1. **Minutes of February 11, 2005 Meeting (Meyer)**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

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

Meyer reported on the recent International Coalition of Library Consortia (ICOLC) meeting. Topics included the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Elsevier's Scopus, Google Scholar, CRL's plans for membership and digital delivery, bepress, OCLC's collection analysis system and Content dm, and metasearching initiatives.

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

Penson reported that GALILEO has been working on finalizing the databases and costs for FY06. There will be a pilot project for including private K-12 schools. The New Georgia Encyclopedia and the Georgia Humanities Council are working with Scholastic Publishing to develop marketing and support materials for use of the resources with K-12 educators to include NGE and DLG. The National Library of Medicine (NLM) may be able to host the GoLocal health information portal that Georgia medical and health libraries are working on. They will be surveying public libraries and users about what to include. North Carolina and Alabama have also started similar efforts. Penson recently visited NCLive, who were reviewing their resources and considering future core offerings. Their criteria included assessing value to the general audience versus the academic audience.

4. **Reference Committee Report (Penson for Hensen)**

The committee reviewed CollegeSource and Books in Print and alternative products. Their reports were distributed to the Steering Committee via email. They recommended that CollegeSource be kept. There was not a conclusive finding for BIP except that a licensed product was preferred above a free product. Public libraries and academic libraries can decide as separate groups whether to keep or replace BIP. GPLS has indicated their preference to Penson. The group discussed options for the academics and decided that it would be acceptable to go with the decision based on pricing.

5. **Budget FY06 (Penson)**
The budget is still challenging. The special initiative funding for DOE and USG to participate has been cut three per cent. The USG budget has not been distributed yet, but the expectation is that the line will be held but no increases are expected. The DTAE has reported that they will be able to address the annual increases.

6. **Cost Share Databases (Penson)**

A survey will be put up next week to collect interest in potential cost-sharing opportunities, including RefWorks, the bibliographic management tool. The group requested that information be available on the website year-round about the availability of cost-sharing opportunities. Trial access information could also be provided.

7. **GALILEO Upgrade (Penson)**

Each library community was to bring a decision about their participation to meeting today. DTAE will be meeting with GALILEO to determine their participation. GPLS will participate. GPALS will participate, although significant variation from the ballpark figure would need to be discussed. AMPALS will participate but would like more discussion about the timetable and product selection.

Penson provided an update on the metasearch review process. The products offer different strengths, pricing, and implementation models. None are perfect. They are gathering information from the vendors, customers, and GALILEO participants in order to resolve what direction might be most appropriate in terms of how to balance the long-term infrastructural needs with the ability to quickly provide a federated search. Demo access to the different products will be provided to the Steering Committee along with the feedback from the participants in the vendor demonstrations. The Steering Committee requested a special meeting be held to review the findings from the review process in May. Meyer will work with GALILEO to determine a time and location. A recommendation with implementation plan will be prepared for the June 17th meeting.

8. **GOLD/GALILEO Users Group Meeting (Zimmerman)**

The meeting will on August 5th at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education. The keynote speaker is Nancy Davenport, who will address library advocacy. The conference theme will be "Thar’s GOLD in GALILEO: A Bona Fide Library Bonanza."

9. **Reports from Communities**

   a. **AMPALS (Salter)**

Ginny Moreland will be the new AMPALs representative. She would like to get more information about the upgrade process. The group decided that a special meeting would be held. (See 7, above.)

   b. **GPALS (Glass)**
SCAD has withdrawn from GPALS effective July 1. They have admitted Herzing College and Luther Rice Bible College.

c. **DTAE (Brooks for Bunnell)**

They will be able to fund the database increases and are looking for funding for the upgrade. Penson will be meeting with DTAE representatives May 2.

d. **PLS (Zimmerman)**

They have conducted WorldCat resource sharing workshops. The GOLD reimbursement reports have not yet been provided by OCLC. Checks will be produced once they are available. The GeorgiaCat database is now available in GALILEO for public libraries. A guest view will be available for non-public libraries. GPLS has begun the two-year process of either batch-uploading or re-loading the holdings information for all 58 public library systems.

e. **DOE**

No report.

f. **USG (Meyer)**

No report.

10. **Other**

Hurt will be going to the OCLC Members Council Meeting in May, if anyone has issues they'd like brought forward.

11. **Next Meeting Dates**

The next meeting will be on June 17, but a special meeting will be held in May pending finalization.

12. **Adjourn.**