

Welcome & DLC Business Meeting – Transcript of audio

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Hello, everyone. Welcome to the Spring 2023 Depository Library Council Virtual Meeting. My name is Kelly Seifert. Before we get started I will run through a few logistics with you. We encourage you to check your comments in the chat box at the lower right-hand corner of your screen. We are recording the entire meeting and all registrations will receive links and they will be available in our Academy training repository. We have two days of Rich programming headed your way. Without further ado please welcome our depository Counsel library chair, Lisa Prichard to officially call us to order.

Welcome, everyone, as chair of the depository library counsel I call to order the spring 2023 meeting of the depository library counsel I would like to begin by introducing my colleagues on the depository library counsel Kelly, can you advance the slide. Thank you. Can you hear me okay?

You sound good, Lisa.

Okay, thank you. With terms ending this year in 2023, Rick Mikulski at William & Mary libraries, Jennifer Morgan at Indiana University Mauer school of law, Julia Ezzo, Michigan State University library. Renée Bossman at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. Vicki Tate at University of South Carolina. With the term ending next year in 2024 Valerie Glenn at Virginia Commonwealth University. Jennifer Kirk at Utah State University. Richard Lighter at the University of Nebraska College of Law. Allen Moy, DePaul University College of Law and Amy Quinn at Northern Arizona University, Yuma campus. With terms ending in 2025, Suzanne McCarroll, government information librarian North Dakota State University libraries. Haley Johnson head of the government documents Louisiana State University libraries. Amy Laub University of Kentucky. Robert Mead from Washington state law library and Kelley Smith UC San Diego.

I thank you for your service this year and a couple words for our community before I get on to our other presenters. On behalf of the DLC we are happy to have you joining us and for those of you who are new, the spring meeting shorter and virtual and typically focuses on the business of counsel, whereas the fall meeting is held with the federal repository library conference. It has more sub to community participation. If you are new that's the difference between the two that's helpful to know. Today we have two sessions responsible by committee and working group members. Both sessions were created by response to request made by attendees at last fall's meeting. Those sessions are speaking my language, providing government information in multiple languages and that the LP collection management basics. Thank you to DLC for providing these sessions. Tomorrow, we are delighted to celebrate 50 years of DLC meetings with a special panel representation by former back members who served from the 1980s to the 20 tons. That presentation called to serve youthful and salutary purpose, a look at 50 years of the depository library counsel will provide a look back to community engagement and the repository counsel. I am thankful to that panel for providing this session and I am really looking forward to it. Also tomorrow we have a session about the University of Michigan high school project on Webb use and ability. We are happy this students chose to make this project part of their class and welcome them to our meeting. We will close out tomorrow by finishing our business meeting with reports from the subcommittee and working groups. These reports will give you a small idea of the tremendous work that the depository library Council members, those working groups, GPO and members of the community have accomplished. As you join us for a meeting, you will see the useful and salutary purpose of the DLC continues on behalf of the federal repository library program, and all those we serve. The importance of our individual and collective work provide free ready access port information to be celebrated this year and every year. In some ways the task of directing users to government sources to become more complex we have new opportunities for connections and access.

And our task is simply to make government information freely available at depository libraries. Whatever your role in this effort you help to make the vision of America informed reality. Thank you for that. And now, back by popular demand I will let you introduce yourselves with our popular map introduction. Kelly will explain how this works. Kelly?

Okay. In the next slide you will see a map of the United States. For our participants who are on a computer, this won't work for a tablet or a phone. On the computer in the upper left corner toward the top is a gray menubar. The left most menu option is an arrow that points to the right. You click once to activate this tool. Then when you see your location on the map place your marker and click once you are finished noting the map location you can click that same arrow again to turn off your tool.

That's fun to see and thank you for introducing yourselves. This is a popular introduction at these meetings. All over the place. So thank you and welcome. A see some familiar names and I appreciate you taking time to be here that's awesome. Thank you. There are still a few trickling in. All right. Thanks, everyone. Welcome. Now it is my pleasure to introduce and welcome GPO director Hugh Nathaniel Halpern, the 28th to lead GPO since the agency opened its doors on March 4th, 1861. The U.S. Senate confirmed Mr. Halpern on December 4th, 2019 and we have been fortunate for his leadership since then. Welcome, Mr. Halpern.

Thank you, Lisa and thanks to everybody. I apologize I am not on video. We have been having some technical difficulties today. It is great to be back to help kick off another spring DLC virtual meeting. We just ended National Library Week and we are always excited to partner with our library community. GPO has worked in conference with at the LP libraries for 128 years and we look forward to continuing this strong relationship. As always, we appreciate all of you and the work you do every day to help ensure an America informed. Let's first extend a welcome to our newest DLC members whose terms begin June 1st. You may have seen the news alert last week announcing their appointment. When Sinclair from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Angela Kent from the Houston public Library, Joshua Pennell, from Colgate University. Angela Pennell from the Illinois State University. And Sarah Erickson from the University of Florida. Welcome to the DLC and we all look forward to working with you. Speaking of the DLC and want to thank the current members of their work examining key issues for the program prefer the needs of underserved populations and key technologies needed to sustain a digital of WVLT into the future. This is important work and we are grateful for your contributions. There is very exciting work happening here at JPL. We are pleased to implement the law and may congressionally mandated reports more easily accessible for legislators and the public. Our GPO team is already at work consulting stakeholders such as house and staff, the Library of Congress, and the office of management and budget. The new submission projects for federal agencies and the club invoked congressionally mandated reports collection will be live by December 23rd so we will have a lot of work to do between now and then.

As always, we keep you informed with our progress throughout 2023. I'm happy to report GPO is in good shape financially. For FY 2022 we had \$1.1 billion in total revenue that only the third time in GPO's history that we have achieved revenue over \$1 billion. In so far this year we are doing very well. We are ahead of where we were the same time last year with 490 \$.3 million in total revenues. Our GPO teammates are ready to continue our hard work for you and the public the public wants and needs our products and services MS enabling us to grow. Overall, we hired hundred new GPO teammates this year. We are on track to hire more staff this year than he did last year. Finally I want to take a moment and recognize the behind-the-scenes work in elysee am in the office of the superintendent of dockets in planning the implementation of a digital of PLT. Following the report our teammates began mapping current and future action items and planning next steps. Scott will be giving you more details in just a few moments. I want to stress how important this work is to a strong future for the F DLP. Thank you all for being with us here today. This will be as collaborative and productive as always. With that, over to you, Scott.

All right. Thank you, Hugh. And thank you to you all for taking the time to join us today and tomorrow as we hear about the important work that counsel has been engaged in to support our F DLP. Outlining core technical leads for our future success. This is work the depository Library Council has been doing for 50 years and has helped the program immeasurably over those decades. I want to update on how we are working to respond to the task force on a digital FDLP. The task force submitted their report last year and the director Halpern responded in February. DPL focused on the work and moving information forward at the same time. You may have noticed, that there is a new big orange button on the FDLP homepage that links to a new digital FDLP page. This page has key information in the list, a long list of projects and changes that need to be tackled to move us forward to a digital FDLP. It was a report put a few items on hold for later and even one that is marked complete. Because our transition to a digital F DLP has been under waste for years now remember GPO Access act in 1994 and we have been and the at this before and many items will not seem new to you or be a surprise. Many of you know that some of the work that is in progress and that we are working on today. But this list will surely adjust over time will help keep us focused on successful changes and provide you with transparent views into what we are working on for GPO for you and your patrons. I hope you will take the time to review this page frequently and perhaps share it with your colleagues so they can see the range of changes and provide their input as well. Remember this will evolve over time. Sharing your feedback early will help us stay on track. More on this to come but just as we saw many of you at a CRL this winter you will see GPO at ALA and AA double L this summer. You'll have more updates to provide us with your input and feedback at those meetings. I want to remind everyone that even as we talked to moving to a digital F DLP. I made them put this at the top of the page, you will see increased flexibilities for libraries and all kinds of new things that we can do, which is great. Your physical collections remain a vital component of our shared national collection. Or the named rules apply and talk to your leader. Be aware changes are coming to FDLP this summer. Small changes rolling out. Exchange 1.1 and more coming later was 1.2 BRIC you will see the invite with an inspirational Webinar on May 4th. There will be a brief week or less and there will be more detailed communications with FDLP news and events. More of these updates were shared in the preconference session. A lot of detail on what our folks in L as CM have been working with and if you want to hear that recording or want to share with someone at your library it is available to you now. 1-one dij last note, you will hear more about this tomorrow in the business meeting. The working group on unique challenges, underserved populations and depository libraries will at the request be continued so this important work becomes a regular part of what counsel focuses on. I'm looking forward to a great meeting today and tomorrow to hear about what our energetic counsel has been working on this year, after 50 years of counsel work before them and I look forward to welcoming our new councilmembers whose terms start in June at the end of the meeting. Without further ado I will handle back over to our chair, Lisa Prichard.

Thank you, Scott. We appreciate all your kind words and all that information. And the resources where folks can go and find additional information. Thank you for that. It is time to move on to the business portion of our meeting. That will begin with our secretary, Renée Bosman. Renée?

Hi, all. I am going to start by calling role for counsel. When I call your name please unmute and say that you are here.

[Roll being called]

So we have a Quorum. The next thing I am going to do is introduce our fall 2022 meeting minutes. These were shared with counsel ahead of time, I also put the link in the chat for others. These are available on the FDLP website. Would anyone make a motion to approve the minutes?

This is Haley. I motion to approve.

And a second?

This is John, seconded. And we can approved by unanimous consent. I will pass it on to Lisa now, thank you.

Okay, old business during the fall meeting and conference we heard from a lot of depository coordinators and other folks who work in the depository library and there were questions on counsel about mentorships, especially in the age of virtual meetings. Out of that meeting came a recommendation. Here is that recommendation. DLC recommended that counsel GPO investigate and report on models that connect subspecialists mentoring in furtherance of the recommendation. You can read the whole recommendation on the website if you would like to do that. We do give some justification for why we would like an investigation of new models of mentorship. But we transmitted that on December 5th, 2022 and we heard back from GPO with their response. Library systems and content management will commit federal depository library staff and resources during FY 2024 to explore further models for consideration including collaboration with community members, external organizations and reporting to work. So the response from director Halpern and we thank you for that can be read in its entirety in the website. That is old counsel business we just wanted to bring to your attention. Let us know if you have any questions about that. And we look forward to hearing from GPO about what their investigation reveals. Now we move on to new business there are a few items. The first item is new business. The letter that was sent to director Halpern on behalf of the community several depository library councilmembers brought up in our information sharing call the fact they were hearing from depository coordinators who were confused or concerned about a variety of local ordinances and state laws that were being passed regarding certain sorts of content that might be in the library, including some content that could be in the federal depository program collection. So we were getting a lot of questions about this. We really did not know how to best respond. We knew we needed a response from GPO to provide us some guidance and look further into this issue. In the middle of April, along with my fellow councilmembers, we drafted a letter and sent this letter to director Halpern requesting GPO provide guidance to libraries about these local and state ordinances and how they might impact our obligation to fulfill our duties that are part of the federal depository library program to provide information to our users, regardless of age. And they might conflict with some of these laws. You will hear more about that later and we look forward to guidance from GPO on that issue. Thank you to all of you who reached out who had questions and concerns. This is just an example of the kind of work that the Council does on behalf of all of us. We might feel like to we are facing this in isolation and figuring out if it were attention for the whole community so thank you for that. Our next item is new business. We want to report we finished the year in 2021-'2022 finished the project and it is available and hope to make this an annual report. It is something that DLC used to create and produce then there were several years where there wasn't this concise documentation of the work in DLC. We wanted to bring that back as a celebratory act. But also just a thing on to some of the institutional knowledge. That report is out there and you can look forward to the 2022, 2023 sometime in the summer or fall. I encourage you to look at that if you want to know the activities of the Council and details. Another new publication and new product that depository library counsel has been working on, the idea of our incoming chair, a new member guide or information guide. There was something like this before. We thought it would be a nice opportunity to introduce this as part of the 50th anniversary celebration. It will just be an on boarding guide and a reference guide to help orient new members of counsel to all the different things that happened in the timeline and the different working groups and some history and the Council continues from 1 year to the next it is important to capture some of that work and make sure that the fact that it is ongoing is documented somewhere. That information guide is in the final stages of being formatted and it will be available before the end of May. And the final new business is acknowledgment of the 50th anniversary of the depository library counsel's meetings and appreciation for everyone who has served on this as part of the 50th anniversary we wanted to make sure we captured some of the experiences and memories and accolades for federal councilmembers that we had often heard out in the community. The survey was sent and many of you participated in that. There will be a link to those responses. We even got one today. Thank you for that. The survey itself the link was

close but we have another way or multiple ways for you to continue giving us your feedback and your memories and tell us what your experience was on counsel so that those can be captured and preserved. I believe we will continue taking responses in 1-one dij way or another and there are some instructions in what we have included in the meeting information about how to get those to us. So thank you for that. I think the responses and the work of counsel really points out how important our voices are. The new working group, the unique challenges and underserved communities. That work is so important to bring smaller institutions and institutions that are typically in the conversation into the work that we do. And I think we can all celebrate that. We all know how important it is. A lot of the work we've been doing this year has direct ties to the work that came so many decades before. In addition to our panel discussion tomorrow and remembrances that we have captured for you we really just want to lift up and celebrate the work of DLC and all those that we represent. And that concludes the new business portion of the meeting. And now I will open the floor for nominations for the 2023-2024 depository library counsel secretary. Are there nominations?

this is Jen Burke I would like to nominate Haley Johnson to serve for the 2023-2024 counsel.

Jen, thank you. Haley Johnson was nominated to serve as counsel secretary for the 2023-2024 term. Are there any other nominations? And I know Haley has agreed to serve. Thank you, Haley for that. If there are no other nominations and no objections we will approve the nomination of Haley Johnson for the 2023-2024 DLC Secretary by unanimous consent. Congratulations, Haley. Thank you.

Now we have some time, we have some time for open discussion from councilmembers. I'm going to open the floor. DLC members, is there anything you would like to discuss? Would you like to discuss any of our business or old business?

This is Jen. I just wanted to say thank you, Lisa for presenting all the new business. It shows our commitment to membership and increased how transparent we are and we welcome feedback from the community and what we are talking about and how we operate and thank you.

Thank you, Jen. Thank you for all your ideas to help create these and all the work and we had a lot of help from the GPO. Counsel, any other thoughts or anything else about new business that you want to bring to attention as a counsel or community?

Lisa, this is Rob.

I would like to thank Director Halperin and Scott Ford approving the ongoing project to better serve underserved populations.

I'm happy they approve those before the meeting even got started.

This is Jenna. I want to thank them for their continued support and extend the thanks to Amy and Alan, our two councilmembers cochairing that group currently as well as working group members. They've done a lot of work. I am looking forward to what will come in the future.

I am here. Amy is not on the call. Again, thank you for all of your hard work. It took a lot of work to pull this together Burke I think are up to the task so thank you all.

Thank you, Alan and Amy. It has been interesting work and good work. I know everyone is interested to hear what comes out with the next phase of that working group. Thank you so much. I think it cannot be overstated how much work goes into each of those working groups were the subcommittee and how many people are participating. We scratched the surface but I encourage everyone to turn into the working group report if you want to hear how some of that work has transpired and what their next steps are. It is interesting and definitely has an impact on the entire community. Thank you all. And I do think GPO has been responsive to our request for either the continuation of the working group or request for more information about membership and mentorship. We appreciate the responsiveness to things we are hearing out in the community and things we know are needed based on our own experience and our own library and we appreciate that. Anything else that anyone wants to discuss from new business? Or old business? I want to thank Renée Bosman who will be cycling off of counsel. She and John were very passionate about the idea that mentorship is something that kept coming up in the

community and would be helpful to have a formal look at with guidance from the community. And, again, I mentioned it in the beginning. Our two sessions after the break today came out again of the fall meeting and attendees were asking for more information on providing government information in multiple languages thank you to our data collection and discovery services subcommittee for organizing that panel and for the participants who will share with us the resources and then the F DLP 101, there were a lot of questions about practices and procedures and workflows and tools that help people manage their collection. Again, that was a direct response from attendee questions. I encourage you to come and listen to that. I shared it with my colleague. I think she will turn in because she helps me a lot with the big projects we do. Even though we are tying, it's still a big project, no matter what anything else from counsel?

I cannot see chat. Is there anything in chat?

It's just all thanks. I don't see questions. Congratulations for Haley. Suzanne reports that the two proposed sponsorship bills have passed and are now law. More thanks for GPO staff and kudos to Q cup. I think the work has happened so there is a lot in the sessions that can be learned about the work that has happened this year and what is to come. I don't know that there is a lot more discussion that needs to take place.

Agreed. We will look forward to the presentations coming up.

Yes. Kelly? Can we go ahead and break early?

Hi, Lisa, yes. Our next session is 2:15 Eastern time and it's called speaking our language. The session will be taking place in the same room so you can hang out here with us and we will be back with you shortly. Thank you, Kelly.