Approved Minutes
GALILEO Steering Committee
Gwinnett University Center
Friday, December 13, 2002
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Attendees:
Elizabeth Bagley, Charles Beard, Susan Cooley, Selden Deemer, Carolyn Fuller, Debbie Holmes, Lauren Fancher, Mary Kaye Hooker, Charlene Hurt, Kay Lowry, Stephanie Middleton, Ginny Moreland, Merryll Penson, Bill Potter, Judy Serritella, Lamar Veatch, Toni Zimmerman. Not Present: Kim Herndon, Callie McGinnis, Bill Richards.

1.   Welcome and Introductions (Holmes)
Toni Zimmerman was welcomed to the group as a representative of Georgia Public Library Service. Formerly with SOLINET, Zimmerman is now the Consultant for Resource Sharing and Inter-Agency Services for GPLS.

2.   Minutes of September 27, 2002 Meeting (Holmes)
     The minutes were approved as submitted.

3.   Collection Development Committee Report (Potter)
     Potter reported that the Collection Development Committee will be meeting on January 17th at the Henry County Library in McDonough to hear presentations from ProQuest and EBSCO and to review their continuation possibilities. The Steering Committee had a general discussion about budget cut backs and enrollment increases.

4.   GALILEO Surveys – TLC, COMO, Annual (Penson)
     The 2002 GALILEO User Survey ran from Tuesday, November 12 through Monday, November 18. A question was included regarding preferences between EBSCO and ProQuest. Results are being tabulated and analyzed. In addition, GALILEO staff conducted surveys at the Technology Leadership and COMO conferences in August, collecting useful feedback.

5.   Local Resource Integration Project (Fancher)
     The four beta sites — UGA, GSU, Georgia Tech, Columbus, and Berry — attended training during the first-week in October. Beta-testing over subsequent weeks helped identify a number of issues for correction. The four sites are now in production. Feedback about the interface and menu-integration has been very enthusiastic. Additional sites are being scheduled for roll-out in early 2003; scheduling will be ongoing.

6.   Technical Committee Report (Hurt)

Hurt reported that the Technical Committee met on December 9th. They discussed the GLRI project; mirroring databases; the impact of possible segmentation of the UGA network on GALILEO servers; the review of federated search and linking solutions; Express Links; the DLG and the New Georgia Encyclopedia. The JSTOR posting about their problems from unsecured proxy servers was discussed. The Shibboleth metadirectory authentication project was discussed and it was determined that the topic would be explored further at the next meeting.

The Steering Committee then discussed the derivation of the name "Shibboleth" for the purposes of the project. Selden Deemer, as a member of an institution with a School of Theology, was prevailed upon to provide explanation of the reference. He supplemented his excellent rendition of the Shibboleth story with the following quote after the meeting:

> [Shibboleth
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> Then Jephthah gathered together all the men of Gilead, and fought with Ephraim: and the men of Gilead smote Ephraim, because they said, Ye Gileadites are fugitives of Ephraim among the Ephraimites, and among the Manassites. And the Gileadites took the passages of Jordan before the Ephraimites: and it was so, that when those Ephraimites which were escaped said, Let me go over; that the men of Gilead said unto him, Art thou an Ephraimite? If he said, Nay; Then said they unto him, Say now Shibboleth: and he said Sibboleth: for he could not frame to pronounce it right. Then they took him, and slew him at the passages of Jordan: and there fell at that time of the Ephraimites forty and two thousand.
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> Judges 12:4--6, KJV]

7. Other GALILEO Updates (Penson)

A. Support

GALILEO Support Services staff continues to work to improve support processes, recently overcoming a backlog associated with the now-filled vacant GALILEO Support Specialist position. Katie Gohn, new GALILEO Support Specialist, has joined the GALILEO Support Services staff. Katie recently came to Athens from Knoxville, Tennessee, where she earned her Master of Science degree in Information Science from the University of Tennessee. A BOR internal project to upgrade and re-design the call tracking system is expected to provide additional support improvement benefits in 2003.

B. Virtual Reference Services

The Virtual Services Librarian position search did not result in the position being filled. Other options are being explored.

C.   DLG and the New Georgia Encyclopedia

Good things are happening with the Digital Library of Georgia, including significant progress on Vanishing Georgia. More that 10,000 records have been added to the database. The user interface is about half complete. The NGE project was unveiled for a brief review for funders and stakeholders this Fall on a temporary website. GALILEO, NGE, and the Georgia Humanities Council are in the process of planning the migration of the phase one data to GALILEO servers and a development environment. Plans call for the project to be up and operational in Fall 2003.

D.   GA First Step/BRIDGE

GALILEO has been approached as a possible host for the GA First Step/BRIDGE project, a collaborative between UGA, Albany State, and Valdosta State intended to establish a peer-reviewed and interactive online resource for student teachers in USG education programs who move into being new teachers. The resource would consist of e-portfolios, articles, video, and curriculum materials. The hope is that by providing this kind of support, new teachers would be less likely to leave the profession after one, two, or three years. Early discussions have centered on criteria for supporting such a project, such as costs, database build and design, broadness of appeal, and sustainability.

General discussion ensued regarding the resource implications for hosting locally-developed database projects.

8.   **Reports from Communities**
       A.   DTAE (Middleton)

The Technical College Libraries are concerned about SACS accreditation. They now have to explain how GALILEO provides their library resources. General discussion ensued about statistics and GALILEO.

Penson reported that the GALILEO staff is initiating a project to revise and revamp the GALILEO statistics. Intended to help consolidate vendor usage data and implement recommendations made by the Vendor Performance Assessment committee, the project will begin in the New Year with a critical issues session for VPAC members and other stakeholders to provide feedback on the project scope document.

Middleton inquired as to the delay in publication for the GALILEO Planet Newsletter. Penson explained that the next issue of the GALILEO Planet has been delayed due to the illness of Tim Brown.

B.   AMPALS (Moreland)

AMPALS has not met.

C.   DOE (Serritella)
Serritella reported that they are waiting for the results of the January budget discussions.

D.   GPLS (Veatch)
Veatch reported that GPLS is in the testing state of implementation of a statewide library and literary calendar to which anyone will be able to post. They envision the calendar to include all sorts of library and literary activities, including author appearances and Friends book sales.

E.   GPALS: no report

10.   Other
Mary Kaye Hooker reported that Atlanta-Fulton has purchased SIRSI as their new automation system.

The group discussed Library Legislative Day plans and strategies under consideration for enhancing its effectiveness.

Charles Beard reported that Joan Gotwals will be retiring from Emory. The group will make a resolution in her honor.

11.   Next Meeting
The next meeting will be held on January 31, 2003 at 10am at the Henry County Public Library in McDonough.