

## **2016 June Report      Committee: Advisory Committee on State Documents**

Librarians at most of the Tennessee State Depositories (Memphis Public Library, Tennessee Legislative Reference Library, Tennessee State Library and Archives, University of Tennessee, Knoxville and University of Memphis) have agreed to serve on this committee for 2016-17. They responded to the Chair's request for input on issues/problems with Tennessee state documents. Some of the major concerns were:

1. TCA 12-6-108 which stipulates that publications/documents/reports from—the general assembly, supreme court/other required courts, officers of committees of the general assembly/other committees, any authority/official of the state—be sent to the State Depository Libraries is not being upheld by state agencies/officials as it should. In addition, HB 1492 was introduced to make it clear that 'any' report sent to 'any' part of the General Assembly be sent to the Legislative Library.
2. Electronic documents are disappearing from agency websites. Using Archive It to crawl state agency sites and store the archives on their servers is only a partial solution.
3. Documents flip-flopping between paper and electronic versions (that often disappear) poses a problem for libraries who want to preserve the entire body of stated documents.
4. It is sometimes hard to find cataloged records for born digital Tennessee documents .
5. Need improved communication between State Depositories.
6. Communicate to libraries across the state about what the State Depositories do/what services and materials they provide. Cooperating with TLA (possibly having a web-page on state depositories on the TLA site?) might be a good way of doing that.

At Susan Jennings' request, the Chair met with Susan Jennings, Richard Groves, Ruth Kinnersley, Chuck Sherrill, and Heather Lanier on June 6, 2016, while at the Tennessee Library Association's Annual Conference (Kingsport, TN) to explore the future of the Advisory Committee on State Documents. Some key observations/conclusions were:

- The Chair communicated some of the issues with state documents, the major one being that agencies and entities did not regularly submit copies of documents to State Depository Libraries.
- It was pointed out that the Advisory Committee could bring forward a recommendation to the TLA Board of Directors to communicate with appropriate stakeholders at the state level the importance of sending documents regularly to the State Depositories.
- A strong suggestion was made to fold the Advisory Committee's work into that of TLA GODORT since the guidelines of TLA GODORT are inclusive of all types of documents—Federal, State, and Local.
- The Chair pointed out that although not impossible, this arrangement would be awkward because all of the TLA GODORT business heretofore comprised of Federal documents and Federal documents librarians and it may be cumbersome to include Tennessee State documents work as well.
- It was decided that the Advisory Committee be functional for one more year before revisiting any changes that may need to be made.

Members:

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Anne Whitver—Tennessee State Library and Archives  
Greg March—University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
Alan Stewart—Memphis Public Library

Respectfully submitted,  
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