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## Message from the President

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This September marks an important transition for DIGOR that far exceeds the installation of a new president and a new slate of officers. DIGOR is now officially affiliated with the Oregon Library Association as a roundtable of that organization. This opens up great opportunities for us to expand our membership and the level of involvement beyond the core of dedicated documents librarians that has served this organization so well over the years. It also presents us with significant challenges in adjusting to a new environment within OLA and keeping up the high quality of programs and activism that has been the hallmark of the independent DIGOR or the past. I am confident that our organization has the vitality to meet these challenges and take advantage of the opportunities, and I look forward to working with all of you over the coming year to make our entry into OLA a successful one.

Just as our organization is undergoing a major change this year, the field of documents librarianship itself continues to experience major changes based on the rapid implementation of electronic methods of disseminating information. This is not news to any of you, of course: we have been dealing with these issues for several years now. What has been most encouraging to me is how well our profession has met (and continues to meet) these challenges. While critics in the media and the computer industry continue to question the relevance of libraries and librarians in an age of networked information, I am constantly reminded of how much we are still needed to guide people to the government information they need. Every day on the reference desk I have the opportunity to help someone find important data they are seeking, using both Internet sources and traditional print media. Sometimes users know their subject but don't understand how to use the technology; sometimes they are quite savvy about using computers and the Internet, but don't know

enough about government to know what they should be looking for; and sometimes they know quite a bit about both policy making processes and the technology, but just can't quite put their virtual "finger" on the exact information needed. In each instance, the help of a professional intermediary (that's us!) provides just that extra assistance needed to connect citizen to government. And this doesn't even begin to address all of the "behind the scenes" work we do to make government information more accessible: cataloging, writing finding aids, creating web pages, etc. The importance of the job we do does not diminish with the expanded use of the Internet, it grows.

DIGOR's year of transition starts with our September meeting in Bend. Cam MacIntosh from the U.S. Bureau of the Census will be joining us to talk about changes we can expect in the 1997 Economic Census and the 2000 Census of Population and Housing. Gwen Newborg will report on the Regional Depository meeting in Minneapolis, and we will discuss plans for the upcoming year. I hope each of you will make a special effort to attend this important meeting.

## NEXT DIGOR MEETING

**Sept. 26, 1997**  
**Central Oregon Community College**  
**Bend, Oregon**

### Agenda

**11:00 am – Business meeting**  
**12:30 pm – Lunch**  
**1:30 pm – Cam MacIntosh, Census Bureau**

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**Local Area Data for Oregon: Bibliography of Sources:  
Additional entries for Oregon state government  
publications**

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The following entries are additions to a 1995 bibliography, Local Area Data for Oregon, which is available at this location:  
<http://oregon.uoregon.edu/~govdocs/sources.html>. We intend to include these, along with additional sources from federal agencies, and--most significantly--links to Internet sites, in a new version later this year. Ted Smith and I would appreciate any suggestions for items to include, especially web sites with useful information specific to local communities in Oregon. You may send comments by e-mail to Tom Stave or Ted Smith (tedsmith@oregon.uoregon.edu).

Annual Report of Fire Incidents in Oregon. 2 vols. (one is Appendix). Oregon. State Fire Marshal. Po/F51.1.

*Data by county and fire district for total fires, rescues and other incidents, with detailed breakdowns and costs by ignition cause for counties only. Appendix provides much fuller detail at the state level.*

County Profile of Risk/Protective Factors (individual volumes for each county). Oregon. Dept. of Human Resources. Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs. 1997. HR/AL1.749/[county]

*61 indicators of risk of adolescent drug, tobacco and alcohol use, with comparisons to other counties and the state mean.*

Economic Impacts of the Oregon Travel Industry 1991-1995. Oregon. Tourism Commission. (Prepared by Dean Runyan Associates) 1996. ED/T64.2Ec7/3.

*Data by county on travel expenditures, travel-related employment and payroll, and tax revenues attributable to travel, 1991-1994.*

Environmental Radiological Surveillance Report on Oregon Surface Waters, 1961-1993. Oregon. Health Division. Radiation Protection Services. 1994. 2 vols. HR/H34.7.En8/2:961-93.

*This report documents the impact of worldwide atmospheric nuclear weapons testing and Hanford discharges on Columbia River, coastal and inland surface waters. 31 sampling sites are reported, in the Columbia, Snake, Willamette, Klamath and Coastal river basins. Volume 2 contains the unsummarized data tables.*

Health Risk Factors in Oregon: County and Regional Estimates based on data from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System 1989-1994. Oregon. Health Division. Center for Health Statistics. 1996. HR/H34.7H34/3

*Data by county on health risk factors such as seatbelt use, use of tobacco and alcohol, hypertension, cholesterol levels, diabetes, physical fitness, (for women) breast exams, mammograms and pap smears, and (for seniors) immunizations for influenza and pneumonia.*

Long-term Population and Employment Forecasts for Oregon. Oregon. Dept. of Administrative Services. Office of Economic Analysis. 1997. Ad.7P81

*Population and employment forecasts in 5-year increments through 2040, with average annual growth rates, by county. These forecasts employed a broadly based methodology, using demographic, economic and regional review teams drawn from state, regional and local governments and higher education.*

Occupational Wages and Benefits in Workforce Quality Region.... Oregon. Employment Dept.

Em.7Oc1/3:[region number] Dates vary.

*Based upon surveys of employers of selected occupations, data on average wages, position fill periods, union status, benefits, and recruitment methods and problems. Survey data are reported for an occupation only if more than two employers responded from that region; thus some occupations are not reported in some regions. Surveys are conducted in phases, beginning in 1994. By the end of 1996, 11 of the 15 regions had been surveyed.*

Oregon Environmental Radiological Surveillance Report on Oregon's Terrestrial Environment, 1961-1993.

Oregon. Health Division. Radiation Protection Services. 1996. HR/H34.7En8/3.

*Measurements at selected locations of radionuclides in milk (9 locations), groundwater (30 locations), air (12 locations), soils (16 locations), terrestrial vegetation (17 locations) and precipitation (7 locations).*

Oregon Resident Labor force, Unemployment & Employment. Annual. Hr/Em7r.7R31.

*Monthly and annual average unemployment, and employment by industry groupings (based upon Standard Industrial Classification), for Metropolitan Statistical Areas and non-metropolitan counties. Revised sets of data for each year are republished annually for several years.*

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## Internet Resources Review

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### CenStats

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CenStats, the Census Bureau's new web-based subscription service at <http://www.census.gov/aprd/www/censtats.html> provides access to several databases of demographic and economic information. The site currently has seven databases. More will be added in the future, but for now the list includes:

- Annual Survey of Manufactures - Provides manufacturing data by 3-digit SIC code for individual states and multiple years.
- Census Street Tract Locator - Identifies the Census tract number for any address, and provides links to demographic data for that tract from the 1990 Census.
- Consolidated Federal Funds Report - Details amount of all Federal expenditures at the state, county and municipal level. Includes grants, salaries and wages, procurement contracts, direct payments for individuals, and direct loans.
- County Business Patterns - Industry and employment data by 4-digit SIC code for states and counties.
- USA Counties - Demographic and statistical information by county.
- U.S. International Trade Statistics - Exports, General Imports, and Imports for Consumption for current month and year-to-date with the function to compare the prior year.
- Zip Code Business Patterns - Industry and employment data by 4-digit SIC code for any zip code in the U.S.

While there is a wealth of information on CenStats and much of it easy to access, the interface is somewhat uneven and can be confusing at times. Some of the databases are straightforward and easy to use. USA

Counties, which is a sort of "Statistical Abstract" for counties, is one of the best on the site. After selecting the county you are interested in, you can choose from dozens of tables of statistics on anything from age to crime to education. It is also very easy to select a variable and compare the statistics for all the counties in a given state. One drawback is the lack of keyword searching. With over 70 tables, it would be useful to be able to search for text within them to identify specific variables.

Another easy-to-use database is the Census Street Tract Index. This is an incredibly simple but useful source that allows you to type in an address and find out what tract it is located in. There are also links that take you directly to the demographic statistics from the 1990 Census for that tract. There is a glitch in the searching, however. To search for a street, you must include N, NW, SW, etc., if it is actually a part of the street name. Therefore N Main Street is filed under N for north, not M for Main.

Other databases are less easy to use. The more complicated ones have many more options, which are not always clearly explained. For example, when viewing a table from the Annual Survey of Manufactures, you can change the SIC code and/or the state displayed. You can also change it to display multiple SIC codes for the same state, or multiple states for the same SIC code, and you can change the date of coverage at the same time. This is very powerful function, but it could be more clearly labeled. You may have to select several different tables before discovering the one you need. Other problems include mislabelling of columns in the Zip Code Business Patterns database. In some tables the zip code column heading is "SIC code" and cities are labeled "SIC description."

CenStats provides access to a several useful reference sources--but at a cost. Federal Depository Libraries receive a free subscription, but for non-depositories a single user account is \$125 per year, significantly less than the cost of buying all the databases on CD-ROM. For site licenses the costs ranges from \$750 to \$2500 per year. Another factor to consider is that some of the databases are freely available elsewhere on the web. USA Counties and Consolidated Federal Funds Reports are on the Government Information Sharing Project web site (<http://govinfo.kerr.orst.edu>) and County Business Patterns is at the University of Virginia's Social Sciences Data Center (<http://www.lib.virginia.edu/socsci/cbp/cbp.html>).



## Global Search Engine for Oregon Government Web Servers

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Now you can do a global free text search of all Oregon state government agency Web sites, using the new search engine operated by the State Library. It's like an Oregon government version of Alta Vista, at URL: <http://index.osl.state.or.us:8080>

The State Library uses the "Phantom" search engine to index all state governmental public access Webservers. Phantom is a "robot" indexer, which automatically accesses pages on a defined list of Webservers, and then indexes them. The software can also be set up to do repeat indexing scans on a fixed cycle, such as monthly, weekly, etc.

There were some 65 state government Web servers covered by the robot indexer, as of mid-July, 1997. The State Library is working with agencies, to customize and define a regular update indexing rotation schedule.

Phantom performs unfielded full-text searches, using a relevance ranking sort based on the similarity or agreement of the retrieved documents to the words contained in your original query. It has "all" (AND) and "any" (OR) Boolean searching, but does not offer phrase or proximity searching, nor the Boolean NOT operator. Phantom does have a "Find similar pages" search, to find pages similar to a document you've judged to be relevant. (It's sort of a slow search, but it's handy.)

Phantom uses radio buttons or checkboxes to set up the engine for specialized search conditions such as phonetic search; "begins with" searching (truncation); and a selection of several date or "new item" ranges. Default searching uses the global index, but you can also use check boxes to limit searching to individual servers.

Other checkbox selections limit searches to Web page titles or page headers, or to specific URLs. This can be handy in limiting the retrieved set to pages that are "really" about your topical search. The state agency Webmaster group is also planning to use HTML "Meta" fields to contain natural language and synonym descriptors, and possibly adopting a limited controlled vocabulary. This will really help, since the Meta fields are in the "page header" search, along with titles. For an

example of this, try searching for "lottery," with the checkbox clicked for Page Headers.

Phantom software is produced by Maxum, Inc. (Home page at URL: <http://www.maxum.com>). It is available for Windows 95, NT, and Macintosh platforms. Phantom is a relative bargain among commercial search engine packages, running at \$395 (commercial) and \$276.50 (educational). Products such as Excite, Open Text, and Alta Vista are priced in the four and six figures ranges, for commercial, supported versions.

The state webmaster group is working to add the Phantom global search link to many or most of the state's Web sites. Some will also be adding a link which will automatically "search this site only."

### ✂ ANNOUNCING A NEW LISTSERV ✂

**ST-DOCS-L** is a discussion group of state document depository administrators and other individuals interested in exchanging ideas about the challenge of moving from paper or microform distribution and preservation of state documents to electronic formats for state government information.

TO SUBSCRIBE to the ST-DOCS-L list, send an email message to:

[MAJORDOMO@NCSL.DCR.STATE.NC.US](mailto:MAJORDOMO@NCSL.DCR.STATE.NC.US)

Leave the "Subject:" line of the message blank. In the body of the message, type

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If your subscription request is successful, you will receive an email message:

- \* confirming your subscription
- \* showing how to send messages to other subscribers
- \* explaining how to remove yourself from the list

The ST-DOCS-L listserv is hosted by the State Library of North Carolina.

**DIGOR'S Web Page**

<http://nemesis.willamette.edu/digor>

**CHECK IT OUT!**

## Regional Depositories Librarians Meeting Report

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The Regional Depository Librarians met in Minneapolis, Minnesota August 10-13 for a special meeting to discuss the changes in the depository system as it moves towards electronic distribution of information and the Regional's role in this change. I can honestly say that it was the most productive depository meeting I have ever attended. Seventy-five people from the 50 states met and really discussed relevant issues and offered ideas for dealing with all the changes in the depository system.

The meeting was held next to the University of Minnesota campus, the hotel was lovely, the weather was 72 degrees and we really got to know each other. Gil Baldwin said it was the most expensive conference the GPO had ever put on. We toured the University of Minnesota library and saw their recently moved (from the 4th floor to the basement) 3 million volume documents collection. They have a machine that moves fully loaded stacks from one part of the floor to the other!

The recurring theme of the conference was "Partnerships." Among the topics covered were: State Plan Revisions and guidelines for electronic services; On-line service-establishing listservs, processing disposal lists, and home pages; Encouraging effective Selectives; Producing results with little money; Hints on setting up local training sessions on GPO Access; GIS software applications and management; and Partnership opportunities.

The State Plan discussion, led by Sandra Williams of Tennessee, and Ridley Kessler of North Carolina, revolved around including electronic guidelines for Selectives and changing procedures. No one has done very much on this issue yet. Everyone felt they needed to, however.

The discussion on Listservs, disposal lists and web pages was very informative and something I think we need to talk about. We all have e-mail now and it's time we considered setting up an Oregon depository listserv. I have several samples of processing discard lists electronically as well as information on setting up listservs.

Janet Fisher of Arizona, Ann Marie Sanders of Michigan and John Phillips of Oklahoma talked about services they provide to their Selectives. These include once a year meetings, workshops, visitations as well as other services. The main thing that struck me was that these Regionals tend to be part of technical services and thus have more time for administrative tasks. They are not on reference desks very often! They may not have much money, but they have larger staffs so that they can get away to do these things.

The presentation on grants was really a summary of how some libraries have been able to get money for equipment, etc. The main point was to hunt everywhere and team up with other agencies and departments to work on projects.

Terri Barnes and Vicki Ries talked about how to do successful presentations on GPO Access, they had a number of helpful hints: keep the group small, do canned presentations, have a techie available, etc. They also demonstrated some new GPO Access things, including the CFR and hearings. More and more things are going to be added to GPO Access.

The GIS presentation primarily stressed how useful GIS can be, but also how time consuming and expensive it can be to implement. I have some handouts from UNC on their policies and procedures I will share with anyone who wants them. All felt that depositories need an expert to do this, or to pair with some department willing to help with GIS.

Gil Baldwin talked about developing partnerships such as the one the University of Illinois Chicago has with the State Department. He is looking for more libraries interested in working with agencies to provide electronic access to departmental information.

In summary, it was clear to everyone that Regionals need to develop partnerships with others to provide services in this new era. No one library can do everything any more and we are all going to have to work closely to make the depository system succeed. There are many kinds of partnerships that can be developed and we in Oregon need to become involved in them too. This will be an on-going discussion for the next few years. I really felt quite positive about this meeting and hope that I can find the time to work on some of these ideas with everyone. We are going to have a separate one-day session at the April meeting just for Regionals to further develop the theme of "Partnerships", which I look forward to attending.

## PLEASE WELCOME ...

Christof Galli is the new Business/Documents Librarian at PSU. He comes from UC Berkeley where he was the Evening MBA Librarian and Assistant in the Government and Social Sciences Information Center. He will primarily be the Business Librarian but his interests include International Business and Documents. He starts September 2.

### Minutes of the last DIGOR Meeting April 25, 1997

OLA/WLA Conference  
Portland, Oregon

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**Present:** Gwen Newborg, Carrie Ottow, Arlene Weible, Dena Hutto, Arlys Fones, Ted Smith, Jey Wann, Tom French, Oren Ogle, Deb Hollens, Susan McKnight.

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm.

#### I. INTRODUCTIONS

#### II. MINUTES

The minutes of the December meeting were approved.

#### III. ELECTIONS

Arlene Weible was elected Vice-President/President Elect, and Dean Hutto was elected Secretary.

#### IV. NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gwen asked if anything needs to be done about Oregon Senate Bill 315. Jey responded that it is still in committee, and is not likely to go anywhere.

A task force has been formed to look into electronic dissemination of State Documents in the Oregon Depository Program. Volunteers are need to serve on this task force. Carrie Ottow volunteered. Deb Hollens will help out if needed.

Regional News: PSU has started the Marcive tapeload project. Records have been loaded in the OPAC, and a new cataloger, Shirley Clark, has been hired to de-dup the records.

Federal Depository Conference meeting news: JCP is proposing a bill to make GPO an independent office in the executive branch to insure agencies get documents in the Depository Library Program.

Our next DIGOR meeting will be at Central Oregon Community College in Bend. Gwen suggested she could report on the Regional meeting that will take place in Minneapolis in August. Arlene suggested that we discuss how we could do things cooperatively.

Gwen announced that Cam MacIntosh has offered to do training on Census Products in Portland in September. Gwen will ask her if she is willing to come to Bend for our Fall meeting to do the training.

Tom French is now the co-editor of the Documentor. If anyone has any ideas for articles, contact him at tfrench@linfield.edu.

#### V. TREASURER'S REPORT

We received \$8.00 in dues since December 6. Our current balance is \$468.56

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50.

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