

**Approved Minutes  
GALILEO Steering Committee  
Henry County Public Library  
Friday, January 31, 2003  
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

**Attendees:**

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

**1. Welcome and Introductions (Holmes)**

Kay Lowry was recognized for her promotion to the position of Director of Darton College Library.

**2. Minutes of December 13, 2002 Meeting (Holmes)**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

**3. Statistics Report (Fancher)**

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 began with a critical issues session on January 23<sup>rd</sup> for VPAC members and other stakeholders to provide feedback on the project scope document. Major issues brought forward in the meeting include the assumptions that usage statistics from different GALILEO institutions will continue to be available to anyone as well as the ability to generate customized reports. Additional interest was expressed in providing enhanced benchmarking capabilities to generate comparisons on factors such as Carnegie Classification, enrollment, and region, matching with the reporting done by ARL, ACRL, SACS, and other assessment indexes. The next step of the project is to evaluate, address, and incorporate the critical issue feedback into the project plan.

**4. GALILEO Updates (Penson)**

**A. Jayne Williams**

Jayne Williams, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Library and Customer Information Services, has announced her retirement from the University System effective April 1, 2003. She will be making a presentation to the full Board of Regents at their meeting March 12<sup>th</sup>. The GALILEO Steering Committee is invited to attend.

## **B. Linking Software Review**

GALILEO staff is continuing to look at linking capabilities and is scheduling trials with different products in March while evaluating possible funding strategies. LSTA funds may be a possibility.

## **C. Conferences**

GALILEO staff attended ALA Mid-Winter on January 24-27. GALILEO staff will be present at GA-ETC in Macon on February 19-21, hosting an information booth and participating in presentations.

## **D. University of Arkansas**

Person met with representatives of the University of Arkansas who were visiting the Chancellor and others in the University System Office. They are very interested in GALILEO and are in the planning stages for their own virtual library effort.

## **E. Statistics**

The GALILEO staff has been collecting statistics for the Collection Development Committee.

## **F. A More Educated Georgia**

The University System has begun using the tagline "Creating a More Educated Georgia." The slogan represents in part the fact that the administration of the University System of Georgia now includes the Georgia Public Library Service.

## **G. Budget**

The budget news is still very tentative and is changing every day.

### **5. Announcement (Beard)**

Beard announced that the speaker for West Georgia College and State University's annual presentation on April 17<sup>th</sup> would be Robert Martin. He invited everyone to attend.

*[At this point the meeting agenda was reordered in order to ensure complete attendance for the Collection Development Committee report]*

### **6. Next Meeting (Holmes)**

The next meeting date will be March 7<sup>th</sup>. [Note: this was subsequently re-scheduled to the 13<sup>th</sup>.]

### **7. Reports from Communities**

#### **A. DTAE (Middleton)**

The Technical College Libraries are establishing a committee to create web pages for support materials for students. They would like it to be available from within GALILEO to their students.

## **B. GPLS (Zimmerman)**

Zimmerman reported that GOLD compliance forms are due by March 1. They are trying to arrange for ILL/OCLC services and Serials Union Listing training through SOLINET. They are planning on having the annual GOLD/GALILEO Users Group Meeting and will be convening the Advisory Committee. Discussion ensued about possible topics and keynote speakers. Discussion also occurred regarding LSTA funds and GALILEO. Zimmerman reported that GPLS has purchased additional FirstSearch searches. GPLS has confirmed their GALILEO budget commitment for FY04.

*[At this point the meeting agenda was reordered in order for Bill Potter to deliver the Collection Development Committee report via telephone.]*

## **8. Collection Development Committee Report (Potter)**

The Collection Development Committee has recommended several different scenarios that might be pursued for the EBSCO and ProQuest offerings as funding dictates. The Steering Committee accepted these recommendations. FTE increases are going to have an impact. Final decisions will become necessary when the budget is set.

Penson reported that a trial for Lion from ProQuest is being requested. Pricing is also being requested from Wilson and Gale, including pricing for Consulta, a new Spanish research database.

*[At this point the meeting agenda returned to reports from Communities.]*

## **9. Reports from Communities, Continued**

### **C. AMPALS (Moreland)**

Budget developments are also uncertain for the private colleges. They hope to meet soon.

### **D. DOE (Serritella)**

Serritella has been promoting GALILEO to the media specialists as she travels around the state. She has been producing a newsletter that also features GALILEO. They are still waiting to hear about the budget.

### **E. GPALS (Herndon)**

The GPALS group hasn't met yet, but hope to in March or April. Gale made a presentation at the GPALS Fall meeting with more appealing consortial pricing.

## **10. Other**

Lamar Veatch brought up the impact of Faxon's collapse on Georgia libraries. Two of the public libraries have lost dollars with Faxon.

Discussion ensued about a few other libraries in the state that may be affected. The Faxon collapse and the long-term implications for publisher pricing was a big topic of discussion at ALA.

Veatch reported that the Chancellor has written letters to all Congressional and Senate representatives urging the reauthorization of LSTA funding. Laura Bush has circulated a letter that states that the President supports a 25% increase in LSTA funding.

Veatch also discussed the impact of successive percentage budget reductions – the FY 04 proposal represents a 17% cut over FY03 appropriations.

The Steering Committee posed for a picture and completed a survey for use in the Smithsonian Institution's Computerworld Honors program. GALILEO was nominated for an award in the "Education and Academia" category.

**11. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on March 7, 2003 at 10am at the Henry County Public Library in McDonough.

[Note: this was subsequently re-scheduled to the 13<sup>th</sup>.]