1. Welcome and Introductions

Kirstin Pylant, GISA representative was introduced to the group. Bill Clayton was attending on behalf of Bill Potter.

2. Minutes of October 20, 2007 Meeting (Fayoyin)

The minutes were approved as submitted.

3. Report from Chair (Fayoyin)

No Report

4. Report from the Executive Director (Penson)

   a. Activity Reports

   Activity reports were distributed in December via email and at today’s meeting.

   b. Documents without Shelves (Marcive)

   Some earlier discussions about federal documents have been conducted with RACL and GALILEO Steering Committee. The federal government has created a publishing tool to assist with sharing of government documents. It will be available in 2009. They will try to do some retrospective collection. Eventually, this should result in fewer paper items for depository libraries. Regional depository libraries receive Marcive records for electronic documents now. Marcive has provided a quarterly price of $12,000 for being able to provide “Documents without Shelves” for all of GALILEO to create a local GALILEO database. Backfiles would involve a smaller one-time fee. This would provide interim access to the electronic content prior to the evolution of the federal government’s solution. The existing budget could support this without additional funding for this year, but in future years the Steering Committee may have to revisit. The group expressed support for this direction.

   c. NGE News

   The New Georgia Encyclopedia (NGE) is going to publish a print version of the literary-related content in the online version through the University of Georgia Press. The NGE was recently reviewed in Booklist. It was compared favorably to other online state encyclopedias.
d. Database Increases and Decisions for FY08

Penson has been gathering database pricing information. Everything is going up, in a range of 2 to 5%, with many packages in the higher end of that range; in some cases for more specialized databases, the increases could be higher, in the 6-8% range. Some package pricing incentives have been offered that would limit increases based on additional purchases. Penson distributed a proposal from EBSCO along these lines, which would provide additional and enhanced content with a three-year ramp up in price. The group discussed the potential issues of the ramped pricing and flat-funding. Penson suggested that the group could review the use and continuation of other products to free up funding. The group agreed to have a working group review the proposal and possible options. Fayoyin will get a group together, ensuring representation from all communities.

No details are available yet on cost-sharing prices.

e. ERM Exploration

Ex Libris will provide a demonstration of Verde at GSU on February 21. Following their merger with Endeavor, they have dropped Meridian development. One possible approach to pursuing an ERM solution would be a pilot with GALILEO and the larger institutions, similar to the SFX pilot.

f. Resource Discovery Tools

GALILEO has been reviewing new products for resource discovery, including Endeca, Primo, and Encore. These products allow libraries to leverage the OPAC as well as other types of content through combined results sets that are faceted (type of material) and clustered (subjects). The University System will also review Evergreen to gain a better understanding of its capabilities.

g. Annual User Satisfaction Survey

The final report of the user satisfaction survey is now available. The total number of responses was 1332, an increase of over 100% due to the incentive of an iPod drawing. Results can be broken out by institution type and user type. Penson shared a report of the special questions that were added regarding the new upgrade features.

5. GALILEO Upgrade Update (Fancher)

Fancher provided an overview of Phase II of the GALILEO Upgrade. The Community Customization Working Groups have been wrapping up their requirements-gathering phase and will be issuing a report of their findings. Each of the working groups has three subteams that have gathered specifications for the interfaces and the presentation of resources, as well as developed and conducted protocols for usability testing. The Community Customizations Implementation Team has been gathering the technical and administrative functional specifications necessary to support the project, which will also be issued as a report. The next phase will
involve prototyping and usability testing, leading to the production implementation of those components that can be completed by August. A second phase of implementation will then begin. The MetaLib Pilot Project is still in formative stages, including an exploratory discussion with Roy Tennant from the California Digital Library, which has worked extensively with MetaLib.

6. Reports from Communities

a. AMPALS (Brook)

AMPALS has been reviewing their use of First Search searches and the best databases to use them on. They are in the process of planning their Spring meeting.

b. GPALS (Reynolds)

GPALS will be meeting in April. They are reviewing alternative methods for apportioning costs to members. They are also reviewing issues related for-profit and non-profit members.

c. DOE (Serritella)

Serritellla reported that the DOE continues to have personnel changes. Peggy Norman is their new Director and Travis Willard is their new Deputy Superintendent. Willard spoke at Library Legislative Day. GALILEO has been meeting with GeorgiaStandards.Org regarding single-sign-on from the DOE portal. The NECC conference will be in Atlanta in June. A library crawl will take participants to the Georgia Archives, the Carter Library, and Georgia Tech. The Georgia Read More project will not be funded for a third year. However, some support may be forthcoming from donors. The videos of celebrities reading to children are available for download from the DOE website.

d. GPLS (Zimmerman)

Zimmerman reported that two quarters of ILL reimbursements have been completed. Initial planning for the GOLD/GALILEO Users Group Conference has begun; the most likely date will be August 2 and location will be the Georgia Center for Continuing Education. Diane Kresh will likely be the keynote speaker. Elections are underway for new representatives to the advisory committee. Zimmerman talked about database trials of interest to public libraries that are available via the GALILEO trials site, as well as some other options in review, including shared audiobook collections. The Children’s Services Annual Conference took place on February 9 in Macon, with over 400 attendees. PINES/Evergreen is now managing circulation and cataloging for over 44 libraries, which will increase to over 50 throughout 2007. GPLS is conducting focus groups for the acquisitions module that will be developed. Requests for inter-PINES library loans have increased over 30% since the debut of the new system in September.

e. DTAE (Barnes)
Their new interim commissioner is restructuring. The DTAE Library Council is interested in GIL, but funding is uncertain. A group will also be looking at PINES/Evergreen.

f. **GISA (Pylant)**

Pylant reported that they are in the process of collecting an FTE count for the next fiscal year. This year, they had 25 schools participate. Librarians have had to work to educate their administrators about the benefits of participation. Five training sessions have been conducted since August. They are also looking at cost-allocation models. Pylant would welcome suggestions on how to best apportion costs. They are hoping to add to the membership. Most schools currently involved have student populations in the 300-800 range. One incentive for participation is the ability to better transition students to Georgia higher education institutions where GALILEO is a primary tool for research.

g. **USG (Fayoyin)**

RACL will be meeting at Sea Palms in March. Tamara Lee will become chair of RACL as well as GALILEO Steering Committee in July. Merryll Penson represented the USG at Library Legislative Day. Many of the academic libraries were involved in the LibQual survey this previous Fall. Many faculty and user comments referred to GALILEO.

7. **Next Meeting Date (Fayoyin)**

The next meeting date is April 13th. The last meeting for this year will be June 8th.

8. **Adjourn.**