1. **Welcome/Introduction to new GALILEO Steering Committee Members (McGinnis)**

McGinnis welcomed everyone to the final 'overlap' meeting for the year. She praised the contributions that Charles Beard had made to the field of library and information science, his endowment, and asked if GALSTEER should make a donation as a group. She shared the remarks she had included in a sympathy card she sent from RACL and GALSTEER to Charles Beard's mother. Mark McManus of West Georgia mentioned a Memorial Service to be held at West Georgia on July 14 from 3:00 - 5:00PM. McGinnis then led the committee in a toast to Charles.

McGinnis introduced three new GOLD members: Stephanie Middleton, Sue Lay, and Judith Golden, along with Ray Calvert, Coastal Georgia, RACL Chair Elect, Bob Fox, Clayton State, secretary, Kim Eccles, Atlanta Metro, RACL Executive Committee, and Pat Borck, Macon State, at-large. All attendees then introduced themselves.

2. **Chair's Report (McGinnis)**

McGinnis listed the highlights and accomplishments of the past year, to include:

- **GOLD/GALILEO meeting in Athens in August 2003;**
- **GALILEO brochure, "GALILEO Makes a Difference," which was distributed at the Capitol on Library Day in February 2004 and is now on the GLA website. The GALILEO display for Library Day was coordinated by Debbie Holmes and Merryl Penson;**
- **New design and logo for GALILEO;**
- **SFX Open House, coordinated and presided over by Lauren Fancher and Selden Deemer at the GA Tech Conference Center;**
- **Roll-out of Digital Library of Georgia (DLG) and New Georgia Encyclopedia (NGE);**
Critical budget problems.

McGinnis commented that she has 'served with pleasure' as GALSTEER/RACL Chair and thanked Lauren Fancher for taking GALSTEER minutes. She asked everyone to look over the minutes for the March meeting and they were approved with corrections to 5b. and 6f.

3. **Electronic Collection Development Committee Report/Recommendation (Potter)**

Potter indicated that the AMPALS, GPALS, DTAE budgets are known, GPLS and USG budgets are 'short,' and K-12 is increasing funding. Potter said that ProQuest agreed to extend their subscriptions through August and should Research Library and ABI have to be cancelled, they would work with a smaller group toward a purchase plan and would control the price. Potter remarked that even though the USG’s enrollment has increased 17,000 this FY, there was no additional funding.

4. **FY05 Budget (Penson)**

Penson commented that all communities are in good shape and then she explained that the GALILEO budget was made up of several budgets or groups and each group can make selections for purchase. The budget is broken into: Board of Regents, K-12, DTAE, GPLS, AMPALS, and GPALS. DTAE is able to increase funds and DOE made a case for and came through with funding for more databases. Penson suggested that the Resource Fee for GALILEO be investigated to see if it was adequate. The Resource Fee covers salaries for GALILEO programmers and equipment. This fee has been flat for some communities and has increased for others. There may be other sources and services that could be offered through GALILEO.

5. **Executive Director's Report (Penson)**

Penson distributed a handout, "GALILEO Activities Report." Issues:

- SFX: Lauren Fancher and Selden Deemer are presenting at the SFX Users Meeting in Boston. Two more institutions have joined the SFX Pilot Project: West Georgia and Agnes Scott; Digital Library of Georgia (DLG): Metadata repository for interface is being developed; New Georgia Encyclopedia (NGE): plans are to develop curriculum materials and learning plans through the Georgia Learning Connection; OCLC FirstSearch: Base package will become entry way for interlibrary loan. GALILEO staff handle the Accounts and ILL authorization issue; GOLD: the UL database was updated in April but some institutions were missing. Hopefully the July Upload will be complete. Meyer indicated that the SFX pilot at Georgia Tech was phenomenally successful. Use of this product provides evidence to faculty of the high costs of vendors such as Elsevier and the realization that back files are not available because they are expensive.

6. **GOLD/GALILEO User Group Meeting (Zimmerman)**
The annual GOLD/GALILEO User Group Conference (hand-out) will be at the Continuing Education Center in Athens. This year's theme of "Celebrating Library Collaboration" by "carrying the torch" is a compliment to the Opening Olympic Ceremonies in Athens, Greece. Keynote speaker is Susan McGlamery, founder and Project Director for 24/7 Reference. Fee until August 5 is $30, which includes lunch, and $35 after that date.

7. **Community News/Updates**

   a. DTAE (Roberts): all institutions have contributed for access to Encyclopedia Britannica. DTAE has dropped Gale (Literature Resource Center) for Lion.

   b. AMPALS (Salter): no report.

   c. GPALS (Glass): Atlanta Bible College has dropped out of consortium. GPALS has changed membership requirements in governance document to address unaccredited and online only institutions: members must be degree-granting institutions, be fully accredited by regional accrediting agency, and have physical location in Georgia.

   d. USG (McGinnis): June 18 is the 'soft launch' of GIL Express. Now students and faculty can perform patron-initiated or un-mediated ILL. GUGM was well attended. SFX Pilot was launched. ILLiad, an ILL software management program, is well liked but involves considerable funding.

   e. GPLS (Zimmerman): Hand-out, Notes for GALILEO Steering Committee Meeting. Migration rom Central ILS to Open-Source software to begin soon. GPLS is in the process of finalizing an agreement with OCLC for a Group Services Proposal. Involves three components: Unlimited Cataloging Services, Unlimited Resource Sharing, and Group Catalog (GC). The GC could become new interface for GOLD.

   f. DOE (Serritella): Expenditure Controls are back. Money must be spent on media materials. Survey of K-12 was done to decide which encyclopedia to add: Britannica, World Book, and Grolier. Britannica won.

8. **FY05's meeting dates/place (Meyer)**

McGinnis mentioned that GALSTEER tried to meet every other month and that we could continue meeting at McDonough. Meyer suggested that the next meeting would be in August at McDonough and will follow up via email with dates and possible change in place.

9. **Other**

Penson brought information from WestLaw that their rep left at the GUGM meeting. She shared a brochure on GALILEO that Gale/Thomson had produced. She is asking other vendors in GALILEO to contribute their resources toward production of brochures. She passed around the June issue of Georgia Magazine that had an article about the New Georgia Encyclopedia. Fuller announced the upcoming addition of
three new library facilities in the Henry County Library System at Locust Grove, Stockbridge, and Fair View.

McGinnis announced plans for the new public library in Columbus. Hurt is looking forward to a $12M ‘transformation’ of the library at Georgia State.

10. **Adjourn.**