GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS ROUNDTABLE
MINUTES

The Kentucky Library Association Government Documents Roundtable met at the Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives on Friday, May 14, 1993 at 10:00 am. Present were Phil Yannarella, Pat Yannarella, Pat Antrim, Valerie Estes, Kandace Rogers, JoAnn Collins, Anne Wells, Nancye Whitehead, Mary Quin, Cecil Madison, Carrie Stephenson, Connie Klimke, Roxanna Jones, Brenda Fuller, Sandra McAninch, Cindy Etkin, Bill Richardson, Eileen Haddix, Lee Caruthers, Jay Hoffman and Tuetha Bolls.

The meeting was called to order by Lee Caruthers, Chair. After introductions, the minutes of the fall meeting were approved with no additions or changes. Eileen Haddix, secretary/treasurer, also reported that the membership presently totals 35 and the treasury totals $474.75.

Cindy Etkin moved that the roundtable sponsor a mini-session on geographic information systems
at the fall Kentucky Library Association conference. Kandace Rogers will present the program. Bill Richardson seconded the motion. After some discussion, the motion passed.

Lee announced that the fall meeting will be October 28 at the Kentucky Library Association fall conference. Election of new officers will take place at that time. Cindy Etkin, Phil Yannarella and Roxanne Jones volunteered to serve on the nominating committe.

Sandy McAninch, regional depository librarian, introduced her staff and announced the departure of another staff member. She then introduced the topic of how to reduce the burden of processing discard lists. The regional library simply cannot keep up with the load. Several ideas were mentioned including using a cutoff date, sending lists electronically, individual libraries requesting not to be sent discard lists, and/or the regional library publishing a needs list. Much discussion followed. Cindy Etkin moved that in order to help expedite the processing of discard lists, the regional librarian share decision making responsibility for determining which documents will be included on discard lists. Selectives will list any documents dated prior to a specified date, to be determined by the Regional Librarian; any documents that the Regional Librarian has expressed a need in receiving; and any publications of substance and significance. Mary Quin seconded the motion. After more discussion and clarification, the motion passed.

Sandy suggested that those libraries that have electronic mail access may want to start using it as a method of communication. The regional library could initiate communications. Libraries with e-mail could take an unconnected library and report messages to them. Lee mentioned that guidelines may be needed. The regional library could insure that certain items are sent, but the other librarians would have to use their own judgement about any other information to share. There was consensus agreement to explore this possibility.

Sandy announced that the regional library is presently updating their Kentucky Union List of Serials holdings which has not been done in years. She also announced that those libraries which have changed districts must let GPO know. The regional library hopes to have a policy in place soon for duplicating microfiche in order to fill fiche claims. They still do not know if they will be allowed to use the duplicating machine. Sandy is planning to purpose to KLN that a union database of item selections be loaded into the KLN database. There was consensus agreement that Sandy should approach KLN with this proposal.

Lastly, Sandy asked for reactions to the Dupont Circle Group report and recommendations. She said that each library needs to write letters to congressmen. If we do not educate our elected officials and governmental agencies about the value of the Depository Library Program, it may be in danger of being dissolved. Discussion of the report went through lunch.

After lunch, Bill Richardson gave a program on the "Sensible Dieter's Approach to Managing the State Publications Waistline". The program ended with a state publications PUBFAIR.