

Regionals Meeting (REGIL - Regional Government Information Librarians) - Captioning

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Hello, the Regional Government Information Librarians meeting, or the REGIL meeting, will be beginning in 10 minutes. We will be with you soon.

Hello, everyone, we will get started with our regional meeting in 5 minutes.

Hello, everyone, welcome to our regional meeting. As always, put your comments and questions of the chat box and our presenters will respond. We are recording everything, and the recordings will be made available to all registrants via email and on the webpage. I'm going to head over to Jen Kirk to get started.

Hello, everyone, I am Jen Kirk, I'm the regional coordinator for Utah and Nevada and I'm happy to be with you today. Thanks always to GPO and DLC staff to give us time for a specific meeting. I just placed a link in the chat if you're interested in learning more about Regional Government Information Librarians, or REGIL. We are information professionals that are hosting this meeting. To come I am Joan by Arlene Weible in a speakable and many others in chat. It will be structure different than past regional meetings that you may have been part of. Unfortunately, we cannot pass the microphone like we normally would and the Washington ballroom, but we do welcome your comments in the chat. If you'd like to make chats bigger, you can do that by minimizing the panel on the right-hand side and clicking the arrow to the left of the word dispense. Okay. Also, we have much shorter time this year. Use of the meetings or two hours, so we are ready and available to host another meeting should it be necessary. If you like to see just a topic, for us in the follow up meeting, please check in with any of their leadership whose contact information will be available on the deck slide. First, we haven't overview of the information librarians. This group was formed in 2004 to organize the regional library program. We have an archive of information, including the minutes, agendas, and leadership. You can click on that and the chat. Each year, we have meetings. This is a the repository library cancer. We do not have a meeting this year, but we did have a meeting in August. So, your REGIL leadership. Thanks to my fellow leaders for their work this year. We have tried to provide contact and communication with all regional coordinators over the last seven months. So in this meeting, we are encouraging people to share any announcements in the chat. Announcements might be preservation announcements such as shared regional agreements, plans or new preservation agreements, I'm going to skip over the next bullet point and go to to see if anyone is interested in joining REGIL leadership. We will have a vacancy. If you would like to volunteer to become an officer, please contact one of the people on this slide. Okay, also not on the slide, we take minutes of each meeting. I would like to thank Lori Thornton for volunteering for the second euro to take the minutes. Thank you. She's doing that remotely. She also shared the minutes from the October 2019 meeting via the regional listserv. I would entertain a motion to accept the minutes in chat. Thank you. Kate has moved to accept the minutes. Valerie and

Sarah have seconded it. And Bill has seconded it. We have several seconds. Figure. I cannot do a vote, but instead, I'm going to say, if you have a problem, express it in the chat, and if we see none, we will accept it as approved. Thank you. Okay. So, the final announcement that I have for the group is that I would like to create a needs list resources LibGuides. I massive for volunteers who would like to work with this project. This is a follow-up from the meeting. It is how do you know what you don't have and how do we create the needs list. One of the ways we talked about doing that was for those of us that have extensive inventories of significance in their collection, they'd be willing to share that in an open form. If you're interested, volunteer in the chat pod. And I will follow up with you after the meeting. Just for example, we have people who are willing to share some selfless that they have used and a soil survey inventory for anyone who wants to know what they have in soil survey. All right. Now the most important announcement, need to hand over the documents to Lori Hall, who would like to make a announcement specifically to regional coordinators.

Okay. Here I am. Wanted to talk a little bit about some of the regional agreements that we are getting. The regional, the shared regional agreements, we have a couple in play and Cindy has been there as well with Kathy Beyer and folks that submit some interest, we are going back and forth and you know we have a couple already in play, so just wanted to remind folks that we are still open for your interest and different approaches for regional models, so just so that you know about that. And, as am looking forward to find my information sheet, or my pages for what I was going to talk about, think we were talk about, correct me if I'm wrong, we are talking about the regional disposition policy for including new and additional things. We have quite a few things going on. Recently, there were some public papers that were added in. We had announced that there were some more volumes for regionals be able to discard based on the regional discard policy. That is in play. Also, we have, and I think we posted it, that we would like some comments on draft policy for the disposition process when a library is leaving the program and how we coordinate with the regional and other libraries to make sure we do not let things go away from the national collection and we share it without the various people. So, I think those of the two things that I recall. To do, did I miss something? I'm sorry, I'm struggling here to find where I put those pieces of paper to talk about. I will let Cindy make sure I didn't miss anything.

You do not miss anything. And, we did post the draft public policy statement regarding regionals and the ability to select online without having the obligation to select the equivalent tangible, so the length of to that is in the chat and, basically, the purpose is this. Remember, this is still draft, and we have no effective date for this. We are seeking comments, so we are out on FDL P.gov. It is also part of the chat here. The purpose is outreach for the repository library flexibility in providing service in the federal repository library collections. What we are looking at scheduling a webinar post conference to further discuss the draft policy. We don't have time to do it here today. I would like to thank Jen for allowing us to announce this.

Also, thank you, when you said something, he reminded me of something. Cindy was also reaching out to a lot of you, because we just did a really brief little survey that will help tie into this policy change. Where they put the Federal Register or the Congressional record. If you keep

the tangible or if you like to get rid of the tangibles. If you'd like to get rid of the fee, so we just completed a survey about that as well. I think she got in touch with almost every regional, so we have a data, she is just finishing a we will be crunching that detention get with you. So, thank you, Cindy, I think that was part of my presentation this morning about a regional, or a meeting post conference to some of these not substitution, but the ability for regionals to, to not have to select a tangible format. It could be an online version or in a partnership, we are looking at allowing, enabling that option, so, we want to hear your feedback and comments. The information is on FDL.gov. We want to let you know that we're going to have another focus group and a form about that whichever chance to go back and read some of that information and answer questions.

I did hear from all of the regionals except for one, with the survey on the congressional record, so I have been looking through the preliminary results and we will have information for you soon. Abby just posted that of the guidance document, there is the additional materials, and, that is kind of related. Yes. If you have any questions, you all can send them to askGPO or to me.

Some assessed in the chapel you are talking, we are in the process of developing a process and procedure for this whole disposition cycle and how to inform the libraries, get comments, but we have a team that is actually working on that now. We are just not ready for prime time, I suspect. Maybe by January we will have a little bit more together to explain the detailed step-by-step process, so, it is coming. We are just in the early stages. And some of the team members are in F DSS. We are working on some of the disposition process itself. More to come.

Great. Thank you for those important announcements. We look forward to hearing more and we look forward to a future discussion once we have time to review. All right, so today's major discussion topic will be led by Arlene Weible. We would like to entertain your ideas and suggestions for strategies for medications about long-term closures related to the pandemic. Many of us have talked to what we have been doing individually in our organizations. But not necessarily what we have been doing statewide. Or regionwide for multistate groups, so I will turn it over to Arlene.

Thank you. To reintroduce myself again, Arlene Weible and I work at the state library in Oregon and I want, I am kind of the one who raised this issue, because I have great solution to some of these questions, but, I really was very interested in hearing about how other states are approaching the issue of communication about access to collections, and, to communicate about access to collections within the state itself. The issues in my state, and I will share a little bit about what I am noticing a by state, is we have relatively few depository libraries in Oregon. We have just about 20. Within that number, the vast majority are academic institutions and four, I assume this is similar across the country, where the academic institutions, particularly, have, to the degree they have opened the libraries, they have had very restricted access to only campus users, so only students and faculty and, really restricted public access to campus facilities in general, so, I think that is a fairly common across the country during pandemic times, that they are really trying to limit visitors to our facilities. So, the idea that, if that is a

situation that is happening across the state in a majority of depository institutions, how is that information not only getting out to the immediate community that the library serves, but is there an effort to communicate that out a little bit more broadly across the state? And, I know there are so many different kinds of audiences for that kind of information. So, there is the audience of the depositories themselves being aware of who in the state is open to who and who could actually have public users, and by appointment or something like that. So, it is communication among the depository system within the state. Then it is also communication with other libraries in the state, that make referrals to depository libraries. And, the degree to which that communication is happening through the library community generally in the state. Then of course, the challenge of getting that information just out generally to the public. So, basically, the issue is trying to figure out if you have a particular strategy around doing this if what has worked and what doesn't work, and, unfortunately, we are limited to putting answers into chat, so what I will do to come to facilitate this is to just kind of go over what people are putting into chat about their options and maybe ask a few questions to clarify and then, feel free to dive in on the chat asking questions of our colleagues in that kind of thing. So, I will go ahead and start, looks like Angela is talking about what they are doing in Texas. Texas put out a survey and created a map of all library status and closures. All libraries, not just the FDLP depositories. I'm guessing that is something that the state library did in Texas, and I think that is really helpful. It is also, I also work in the state library in Oregon and it is a really hard thing to keep up-to-date. Have attempted several things like that in Oregon and it is a moving target. That is definitely one approach just to try to contribute to whatever statewide effort there is to gather information about the status of open enclosures of libraries. Kate is talking about, I am working, and Kate is in Colorado, or at least, she works for the library in Colorado. I think she is not physically in Colorado anymore, but working to develop a dashboard of some sort the list community no who in the state is open for public access. Yes, and, some kind of Google sheet, that kind of thing. I do think that that is something that the regionals particularly can do, be an aggregator that kind of information. We know that GPO has asked all depositories to put that kind of information into the national directory, but, I do not think there is really a mess opportunity or familiarity with the GPO directory across all libraries to really make that a viable source for local information, and they do think that probably there are some advantages to have that information Moore kept at a local level. Might be slightly easier to keep up-to-date that asking people to keep their GPO directory entry continuously updated. And there is a link to what is going on in Texas in terms of the directory. Selena is asking about the ability to process offers. I think that is a really good question, just a little bit off topic of what we are talking about right at the moment. I think I'm going to see if we can get everybody's conversation about communication strategies about opening, closures, who you are serving, if we can send that topic for now, and then maybe move in, we will probably have time to dive into these other topics as well. And see. Texas shared the survey questions. This is the survey that you send out, that is sent out to libraries to update the information in the directory. If I am understanding that correctly. And then Angela is also commenting that Texas has had library chickens. Again, hosting library, those kind of sessions.'s that what that is, Angela? Like a webinar or online aging where people can share information? So, yes, you did one with Texas. We did a similar meeting like that in Oregon. I cannot quite remember the date, because COVID brain makes you not remember things very well, but I think it was late summer or early fall, and

again, it was mostly just trying to say how everyone is doing. What you are thinking is going to happen, and a lot of unanswered questions about status of having people in buildings and working with collections and that kind of thing, and I think having those kinds of meetings are particularly good and probably a little less of a heavy lift and have more formal training systems and business meetings and soffits however it is doing check in. Think that's another great tool to use in terms of helping with libraries keeping in touch with each other. And, just commiserating together over all the uncertainties that we have out there. And, surveys. Again, people are talking about the value of having surveys to collect information to share. I don't know about some of you, but we kind of have a bit of survey fatigue in our state, and so we are seeing a little bit of nonresponse going on to a lot of surveys, so again, it really depends on the size of your, what you have going on, or the collection, this electives in your states that you know people may have more of a tendency to want to visit in person because of the nature of their collections, so, if it is overwhelming to keep track of every single depository in your state, and gather that information, maybe just trying to focus on the higher use depositories in certain areas, or the collections that you know people regularly rely on to be able to see changeable material and making sure the information is clearly out there. And, talking but use the email distribution list for the depository libraries. Something that I have think about doing in Oregon, and I'm not quite done it yet, but we actually have a statewide email list for the general library community. And, it is an opt in kind of list where not every library is subscribing to it, but it is basically library staff at all levels who are interested in issues in the library community, and so, it has about 2500 people subscribed to it., Think about trying to post something to that list, just to get information out . It is one thing to talk amongst ourselves, and we definitely do want to have a conversation among the regionals to make sure we understand what services are going on, but we need to help the sultanate giving that information out to the broader community if we want people to know what they can refer people to. And I think that is an important thing to be thinking about. Talking about online meetings. Sarah is talking about dropping out and being in touch. I felt that way over the last several months and really wanting to visit with people in person and yes, just that reality, even if there is a time when people feel safer about going to libraries, I've so think it is going to be hard to get out and visit in that kind of consulting role that I think a lot of the regionals play in those site visits. I think, we want to be respectful of other people's space in trying to visit other libraries during this time, I think is something that we really cannot be doing, so, writing ways that we can stay in touch without having that personal touch is a little bit more challenging, but we can't have virtual meetings and email communication can definitely be part of that. Valerie is talking about in Georgia, and saying that a lot of the depositories are actually open and having access to the physical collections. That is great. But, of course that varies very much from state to state in terms of state rules and everything else that goes into the decision-making about why libraries may or may not be open. And, she also talked about her office hours, which I think is a great idea to make it a little bit more casual and more like that in person experience, instead of a more formal meeting. And you can just have people drop in when they have questions. Think that is a great idea. To have a lot of people taking advantage of that, Valerie? The attendance varies.

I was going to say, she said eight out of 22 selective. That is pretty high.

That is pretty high. Yes, those of us in states that you have a lot of select's comment is slightly easier to do that kind of personal touch just direct checking in kind of situations, but, I know that again, different circumstances and different states, means we will have to have different strategies around that. Does anybody, have you given any thought to how to get the word out to the public I have been observing, with my hat as a general library consultant, not just looking at the FDLP world , talking to libraries of all sorts across the state, that there is this beginning perception that libraries aren't really that useful anymore, because they are not open in the buildings, and, certainly, we fight against that, because we talk about all of the virtual services that we are offering. To scholars and we will copy what we need. Those kinds of things. But I'm not sure that is a perception that is out there more generally in the public, so, I just wonder if anybody has any ideas around how we might get the word out about services, even if you can't see or, our wonderful cereals that volumes. Does anyone have any great ideas around that? I do think it is going to be a challenge for libraries in the future to think about how to promote library services that are not so focused on physical space and physical collections, and, I think that is something that is probably one of those long-term impacts of the pandemic that is really hard to think about right now, just because were trying to get through figuring out how to provide services right now and thinking about the future is really hard, I think, particularly right now. But I do think that is something that could have a fundamental change in the way that we provide our services in general, so, that is something I think about, but I do not have any particularly good answers. Tom is sharing, sending out information through state library associations. Yes, getting the word out to the library community, I do think is really something that is a little more realistic in terms of getting information out beyond just the depository community, and I think there are a lot of, if you do have one of these state email distribution lists, I do, if your state library is not a depository library, they may be able to assist you in helping to get information distributed out to libraries. Kathy talks about libraries being open with Wi-Fi in the parking lot and yes, we are doing that in Oregon as well, lots of people are using space around the building if it is not the actual building itself. And, helping. Some states, I know, have definitely put efforts into helping map for those Wi-Fi spots actually are. In their state or in the local community. Definitely the notion that we have opened up people's lives to some of the virtual services that can be offered at libraries like audiobooks and that kind of thing. That is definitely an opportunity to feature some of the virtual services that libraries provide. And, I think, what I see in lots of the public libraries, particularly, have been trying to feature some of those things, so that is something to maybe think about, are there any specific things we could talk about how you can do this without coming to the library, so perhaps there is social media promotion around the specific resources that could also help with getting the word out to a broader public . And then, virtual reference, we have definitely seen a huge desk we have a state hosted system of virtual reference here in Oregon. We've seen a huge up tick in the use of that particular service, so, people are getting library card requests because they are getting the library card so they can access the virtual resources. I think that this is a little bit newer for people working in the public library space then some of the academic libraries, because, you had students accessing the resources and accessing you virtually little bit more, not normal, but that has been going on for a lot longer time, and it was not really a promotional issue in the same way that it was for some of the public libraries. And, doing blog posts about your online collections, focusing your online collections, specific have specialized digitized

collections and that kind of thing, so that is another way to get some interest out there. It is not promoting your services, per se, but looking at the kind of collections that we have and you can get access to, even though we are close, I think that is a great way to do it. So, if there are any other thoughts around the communication issues, we are happy to take them, but we can also shift and just have general open discussion. Let's see. KT is talking about online depository materials on social media. Coloring books is a suggestion for a particular coloring book. Trying things, tying them to elections is, astronauts and being in space. That is a great tie in. And believe me, everybody, I regularly look at library Facebook feeds and everybody's talking about elections right now. Where to send your ballots and that kind of thing, so, yes, any kind of tie in you can with voting, think is a really good emotional opportunity. And, the University of Memphis has done a video that has at least a little segment about govdocs, talking generally about the services trying to get into the greater promotional efforts to talk a little bit about our collections. I think that is great when you have that opportunity to do that. So, these are some great ideas. The general promotional ideas. But, I do think that maybe I will just sort of summarize the discussion and saying that anything that you can do is a regional to reach out to your selected's, even very informal ways, I think is a good idea, and, you know, facilitates sharing of information, but also, this is a time when it is easy to get isolated from colleagues because we do not have as many opportunities to interact, is anything you can do to just make sure people know you are there and can talk to about anything, I think it is a great idea. And, so, communication does not have to be very formal. It can have all of those informal elements as well, but the degree to which I would also say, this is something I think is really important, so I would just emphasize it again, anything you can do to get word out about the status of your collections and the ability to do referrals to depositories in your state, getting them out to the broader library community of your state I think is a very important thing to do, so the degree to which you could do that through state list serves and working with the state library staff, please try to find those opportunities. If you have trouble figuring out who to talk to the state library, that is something I am sure I could maybe help with or some of my colleagues who work in the state libraries, we could maybe help you if you're having trouble getting, figuring out that medication. We can help with figuring out that. We think that we want to maybe shift into the open discussion. Snow we can talk more about how people are handling discards during COVID tie-ins. The degree to which people are accepting discard requests and if you are able to process those requests, and it looks like we have some people that, the folks in Texas and Suzanne in North Dakota, their handling things, as usual. Yes, I do think, you know, that when libraries are closed, may be closed or more close than normal, some libraries, depending on how they are staffed, may find this is good time to get to the weeding projects. So the cases were libraries to have access back to the collections and have that staff timing, may be initiating or weeding projects, and in some cases, there may be more the going on than normal. In Oregon, we have had the exact opposite. Have not have too many people back into buildings and a regular basis, and we know that some library's have started weeding projects but have not gotten back to them. We have not had many discard requests in my statement that will obviously vary across, but it does sound that based on the comments, some people are handling things as they normally would. Talking about maybe modifying the procedures and maybe not doing as close a review as you might normally do during normal times. Just slowing down the process in general, based on what staffing you have available. Yes, I do wonder if, the

notion that, I know, sometimes like my library, I sometimes do not trust exactly what I see in the catalogs, so I put it on the shelf, kind of thing. Less inclined to do that when I do not have as easy access to the collection as it would in normal times, so, I do think that would modify some of the ways that I approach double checking holdings, definitely.. Bill is talking by implementing a statewide LSP. I am not sure that I know what LSP stand force stands for. I'm sure it is something very obvious. Library service platform. And that is in like the context of like a catalog system? I'm still not quite catching this. Shared catalog. There we go. There we go. In Oregon and Washington, and a couple of libraries in Idaho, they also have shared catalog system and the use almost for that. I'm sure that there many people in Oregon and Washington that would give you great feedback about Primeau and Alma in govdocs. I can put you in touch with people if you want to talk to people. So, Gwen is talk about receiving boxes. What are folks experiences with receiving materials? I know, we have started receiving boxes. Not really heard much of about it being a problem, other than that we are starting to receive them again, but thinking that there would be more. I think that is the thing. Keep your was really clear about sending out boxes based on their protocols at GPO in terms of being able to manage workflows on their and, so, it is an on flow basis, rather than everything coming at once, so, I wanted to capture what Alyssa said about Ohio, that she is asking her selective's to just push out discard lists only twice a month and trying to maybe have them focus on particular kinds of materials that are easy for her to review, so I think that is another way to kind of help with hat not having the staffing and play to review discard lists in the same way, so asking selective's to make some modifications to what they're sending to help make that process easier. This is a really good strategy. Certainly, in a temporary situation. So, people are talking at the boxes. They are trickling in. The notion that there is less printing going on during COVID, so, just the volume of publications in general is a lower during this time as well, so that can impact things. And, Lori is talking about stuff really only shipping things two days a week. Angela is asking about if you have signed up to start receiving boxes again, how long does it take for you to start receiving things? And if we have not received them, in the time that we think maybe we should have, is there someone specific at GPO that we should be checking in with or a way to check on the status?

Arlene, this is Lori. I can kind of answer the question. It depends on your selection profile. Remember, we have materials that are sitting there in that warehouse since March, so we are starting with the oldest materials first and getting that through and, so, remember the stuff that usually comes from the GPO plant is the daily issues of the Federal Register, the Congressional record, hearings, etc. As Jamie pointed out, during that time, a lot of material was not being printed, even internally at GPO, there were huge backlogs of material waiting to be published. CFR, papers, etc., because, once again, the people who are printing the material, they have stagger's shift and very few people were in the physical plant producing stuff. Just recently, however, we had come is recalling it, a huge bump from the hill. They were getting ready to go out for the election cycle, and the staff is back catching up and getting material to GPO. And the has been a little bit of an uptick from agencies coming into GPO. Remember, the end of the fiscal year, the agency is like to spend their money on printing budgets, so it has been a lot of those different things all into one big post-COVID distribution.

Right. So, there is not one single cause for slow shipments, and it does sound like Ashley is willing to do some checking. Feels like you should be receiving boxes and you haven't yet, seems like Ashley is willing to talk to about it and do some checking on your status, so, please do. Take advantage of the GPO staff. As always, it has been Mike's breeze. If you're not sure who to go to, just use the outreach email, which is always a great place and they will always respond to their. And, Bill is asking about the recommendations of the select committee on the modernizing of Congress. And, I am sorry, Blaine, maybe before we talk about the modernization, we can talk about Blaine's question, which is about what to do if an institution closes as opposed to just the library dropping out of the depository program, but a whole institution closes down, we certainly have had that happen in Oregon, as well. None of the institutions that are closed down have been depository library's, so we have not had to do with that specific scenario yet, but I do the can is definitely something that we may be seeing. I think that is one of those scenarios that GPO, as they work through processes to help us with disposition of collections as the program, that particular scenario, when the institution closes down, is definitely a scenario that we should be thinking about in terms of those procedures. Mostly, in my experience, a lot of times, things have to happen really quickly about vacating buildings and that kind of stuff, so might be a situation where we have to make quick decisions about how to deal with a collection in a short period of time, so --

Arlene, this is Lori. We have had those situations in the past, where institutions totally shut down. We have had them where they went into receivership. We have had one, the law library, doesn't want to be a depository anymore and we from moving collections to the main library or the opposite, so we have had a lot of the scenarios over the years, so if you have one of those, I suggest you contact Jamie Hayes immediately because we do have some internal processes in place to deal with those kinds of situations and you are right, I expect we will have more of those in the future.

Yes. I think one of the problems of the whole institution shutting down is the access to staff to be able to even know what is going on in the institution itself, because, people get laid off or whatever the scenario is for letting them go, and then the isn't anybody knowledgeable about what is happening with the collection, so communication strategies, I think particularly in that scenario, is something that definitely is a challenge. It looks like those are all the suggestions for you Blaine, and that scenario. So, I guess we could either shift to, if anybody has anything they want to comment on with the modernization bill, we could still have a talk about that, and it looks like Suzanne is asking GPO about when we will get new public papers. I'm not sure I totally understand your question, Suzanne.

This is Lori again. She simply asked about when the next volumes of the public papers are coming in. These are some the big materials that are in the GPO plant. It has to go through printing and binding, etc. Said some of those are things up in the backlogs that are waiting for various parts of the process to construct the volume. Once again, have staggered shifts at GPO, so one week on and one week off, so, those of the things that they are starting to get through the process. I expect that there's a fair amount of stuff that will be delayed because of that, so, I do not know the exact time schedule, but I will see if we can find out when they expect to

come through the entire plant and into the depository stream. I will check on that for you, Susan.

Great. Thanks. So, Bill is wondering about how the reform might impact GPO and production in general. I don't know if there are answers to those questions. I assume, Lori, might chime in if there are.

It is funny, the only thing I've been focused on recently is to make sure that the publication and catalogued and that was my focus on Friday. I am sure that Mr. Halpern has bought so that more than I do, so that is the question. Bill, if you want to send me more detail so I can get that to them directly or we can pass it to the DLC and have them ask Mr. Halpern directly. I can take your entire question here, just email me separately and I will get an answer and I will share it. Like I said, we have gotten into the content yet, I was worried about getting it posted and catalogued. We are going to have to take that question to him.

Yes, David this is the question even for the other GPO staff, in the conference this week, is there any, are there any sessions that are specified to discuss the reform bill?

I don't believe so. That is something that we would like him to address. He came from the hill and this is one of the key things that he is focusing on. I think it could be something that we could ask him to address at a webinar post conference, but as far as we know, I'm looking at it now, --

There is an open forum and I'm not sure if there's a to the specific topic. Part of the goal is to receive information from the community and, they're having an open forum but no particular topic. It could be raised there.

I do think the notion of having a specific session that talks about some of the details of that proposal is a really good idea, and either through the traditional FDLP Academy or if the regionals could host a discussion, I think, I would be happy to help organize something like that if they wanted to do something specifically for the regionals. I don't know. It is more of a general depository program question. I do not know if there specific aspects about impacts on regional so we would want to discuss. And, probably would happen with Congress might be different, depending on what happens on November 3. I totally agree. Now is not the time to anticipate too much in terms of change. Well, to anticipate change, but not anticipate a lot of action in Congress effecting change at GPO specifically. There probably will be some change as a result of November 3. So, yes, does anybody have anything else? I would think that if you think it would be a good idea to have REGIL host a meeting related to the modernization bill, if you could chime in now, that would be great, and we could take that feedback and maybe look at scheduling something, or, if you think we will just let GPO handle that through FDLP Academy, and you have opinions about that, just let us know. Again, going back to, I'm going to flip us on the part. These are all the contacts for regal leaderships. So if you have specific ideas, it's really about that or any other kinds of discussions of programming that you think would be good for us to have, particularly at the regional level, feel free to reach out to any of us to talk

about that. Let's see. Also, again, if you're interested in helping to organize any of those kinds of events, we are looking for a replacement for amelia, who is still on the job, but she is phasing out, so, certainly, this is not an immediate need, but definitely if you are interested, feel free to reach out to one of us to talk about that. We are getting close to the end of our our. Does anybody have any last thoughts or ask questions they want to get out there? Jen, any last thoughts?

I'm good. Thank you, amelia, for your service.

Definitely.

It is fun. Being on REGIL, you can read check going by really fast . It is really great, and, in some ways, it is kind of fun. We are also used to doing virtual meetings these days, where people are talking over each other sometimes and it can be kind of hard to take the social cues from the verbal interaction, so it is almost refreshing to have that interaction just be in the chat format, I think I am appreciate this is a way to help communicate instantly help document ideas, so the nausea notion that we could use the chat to go back and look at the discussion without having to take extensive notes is definitely part of what is good about this kind of meeting, so, I don't see, thank you for allowing GPO to make the draft policy announcement is always. Would love to hear what is on people's minds in terms of new policies, so thank you for giving us something to look forward to looking at. Thank you to everyone who participated in today's discussion. Unless anybody has anything else, we will go ahead and call it a day. Thank you, Jen, for helping to get this session organize, we will see each other at meetings later in the conference. Thank you, everyone.

Thank you both. 4:45, we will be back in this room with USA.gov and in the other room with our session on teleworking student assistance and what kind of assignments to give them. We will be back at 4:45. Thank you.
