

**Approved Minutes  
GALILEO Steering Committee  
Henry County Public Library  
Friday, September 19, 2003  
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

**Attendees:**

Judy Atwood, Elizabeth Bagley, Charles Beard, Carol Bray, Selden Deemer, Lauren Fancher, Carolyn Fuller, Bob Glass, Charlene Hurt, Debbie Holmes, Kay Lowry, Callie McGinnis, Rich Meyer, Bill Nelson, Merryll Penson, Gail Roberts, Anne Salter, Judy Serritella, and Toni Zimmerman.

**1. Minutes of July 27, 2003 Meeting (McGinnis)**

The minutes were approved as submitted with an addition of Laura Green Smith's last name. .

**2. Report of Chair (McGinnis)**

Laura Green Smith will be the new chair of the Reference Committee, replacing Laura Burtle. In August 2002, the Steering Committee agreed to change the make-up of the reference committee to include two additional public librarians. Jack Colbert, from Flint River Regional Library, and Sylvia Bunn, from Chattahoochee Valley Regional Library have agreed to serve.

**3. Report from GOLD/GALILEO User's Group Meeting (Zimmerman)**

The final attendance count for the meeting was over 200. Evaluations are still being assessed. Preliminary results indicate that comments were favorable concerning the programming and facility and that people are interested in having the location change each year and keeping the annual August timeframe. However, the percentage of responses was low and an additional survey may be conducted.

**4. Budget (Penson)**

Penson and Judy Serritella met with Deputy Superintendent Bennet to discuss funding for K-12. He is investigating additional funding to reinstate ProQuest for K-12 for this year. ProQuest will restore access to the complete Research Library if K-12 is reinstated.

Planning for FY04 is underway. Penson met with David Singleton and Lamar Veatch of Georgia Public Library Service. LSTA funding will most likely not be available for FY05 – it has been supporting the enhancement from EBSCO Elite to Premier products. The loss of LSTA funding will affect all GALILEO groups. The University System has an additional issue with the potential loss of lottery funds for FY05 as a result of the Hope Scholarship lottery funding study. While the Chancellor has requested that the lottery support for USG GALILEO funding be continued, he has

also requested the funding be included in the regular budget. If these efforts are not successful, the USG will have a significant budget shortfall to address, which could potentially impact pricing for other groups.

Discussion ensued about the impact of predicted cuts. USG presidents have been asked to present scenarios to the Chancellor for how programs will be affected on their campuses by the cuts. Private institutions are also feeling pinched budgets, particularly smaller schools. GPALS is looking for ways that they can seek supplemental funding.

Penson stated that the GALILEO Steering Committee will need to look at priorities. Discussion continued regarding the importance of GALILEO as a statewide service, as it provides continuity of access from K-16 and into the public library communities. Additional talking points included the fact that all types of institutions are participating allows all citizens to participate and that GALILEO equalizes access for metropolitan and rural citizens.

The group agreed to form a discussion group to develop an action plan for a GALILEO grass roots preservation effort. Volunteers included Carolyn Fuller, Charlene Hurt, Rich Meyer, Bob Glass, Judy Serritella, Debbie Holmes, and Gail Roberts.

## **5. GALILEO Activities Report (Penson)**

### **a. Staff**

Penson reported that the University System Office is under a hiring freeze that is also affecting revenue-funded positions, including two GALILEO vacancies. UGA is in a similar position. The search for Susan Gants' replacement is moving slowly. Philip McArdle is returning to school and will be working part-time.

### **b. DLG**

Progress is being made with Georgia HomePLACE. One new project is the digitization of a diary from LaGrange-Troup County and a diary from Lake Blackshear Regional Library. The HomePLACE project has arranged for SOLINET to provide workshops on planning for digitization for public library directors on October 21 at Middle Georgia Regional Library, October 22 at Chatham-Effingham Regional Library, and November 10 at SOLINET. Additional events are planned for technical staff.

The Vanishing Georgia Collection is in the GALILEO demo system. A press release will come out shortly. The issue of attribution for original contributors and collectors has come up. Unfortunately, this information was not captured when the images were originally collected. Other issues include potential sensitivity regarding the depiction of women and minorities in the period photographs.

**c. NGE**

The port of the New Georgia Encyclopedia was successful and work continues to ready it for production, including planning for the future. The new programmer has been very helpful. The launch is planned for February.

**d. Training**

Web-based training sessions are being scheduled for November through January, including sessions provided by EBSCO, ProQuest, and LexisNexis. More information will be posted to the GALILEO list and the training pages of About GALILEO when the final schedule is available. Training dates for GLRI are scheduled for October 6, November 5, and December 10. GALILEO staff have been working with vendors to provide training opportunities during the Wednesday preconference sessions for COMO. Plans call for a morning session about Books in Print at the Three Rivers Regional Library System headquarters in the morning and about SIRS Discover and Lexis-Nexis in the afternoon, at Three Rivers and Coastal Georgia Community College respectively.

**e. SFX (Fancher)**

Georgia Tech now has SFX in production for their users through their ejournal locator and selected sources. Georgia State is planning to go into production in early October, UGA will begin a quiet production roll-out of selected sources in December, and Emory is planning to go into production with their ejournal list in January. Plans are underway for a special open-house event in January 2004 about Open URL and SFX to be held at the Georgia Tech Global Learning Center.

**6. ICOLC Meeting (Penson)**

Penson reviewed the major topics from the recent ICOLC meeting. Project Muse is struggling with their current pricing model and retention of participating publishers. They are releasing an RFP for new pricing models. They are also establishing a librarian faculty editorial board. They are pledging to hold their increase to 9% or less next year. OhioLink has selected SWETS to manage ejournal subscriptions. California Digital Library has decided to manage their own ejournal subscriptions after trying EBSCO. ClassicalMusic.Com is an interesting new product for hosted audio files. There was discussion among consortia about how some are basing cost-share pricing on budget size and usage.

**7. Planning for FY05**

The group agreed to ask the Collection Development Committee to review what comprises the core; what should be core in terms of all participants, the academic community, and the K-12 community; and to prioritize in light of expected shortfalls due to budget cuts and LSTA funding discontinuation.

## 8. Reports from Communities

### a. DTAE (Roberts)

The Technical Colleges just completed their Georgia Virtual Technical College Conference. The library group presented on online library resources for each academic program, including a big emphasis on GALILEO.

### b. GPALS (Glass)

The GPALS group will meet in November after COMO.

### c. DOE (Serritella)

Serritella attended the GOLD/GALILEO Users Group Meeting. She has asked the presenters on the Gwinnett County Homework Helper collaboration between K-12 and public libraries to present again at the Technology Leadership Conference. Everyone is invited to the conference in Athens on October 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>.

### d. AMPALS (Salter)

AMPALS will meet in October.

### e. PLS (Zimmerman)

Reimbursement checks for FY03 were mailed in early September to the libraries (instead of other business offices at the institutions). She is working with OCLC to get the printed report earlier. They have set up instructor-led training on ILL basics and union listing as well as web-based training on union listing fundamentals. Information is available on the GPLS website. Assistance is needed in publicizing the training schedule.

### f. USG (Penson)

Work continues on finalizing GIL Express and the Union Catalog. RACL has been asked to develop IT standards for new USG library buildings.

## 9. Other

The next meeting will be December 5<sup>th</sup> at Henry County Public Library, replacing the previously scheduled meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup>. The group expressed interest in scheduling the January meeting now planned for the 23<sup>rd</sup> to coincide with the SFX Open House at Georgia Tech. [The meeting time has been confirmed for January 30<sup>th</sup>.] GALILEO staff will follow up with more information.