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From the Chair

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The March 2007 issue of *Preservation* had an article about the technological marvel of the Horn and Hardart Automat in New York.¹ The article reminded me of my own experience with the Automat and technology as a child.

front of any technology-based initiative. Finally, I believe
from our vendor partners about managing content, delivering
t with new technologies. I am fully committed to building a
ne where knowledge and experience can flow easily be-
commercial sector.

This is why I urged that a vendor representative be included in our strategic planning initiative. This effort, approved during the New Orleans membership meeting, will get underway this year. The strategic planning process will be led by Linda Johnson and Marianne Ryan and include a mix of old hands and newer GODORT members that will focus on the needs of the organization and help us to improve our services and outreach efforts. As part of this process, the Membership Committee will shortly be sending out a survey to evaluate our services and mission. I know that many of us are bombarded with survey requests but I really want to encourage each of you to respond to this survey. It will help us to better prepare a plan for the future if we know with some degree of assuredness what our members like and don't like about GODORT. We will also be working with ALA to get the survey out to former members as well.

As we move into the next year, we must work together to create an environment of change that will help to position GODORT for the future. We have to meet the needs of current members, yet work to make our round table more attractive to newer librarians who work with government information but don't necessarily see themselves as "documents librarians." Certainly past chairs Aimee Quinn and Arlene Weible have worked hard to move us in that direction, and I hope that I will be able to build on their successes.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your GODORT chair. I look forward to learning from and working with all of you.

Reference

1. Suzanne Gannon, "An Automatic Choice?" *Preservation* 59, no. 2 (2007):14–15.