



December 12, 2012

Dear Colleague:

The U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) is requesting recommendations from your organization for individuals to serve on the Depository Library Council (DLC). The DLC is an advisory body that counsels the Public Printer on matters pertaining to future trends, innovation, and new concepts in libraries and information dissemination as they relate to the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). Ideal candidates are committed to the mission and goals of the FDLP, and work to increase access and services to Federal Government information.

Individuals appointed to serve on the DLC are typically leaders and innovators in key areas related to the future of the FDLP. Areas of expertise include, among others, essential elements of development, management, and dissemination of electronic information, such as version control, authentication, and preservation of digital information.

The new members appointed in 2013 to a three-year term will be serving during an especially exciting time. DLC candidates should be prepared to assist GPO with the FDLP Forecasting Study. The Study is examining primary and secondary data, laws governing the program, and possible program models. The data was gathered from the State and Library Forecasts and State Focused Action Plans submitted to GPO by the end of November 2012. The goal of the Study is to inform decision-making and develop the FDLP National Plan for the future of the Program, based on a shared vision with member libraries.

It is important to understand that individuals appointed to Council are selected for their expertise and experience, and do not serve as representatives of specific organizations. Therefore, candidates need not be members of your organization, but individuals with deep interest in and knowledge of issues important to the future of the FDLP.

Individuals appointed to a three-year term in 2013 will formally begin their service on June 1, 2013, and serve until May 31, 2016.

They must be able to devote time and effort to take an active role in discussions of complex and difficult issues related to the future of the FDLP. This commitment includes attendance at the four day annual fall Depository Library Council Meeting and FDLP Conference in the Washington, D.C. area, as well as participation in monthly conference calls and virtual meetings. While GPO covers the travel and per diem expenses for Council members, it is important that members have the support of their institutions regarding the time necessary to participate effectively.



To submit the names of one or more qualified individuals for consideration, please visit the FDLP Desktop at <http://www.fdip.gov/component/form/?form_id=23>, click on the “Council” tab and then on “Nominate.” The deadline for submission is Friday, February 1, 2013.

You should also contact the individual(s) that you recommend for the DLC to ensure they are able and willing to serve. Please fill out all applicable fields in the nomination form, including a brief biographical sketch of each individual recommended. We encourage you to attach additional documentation to support the nomination.

Thank you very much for taking the time to recommend outstanding professional leaders for the DLC. If you have further questions concerning the DLC or the FDLP, please contact me at 202-512-1313, or the Director of LSCM Outreach and Support, Ms. Robin Haun-Mohamed, at 202-512-0052.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mary Alice Baish'.

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