

This is Yvonne said wife I think it would be a great thing for this to be ongoing especially during the pandemic. I agree with the commendations as well.

Lisa I concur and I know personally it's been very helpful for me to feel connected at a time when I feel very isolated and feel so supported by GPM and the people on the Council and in the broader depository community. It has been really wonderful. So we are good about accommodation and potentially thinking about our recommendation either to continue the Open Forum or that kind of support for the depository community and then we could also talk

about potential how that would fit in with the working groups or even eligible working groups could be something we think about as well and we can talk more about that when we get through the working group reports. And the other thoughts from other councilmembers?

So then we talked about the accommodation and we will move on to an item not in the slide deck but I should announce the next Council chair we brought all of our [Indiscernible] will be our chair for 2021 through 2022 for Council congratulations William on your future church up and thank you to everyone willing to step forward for chair thank you so much. So now we are at the working groups. We will view reports from each of the chairs and have time for Council to offer questions for discussion into our recommendation and accommodation discussion as well and keep it fluid and I will pass it over to William.

Thank you so much. Well, I'm happy to report on the collection of discovery services working group for the library conference update. Very briefly a summary the working group has established at the request of GPO the fall of 2019 a standing working group. We assist in coordinating the thoughts, research plans and efforts related to cataloguing the metadata and expanding and enhancing discovery access service GPO provides to the depository community and stakeholders to engage the depository community in these processes and to summarize that we look at all aspects of anything to do with cataloguing processing documents, and any kind of anything from boxes to metadata records and so we are a group that looks at all of these and provide feedback to GPL as they have questions so we can better serve and help provide information so GPO can better serve. I'm very excited to share with you all the leadership we have currently 11 members and we added a couple new councilmembers from a new class Jennifer Morgan and Vicki Tate and we are excited to have them and I will go a little more into detail about a couple of our memberships virtually. Some of our highlights for 2020 we had four meetings and we that is in line with our charter four times a year and we do some work also been held we had our additional meetings and updated our charter in July 2020 and this was something that was important because our initial charter had a membership cap of 10 and we wanted to have two new councilmembers added and we change the membership cap to 11 and that was approved by Council in July. And as I mentioned with our membership updates we did have the two new councilmembers we are excited to have them. Additionally to previous councilmembers rolled over which Mary Ann Curtis as they rolled off of Council rolled over as community members to the and to continue to serve in that capacity additionally Stephen is our Secretary for the working group and finally the other membership team was Mary a chair as she rolled over we have myself William and a couple things we did one of the first kind of error is reworked at four we reviewed records collection records the questions we were asked as a group were what were the minimal sorry we provided sorry feedback of cataloguing so these are records that were batch produced and we were answering questions along the lines of what all is needed what is the bare minimum acceptable for [Indiscernible] item numbers authorities and things like that we provided detailed listing and answered questions about the minimal level of cataloguing for records. Another thing we provided feedback on fugitive documents and there was several questions that were asked of the working group members and things like how we defined documents in the process of mission and the work provided the feedback to GPL. We are currently in the process of printing

more detail about this with [Indiscernible] we are in the process of putting the joint subgroup between Andy to examine issues related to cataloguing specific areas as [Indiscernible] major highlight we have is the conference presentation yesterday afternoon which was 101 wonderful successful presentation and those are the big highlights and for the future we are excited and looking forward to examining the questions that GPO has for us and we look forward to continuing to serve and that is what I have for sorry for the questions [Indiscernible] back

We will hold questions and discussion for the Ricky groups till the end of the chairs reporting out and actually William you might be doing the next one also.

Thank you Lisa and I will report the digital deposit working group and this is for our chair Robbie who is not here and so very briefly here's our working group charge of the DLC 2018 recommendation number three. To provide you access to the full recommendation and briefly Council recommends creation of a working group to explore current and future needs related to digital deposit both dissemination of content and acceptance of content by GPO. And here is our membership for the digital deposit working group and I would like to highlight the working group added to members to the library Council Vicki Tate and Julia were added as new council members to this. A few highlights for 2020, at the beginning of the year the working group has a pilot project to the Council and we also have the fugitive document hunting project with the Council [Indiscernible] as part of the work we've done we distributed a fugitive hunting survey to the FDL community and have a wonderful response and had a lot of in -- additionally we plan to initiate a future hunting pilot project which we had 23 community volunteers and exploring the fugitive document hunting process. This was one 16 dashboard and is currently ongoing as part of this we also had as a side note as this process is going on the working group is offering open office hours to answer questions from the fugitive [Indiscernible] we also convened focus groups to assess [Indiscernible] five questions and a focus group session about as mentioned fugitive hunting and the reporting workflows and a couple questions. I will briefly talk about what comes next so the first thing well not necessarily in this order but the fugitive hunting pilot is one of the upcoming things and the second would be the [Indiscernible] some members have been working on looking at case studies to better understand and explain the digital deposit and that is something forthcoming and finally any recommendations to Council that come out of the pilot and activities [Indiscernible] [Indiscernible - Poor Audio] with that I handed over to the next.

Thank you William. Good afternoon I'm Yvonne Williams and the library working group. Other members of the working group are Rick Mikulski Portland State University Stephen Parks stay library, Lisa Prichard College, Mary and Ryan Loyola University of Chicago in GPO Cindy Atkin and Jamie Hayes. This report highlights the charge deliverables about working groups. As a follow-up to the Depository Library Council Open Forum depository libraries in stay-at-home orders which was held during spring meeting April 22 2020, our working group as conveyed May 1, 2020 and asked to provide a summary of the Open Forum. Our charge was to review the Open Forum recording and [Indiscernible] to number one way depository by keeping American form by working remotely and number two challenges depository staff by telecommuting and number three share community suggestions has out how GPO can assist depository libraries

during this time of pandemic. We completed the report with the recommendation that another Open Forum be held which would focus on reopening of libraries and transmitted these to the DLC on May 29 2020. The report can be reviewed at the link on this page and the recommendation was approved by the DLC and elevated to GPO Director Catherine as a result an Open Forum titled planning for reopening FDLP libraries recovery from the COVID19 pandemic was held July 27, 2020. After receiving the recording in transcript from this form, along with the previous report the group developed its final deliverable and outlines of lessons learned. We submitted a report titled depository libraries in the COVID19 pandemic lessons learned from Depository Library Council Open Forum April 22, and July 27, 2020 along with three recommendations to the DLC for consideration on September 16 2020. In addition when the conference we presented a session titled uncharted waters lessons learned by depository libraries during the COVID19 pandemic. This completes our charge however we remain available to convey that the request of the superintendent of documents. I want to say I appreciate this working group and as chair I applaud each of you for a job well done thank you.

Thank you so much Yvonne into other working group members a job well well done. So I think we will come back to the report and talk about approving the vacancy for the last update from the working group. So Yvonne can you pass the ball to William?

Thank you Yvonne and Alisha. I am happy to give an update on exploring the durable [Indiscernible] so our charge summary since March 1998 GPO used uniform to provide libraries and other parties stable your Lexus to online federal information. Due to changes in library collection policies advances in technology and increase in the amount of born digital and digital only federal information increased interest in some depositories becoming mostly or all created a working group to investigate durability of pearls and to prevent findings to the Council for consideration if you'd like to see Apple charge statement feel free on the slides to click the link it will take you to our charge. I want to here's our membership and I want to make a couple of notes about the membership made was added as and also had to committee members added additionally we had GPO liaisons added to the working group Alec Bradley and Ashley. Some highlights for 2020, so we had one council member added to committee members and to GPO lies and and began a research liaisons and that is both report white paper of information about pearls and the second part recommendations recently retrained the draft framework for the paper which is also directing our discussions and helping us not only we had four areas we found currently see will be the focus one of them is exploring visual content access options understanding identifiers and the current outputs of system identifiers which [Indiscernible] sorry produced presently community F DLC community should be noted the F DLC community not the only community we are generally focused [Indiscernible] future needs as related identifiers as mentioned in the question and discovery services the process of creating a joint subgroup and services working group to provide expertise on cataloging issues specifically we want to look at [Indiscernible] local cataloging practices and other libraries and users to make or implementing to make pearls accessible to users and we are in the process of getting so we can explore that from a more technical and get a little more as well and the user in that they are joined it is looking specifically at cataloging practices and effects and we had the ball conference presentation on the digital process and identifiers introduction 101 as well. And

going forth looking forward to continuing our research and producing deliverables the report/white paper and recommendations to Council. That is my update for and I want to thank the working group members for the hard work. Thank you.

Okay thank you so much William and all the Chairs for pointing out and before we move on to discussion generally recommendations are there any questions feedback or thoughts related to the working group Council?

I have one question, William, do we have the timeline for when we would have the white paper drafted and potential recommendations for Council? Would that be by spring or not?

We have a timeline but it is not set in concrete timeline so it is the goal is to have the white paper by the spring conference however we did write the draft due to -- did say if we don't have it completed by then we expect to have that along with the recommendations by Paul conference next year but tentatively we are aiming for the spring.

That's kind of what I remembered and I did not know for sure and based on that and digital deposit report at it sounds like there may be quite a few recommendations coming out of the Council working group for the spring meeting so I guess everyone keep an eye out for those.

This is Yvonne, don't know if this is time I need to bring this up but our session on uncharted waters a question was asked in regard to our recommendation number three about an all digital FDLP, is this the time to bring this up or should I wait for later because I mentioned we would talk about it during the business meeting

We definitely can and there's some bleed over between working groups and discussion and recommendations we may want to make and I think it's definitely appropriate Yvonne and the other thing is we do have to especially approved the digital only the [Indiscernible] if we are moving the recommendations accommodations formally or officially so

I was going to say exactly that's why wanted to bring it up before we did our approval. The question was has there been and has hesitation about moving the recommendation forward and I stated that we would discuss it during business meeting. While let me just say this while I strongly believe that it is time to begin discussing the possibility of an all digital FDLP, I get held some concerns about how it will effect our library as a selected and I'm sure other selected probably have the same concern but nonetheless and I did make a very clear statement that I think this is true in appropriate time for us to began to discuss this possibility. That's a question was posed and I think one of the concerns was as well how would this impact print on demand and also how would this impact the mission of the FDLP and individual member institutions so I wish the DLC can kind of look at this and kind of talk about it thank you.

Thank you Yvonne that's a great tee off and just to remind Council and everyone else attending the third recommendation Yvonne is talking about I will read it quick GPO working with the DLC began to explore and discuss with the FDLP community the possibility of an all digital FDLP to

facilitate the discussion comes further recommends GPO develop a web paper the body what it all digital FDLP or an alternative a primarily digital FDLP might look like the resulting would be shared with Council and the community for comments with GPO supporting on comments at the proper time. Looking more at an all digital FDLP primarily digital FDLP. I believe the link to the report is in the chat as well where you can see the full recommendation and justification and any thoughts from Council based on Yvonne's comment there?

This is Rick I think ultimately it will come down to what we mean by all in terms of there are already depositories that only receive non-tangible items we have tactically all visual and I think if we mean all as and literally all depositories that the formatter and recommendations that it was not our intent that all of them would be only digital is just to put a greater focus on making those materials that can be digitally accessible accessible..

This is William I wanted to comment [Indiscernible] I agree beginning to explore this I don't think there's anything I think it is a great time -- all digital FDLP looks like as pointed out sort of this and going through this process we need to make sure that we ask those questions especially with the FDLP community I mean I see this as really the sport I mean it doesn't really say changing anything in really is just exploring what I think we do need as Yvonne points out be mindful of what the impact would be selected and but from an exploratory standpoint I think it's spot on.

This is Yvonne again and I think one of the operative words as we began to explore that we began to explore the possibility and I think that this certainly is the opportunity time that we began this exploration and also to keep in mind that in our recommendation, we also mentioned about and all digital depository but also we talked about as an alternative or primarily digital FDLP what that might look like I think we should keep those factors in mind. Thank you.

Yvonne this is Jennifer can you give me some more information or examples of what you think the impact might be on selected what are you thinking about?

Well I'm thinking in terms of our print collection -- if it began to be all digital just the overall I guess I'm thinking in terms of the overall impact on our library or selected libraries as a whole as far as print collection .

Are you worried a library parent institution might not see the value of maintaining the print collection is that what you are worried about?

Possibly. Possibly. That is a wealth of information I know in the National collection and those kinds of things but that was something I just wanted to kind of put out there just for us to began thinking in terms of how would it impact us. So we can began thinking about how it would impact selected and that's something I'll give more thought to. If we decide to move this on.

This is Lisa Prichard, I am at a tiny selected and I have some concerns about this some of which have been addressed in the discussions about a possible model for print on demand similar to the way the offers come out where there's a limited number of copies and we are allowed to request them even if they are not in our selection profile. Those are really wonderful opportunities but at a institution like mine, where it is difficult for me to make the community aware of government information, make them trust government information, even the small amount of tangible items that we get really help us promote the digital items and help us promote the FDLP and government information in general and trust in the federal government. So when I can offer park maps or I have people who come in and look at the print copy of the code or our students use the hearings, it gives them a little bit of inside into the complexity of the federal government when most of them have absolutely no experience with most or any government agencies and as a tiny selective, depository and the person who can only do government documents about 20% of my time, that is my concern but if there was a way that we could still support what we are doing, increase get increased help for adding the digital items which is a real challenge for us, and not have to have this collection that dates back to 1984 that is maybe not particularly historically interesting to anyone, I think it is a good time to talk about what that might look like.

And Jennifer's question my concern is that library administrators were trying to make space with all the FDLP digital now dump the print we would need to stress that is not retrospective digitized this is digital going forward. Make that part of the marketing system. And I wonder if that's what we really need to be clear about I see in the chat there's some confusion about what this means moving forward there is no tangible distribution or is only that print on demand and maybe we in this exploration from this recommendation it is trying to figure out what the balance is or striking a balance between libraries that want to get funding -- certain titles and interest or one-off items of interest and have it primarily be electronic material we have the PURLs and someone mentioned digital deposit I think these things are working together but I think to clarify that is what we are talking about here.

And does it have implications on the preservation steward program?

-- Does that need to be pushed more? How would it affect that?

I think since preservation steward for the print there's been comments that look like for electronic and digital deposit in that way but as far as right now steward for print I don't think it would really change any of that. You are just preservation stewards of what you have tangibly and nothing new coming out in tangible form it would not apply I guess thinking about the print on demand part where we have some libraries getting some items but it is not as widespread and it is something else to think about but that was in my first thought.

If libraries are worried that they might not be able to keep their print collections, a preservation steward without help that? That would that help that?

Say that again Jennifer's back I was thinking

I was thinking about what he finds it earlier regarding selected worried about making maintaining print selection would be coming a preservation steward help alleviate that fear? Should you know should more libraries become preservation stewards?

Is that a benefit to the program?

I think that would help for various agencies it certainly would help.

I see in the chat also thinking about various models might look like and again I think that is part of what the recommendation is getting at is exploring how could this work and whether a potential avenue to move towards a more digital FDL program with potentially less tangible so yes emphasizing what Yvonne said this is to explore that to begin to see what that might look like or how it could work. And would make the conversation more clear yes indeed. We don't expect to answer any major questions with the recommendations that we think this is where we need to start thinking.

This is Julie I want to bring up a point in the working group has thought about this but more the unique government documents we get an changeable format a large map things like that that are difficult to use for even impossible to use in a non-tangible format so that something to consider the unique nature of the variety of things that come in through the program that might be lost through distribution if we go digital only.

The civic flashcards have been very popular in my library when we were getting those.

I was thinking about the massive puzzle and things of that nature and the Board that come through that really make depositories unique and obviously would not work well. I don't know about the rest of you but I personally don't really care for using Laura's max in online format and that might be personal preference.

I'm with Julie on the map situation. Because we had people losing a couple maps and can't get them in print any longer but they will take topo maps and put them next to each other and have maybe six or nine or whatever to see the progression which they cannot do online. So we've had needs to retain our topo maps for that reason.

We want to bring this in a little bit and I don't know if potentially if there are any direct thoughts from Council about any edits, any other thoughts about changing the recommendation or if we want to move forward with it, if it is still broad enough that we feel comfortable moving it forward like Cindy mentioned in the chat this is not something that will be [Indiscernible] going to do to get feedback and fielded questions and concerns about this and I guess how is Council feeling about moving forward with the recommendation to explore the option?

I feel we should move forward with this because again we are talking about the beginning to explore this is not the end this is just the beginning to begin to look at what this would look like -- weigh the pros and cons those scenarios that you were bringing up so let's just think about moving it forward so we can began the process of looking at it because if we don't began we will never know what it would look like.

This is Lisa I was on the working group and I as you have heard have many concerns about it but I do think we should begin to answer many of the questions that were articulated in the chat and define what we mean by how we will approach this work include the community so I support the recommendation.

The recommendation we have reservations like no harm in taking a look I support moving forward.

If we discover is not feasible to completely move in that direction it will be useful I think moving along at [Indiscernible]

This is Rick I agree with everything stated if nothing else if we look into this and realized there would be a catastrophic total idea having that report would actually [Indiscernible] library directors when they ask is why isn't this all online so I think even a no response for the report would be useful.

This is Jennifer I agree also I think it is sensible to move forward.

I agree as well I think this is not a new idea it has been around for quite a long time but I think what is interesting at this moment is that we have additional data from the pandemic experience that will help us inform some of our thought processes and others have said it is just the beginning and kind of is starting to think through in a more tangible way so I support moving forward.

Okay what I am hearing positive thoughts moving this forward I think then what we'll do is move it to a vote. Hopefully that is correct. Call for a motion to approve the only depository working group including recommendation and commendation

Thank you Jennifer

I will second. Thank you Marianne and you see hand raise or green checkmark to show you say yay or the red X for Noah. That's for no.

So it looks like that passes. We will be moving those forward to GPO. Thank you Council and thank you so much to the working group for all of your hard work on that report. I know we only have a few minutes left but I just want to go back and make sure we have everything figured out so we have that moving forward and we talked about it sounds like accommodation to GPO for the work depository libraries and say moving the conference in general to a format which is eight feet and we will have accommodation there and we did briefly discuss earlier in the meeting a potential recommendation for potentially open forms moving forward and some type of pandemic support for the libraries are we still in a recommendation like that

[Indiscernible] [Indiscernible - Multiple speakers]

I hear positive support so maybe do a quick vote for Council to see our people agree with that and come up with language for the recommendations and accommodations and submit those to GPO and if you want to show your support for GPO for [Indiscernible] hit the green acts or if not the red -- green checkmark for yes red X for no or raised hand for yes.

Looks like people are in support and report those recommendations accommodations and any other thoughts from Council around conference or other action items for Council?

I like to say this has been a great conference. All of the sessions I attended were excellent. And I think it was overall wonderful thank you.

Agreed Yvonne it has been a great conference. I see we have a minute left and just to remind everyone the wrapup session is coming up next and there'll be plenty of time for attendees for feedback and we will have plenty of time for you to put your thoughts in the chat and we have a few good comments during the session we will report and take a look at and otherwise thank you Council for all your work. Thank you for comments and feedback. And I will move it forward. I don't think we have anything else except a few quick housekeeping the next meeting is in April 21st to 23rd and registration will be in January and [Indiscernible] I think that is it and we have a 15 minute break before a wrapup session and don't know if Kelly as thoughts or anything else to say.

Just one final thought this is the last session in this meeting room so that wrapup session is in the opposite room and thank you.

Thank you so much everybody. See you at the wrapup.

Thank you Alicia.

[Event Concluded]