

**GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS SECTION REPORT
JANUARY 2003**

MPLA/NDLA/SDLA 2000 Tri-Conference Report

Two programs sponsored by the Government Documents Section were successfully held at the MPLA/NDLA/SDLA 2000 Tri-Conference:

- 1) "How to Find the Census Data You Need" -- a half day Preconference, Wednesday, October 2, 8:00 – 1:00, on the NDSU campus, presented by Jerry O'Donnell of the U.S. Census Bureau Regional Office in Denver. 9 attendees.
- 2) "Mapping a Nation: A History Portrayed Cartographically," Thursday, October 3, 12:00-1:30 p.m., an examination of some of the maps that accompany the development of our nation through the pages of the American State Papers and the U.S. Congressional Serial Set, presented by Donna Koepp, Head of Government Documents, Harvard (formerly Map Librarian, University of Kansas). Co-sponsored by the MPLA Academic Section and the Preservation, Archives, and Special Collections Section. 22 attendees.

"Patents, Trademarks, Copyrights and Trade Secrets: Introductory Strategies for Reference Service," Friday, October 4, 12:30-1:30 p.m., by Nan Myers, Government Documents, Patents, and Trademarks Librarian, Wichita State University, was cancelled due to lack of institutional travel funding for Ms. Myers.

ByLaws Revision

The Government Documents Section Chair and Chair-Elect drafted revised wording of the MPLA Bylaws for the Government Documents Section to delete Secretary and add Note Taker and to change amendments of the bylaws to a 2/3 vote. The new version was sent out to the section membership via MPLA-L. The members of the section who attended the Tri-Conference GovDoc business meeting on Thursday, Oct. 3, 7:30 a.m. approved the revisions. The section noted the revisions at the 2nd Executive Board meeting at the Tri-Conference. Additional revision will take place in 2002/2003 to cover replacement of officers in the case of resignation.

Programming for 2003 NV/MPLA Conference

Ideas for programs were discussed at the October 3 Government Documents Section business meeting in Fargo.

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Chair