

**GALILEO Steering Committee
Henry County Public Library
Friday, February 11, 2005
10:00 AM - 12:15 PM**

Pat Borck, David Bunnell, Ray Calvert, Susan Cooley, Bob Fox, Bob Glass, Kim Eccles, Lauren Fancher, Carolyn Fuller, Charlene Hurt, Diana Lomarcán for Callie McGinnis, Richard Meyer, Stephanie Middleton, Bill Nelson, Merryll Penson, Jo Ann Pinder, Ann Salter, Judy Serritella.

1. Minutes of December 10, 2004 Meeting (Meyer)

The minutes were approved as corrected in the draft.

2. Report of Chair (Meyer)

No report.

3. GALILEO Upgrade (Penson and Fancher)

Penson and Fancher presented a proposal for a multi-year upgrade and software migration for GALILEO. The infrastructure is aging and is no longer capable of meeting users' expectations and national standards. Each participating community will need to decide whether or not they will participate and this decision has implications for the future direction of GALILEO. The group agreed that this upgrade is needed. The question of how the participating groups would make a decision was discussed. Representatives agreed to go back to their groups and return with a decision at the April 22nd meeting. Penson will follow up to work with the group representatives (AMPALS, GPALS, Technical Colleges, USG, Public Libraries, and K-12) to be sure they have the information and support they need for these discussions. Fancher will follow up with a proposed list of representatives for the metasearch product review process in order to ensure that essential public services and technical people participate, forming the foundation for future working groups.

4. Open URL/Metasearch Support Policy (Penson)

Penson distributed the revised draft policy (approved in concept at the December meeting) regarding the inability of GALILEO to support independent library implementations of linking solutions and metasearch products that was requested. No further issues were identified and the policy will be posted as revised.

5. Report from the Executive Director of Library Services (Penson)

a. Database Increases

Pricing is increasing by 2.5% to 5% for most products.

b. Activities Report

Penson distributed an activities report, including items about recent and upcoming changes to GALILEO and support activities.

6. FY06 Plans (Penson)

a. Possible Changes to Databases

Penson distributed the Reference Committee's report about College Source. They had reviewed College Source to see if the money should be redirected. They did not find any resources on the Internet that provided the same capabilities and recommended keeping it. Media specialists were asked to review this as well and were surprised to find that it was available. The funding is provided by USG and GPALS but all communities have access. The point was made that these groups might want to consider asking that the costs be reassessed across all communities.

Books in Print is also a candidate for review. The group agreed that the Reference and Collection Development Committees should review options for this type of database, including EBSCO's new product.

Salter mentioned that CQ Researcher would be of interest.

7. Reports from Communities

a. AMPALS (Salter)

Their annual meeting is scheduled for February 28th at Oglethorpe. The Georgia Historical Records Advisory Board Grant program information is now available.

b. GPALS (Glass)

Their semi-annual meeting will be on April 15th. They will be considering two colleges for participation - Herzing College and the Luther Rice Bible College and Seminary.

c. GPLS (Penson)

The GPLS staff is hosting the Children's Literature Conference in Macon.

d. DOE (Serritella)

Media specialists are trying to prevent the proposed removal of expenditure controls that would allow school systems to spend media materials funding without distribution to the media center or specifically for media materials. Per capita funding for media centers has gone down already. The DOE is working on a literacy, literature, and school library media program promotion called "Georgia Reads More" featuring Georgia celebrities.

e. DTAE (Bunnell)

They had their quarterly meeting last week. Lauren Fancher from GALILEO and Danny Overstreet from OCLC attended. They are forming a collection development committee for a special netLibrary collection.

f. USG (Meyer)

Their Spring meeting will be held on March 10-11 at the Georgia Archives, adjacent to the Clayton State campus

8. Other

Penson reported that she attended a meeting at GPB sponsored by the Georgia Electronic Commerce Association. The meeting included representatives of the USG, DTAE, and DOE to discuss their e-learning initiatives. Penson was able to address the ways that GALILEO supports these initiatives. The audience included people from SREB, universities, and vendors that are working with e-learning.

9. Next Meeting Dates

The meetings will be on April 22 and June 17.

10. Adjourn.