Attendees:
Charles Beard, Carol Bray, Susan Cooley, Carolyn Fuller, Debbie Holmes, Mary Kay Hooker, Charlene Hurt, Kay Lowry, Callie McGinnis, Bill Nelson, Merryl Penson, Rich Meyer, Anne Salter, Toni Zimmerman

1. **Minutes of December 5, 2003 Meeting (McGinnis)**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

2. **Budget Update (Penson)**

Penson handed out the GALILEO Activities Report: GALILEO Steering Committee, January 30, 2004. She told the group that the Governor has recommended $3.5M for maintaining GALILEO. $2M replaces the $1.939M formerly received from the Lottery. $1.5M is to help the DOE regain access to various databases they had cancelled. The proposal is to move the $3.5M into the regular state budget. The $3.5 M does not include the Public Library or DTAE GALILEO funding. Chancellor Meredith met with the joint appropriation committee. Several legislators asked about GALILEO.

Penson will be projecting database costs based on a 5% increase. Enrollment in USG has increased 7% or 26,000 students. DTAE enrollment has also increased. Increased enrollment results in increased prices.

McGinnis suggested that the proposed "GALILEO Campaign" factsheet be updated and used on Georgia Legislative Day and posted on the GLA website. The previous campaign plans are being shelved for now.

3. **Electronic Collection Development Committee (Penson)**

The committee hasn’t met but in addition to the ProQuest/Ebsco discussions/priorities, other databases could be reviewed. Ex: College Source v. free sources. Ebsco also has plans for a database called Book Index with Reviews, that will cost less probably than Books in Print with Reviews. CINAHL is planning a "Pre-CINAHL" database for preprints and Current Contents has indicated interest in indexing preprints, 'gray' literature, and free journals. All options can be determined when we know the budget.

4. **New Georgia Encyclopedia Launch/Library Day at the Capitol (Holmes)**

The Encyclopedia will be launched on Feb. 12, at 11:15, during a press conference. All librarians are invited. The President of GLA will attend as well as Gov. Perdue. Feb. 12 is Georgia Day and Library Day at the Capitol, so many librarians will be in attendance. Holmes is orchestrating Library Day during which five legislators will be honored in the Floyd Room at the Twin Towers. Then librarians will go to the
Capitol and eat box lunches with all legislators. There will be photo displays of old and new libraries and information about GALILEO. General Oglethorpe will be there for Georgia Day and will make comments about libraries. Various groups... public, academic, and special librarians, will present position papers.

5. **Library Community Updates**

(GOLD) Zimmerman reported that $28,000 in reimbursements for ILL among GOLD libraries are being sent out. This amount is high because GOLD to GOLD loans have increased. She has called OCLC to rectify the current ILL stats report which contain questionable figures. Ballots for GOLD/GALILEO Advisory Committee positions are being sent to 210 GOLD participants. There were nominations for each position and many new faces. Next round of instructor-lead, 4-day, ILL trainings will be at ABAC. The Children’s Services Annual Conference will be in Perry, Ga.

Penson reported that the GOLD Union List update was not done in December but could be done in April or skipped and done in July. Zimmerman requested that a run be made in April.

(AMPALS) Salter said that the group (6 institutions) was going to purchase some Wilson databases for 6 months. Hurt suggested that other institutions may want to join this consortium to subscribe to the Wilson databases at a later date.

(RACL) McGinnis reported on the proposal to create a "guidelines for library technology standards" modeled after the Guidelines for Instructional Technology Standards. Bede Mitchell is chair.

The joint meeting between public and academic librarians will be a half-day meeting on Thursday afternoon, March 25 at the River Center in Columbus, GA.

Proposed topics for this 3-hour session are:

- Thinking Outside of the Book (changes in bldgs., programming trends, technology issues such as SFX (digital repositories such as NGE and Vanishing Georgia)
- Slides about the fire at UGA (Potter)

The public and RACL directors will meet separately the following morning.

It was decided that the next GALSTEER meeting would be held in conjunction with the Joint meeting. GALSTEER will meet the morning of March 25. Details will follow.

/GPLS Fuller stated that the public libraries will be running on two networks from April until June2004 at which point all will begin using new IPs and new email addresses. She indicated that there was some dissatisfaction with Sirsi, whose contract expires in 2005.
Holmes reminded everyone that the GALSTEER committee is invited to the press conference for the NGE.

6. **Adjourn at 2:12PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Bray, GALILEO Steering Committee
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