Attendees: Michael Bain, Gordon Baker, Carol Bray, Judith Brook, Lauren Fancher, Carolyn Fuller, Charlene Hurt, Lynn Kelly, Tamera Lee, Joyce Mills, Merryl Penson, Bill Potter, Kirsten Pylant, Susan Ralph, Martha Reynolds, Mary Jane Rootes, Gene Ruffin, Rachel Schipper, Leslie St. John, Jerry Stovall, Tammy Sugarman, Darro Willey, Toni Zimmerman.

1) Welcome and Introductions (Lee)

2) Lee welcomed the group and recognized outgoing (David Tucker, Leigh Hall, Joan Taylor) and incoming (Leslie St. John, Tammy Sugarman, Mary Jane Rootes) GOLD representative members. Charlene Hurt, retiring Dean of Libraries at GSU, and Phil Williams, retiring Director of Virtual Library Support (GIL) (not present) were also recognized.

3) Approval of February 8, 2008 minutes (Mills)

4) The minutes were approved as submitted.

5) GALILEO Upgrade Update (Fancher)

The Scholar, Library, High School, and Teen interfaces became accessible in the GALILEO production system March 17th. While the Kids interface for elementary schools is still in development, the original Kids interface continues, but in a more prominent location. The initial designs for the four interfaces have been available for review and testing in beta since early October 2007. During that time in beta, revisions were prototyped based on the findings of usability testing, back-end development for these revisions was accomplished, and critical issues uncovered in beta testing were addressed prior to the production release. To help acquaint staff in libraries and media centers, online orientation sessions were offered monthly, in addition to announcements sent to the GALILEO e-mail list.

The user-centered design and development of the new user views has been a major effort involving the Community Customizations Working Groups, users, the library staff of all of the libraries, and the GALILEO staff. Overall, the feedback has been very positive on the user views. GALILEO is capturing all issues reported for a change review process in which suggestions are reviewed and evaluated for feasibility and possible implementation.
The next steps for the GALILEO Upgrade are underway, including localization of SFX, implementation of MetaLib, and a project to develop tools for the integration of library resources into online courseware and websites.

Find It (SFX) linking and A-Z list services in GALILEO can now be localized with GALILEO institutions’ local resources. Interested institutions should submit a request to GALILEO via the Contact Us link located in the top right corner of the GALILEO Homepage.

Emory, Georgia Tech, and Georgia State have begun work with MetaLib. Emory has made Metalib available in a soft launch for their campus via Primo and Tech is readying for a production release. GALILEO has been working closely with these institutions to implement a support and maintenance model in preparation for implementation of MetaLib with the Scholar user view for the academic libraries.

The Courseware and Website Library Resource Integration (CWLRI) Working Group composed of librarians from the academic libraries has drafted their report of recommendations, which is being circulated for additional comment and feedback from the WebCT administrators and library colleagues prior to finalization and handoff to the implementation team.

6) Changes for Ask a Librarian (Fancher)
GALILEO will stop providing preliminary processing for Ask A Librarian requests by replacing the linked Ask A Librarian contact form with either an email link to the local contact or link to the local form used by the participating library. In this way, the service will be more immediate for better response to users and will be available to more libraries. GALILEO Staff will identify local Ask A Librarian information and make programming adjustments to the system to accommodate this change. Announcements will be made via the GALILEO list and to the current Ask A Librarian contacts when the final timing is determined.

7) Report from Executive Director (Penson)
The budget process seems to be on track; while no new money seems to be forthcoming, additional cuts are not forthcoming either. GPALS is looking at LexisNexis and WestLaw choices. WestLaw has offered a group price for all of the academics but interest has not been adequate for pursuit of this option. Those institutions that will be subscribing to both in the coming year may be a source of additional insight for next year’s decisions.

OIIT is undergoing an assessment of its duties. Some inquiries may be made to the libraries about GALILEO and GIL.

Lee, Sugarman, and Penson went to ICOLC in San Francisco last month. Major topics of discussion included next-generation catalogs, working with
small publishers, and ebooks. Elizabeth Winters from Georgia Tech gave a presentation on transfer of titles between publishers and communications to electronic resource librarians. Lee mentioned presentations on emerging ebook readers and expectations for publishers of ebooks and parallels with ejournals. Sugarman mentioned presentations on publisher packages (Blackwell/Wiley) and the challenges in determining the package with a Big Ten consortia deal with Springer. Penson mentioned that the group got to meet Brewster Kahle and see the Internet Archive and the processing of content that the project oversees.

Penson will be attending SOLINET's Virtual Library meeting next week, including the other state consortial virtual libraries. She will also be attending the ProQuest Advisory Council meeting next week and would welcome questions or comments for that group.

The cost-sharing information is being finalized and will be shared shortly.

It is possible that more formalized agreements between GALILEO (BOR) and the participating communities will be put in place during the next year.

Relatively few libraries have elected to switch to a different ProQuest package.

8) Reports from the Library Communities
   a.) AMPALS (Brook for Henderson)
       They will be meeting in a couple of weeks. Cynthia Henderson will continue as chair.

   b.) GPALS (Reynolds)
       The group met in March at Georgia Military College. Reynolds introduced Mike Bain as her replacement as chair. Tad Mindeman is chair-elect. Bob Glass will be replacing Dawn Lamade as treasurer. They have been selecting their WestLaw and LexisNexis choices.

   c.) DOE
       No report.

   d.) GISA (Pylant)
       They have finalized their participation for FY09. They have a 17% increase in participation.

   e.) DTAE (Stovall)
       A bill has passed the legislature to change their name to Technical College System of Georgia. They will be having their Spring meeting in two weeks.
f.) **GPLS (Zimmerman)**  
Reimbursement checks for the last quarter are in process. Borrowing and lending statistics have been added to the GPLS borrowing and lending page. The GOLD compliance mailing went out on March 24; approximately one fifth of the group has responded. The GOLD/GALILEO Annual Users Group Conference is scheduled for August 1 in Athens at the UGA Center for Continuing Education. The theme is One World, One Library: Keeping the User at the Center. The summer reading program is about to kick-off, the theme is bugs, and the slogan is “Catch the Reading Bug.” A separate teen program has the theme of metamorphosis. Examples of the artwork and activities are available from the public libraries websites. The Evergreen staff is working on an open source conference, potentially planned for December.

g.) **USG (Lee)**  
The RACL group had their spring meeting in March in Augusta. They had presentations on ebooks, the USG core curriculum revision, and Stan Byrdy, Augusta TV sportscaster and author, provided a history of golf in Augusta. Dr. Daniel Rahn, President, Medical College of Georgia and Vice-Chancellor for Health Affairs, gave a talk on needs, challenges, and the new image of the healthcare workforce. Gordon Baker, Clayton State is chair-elect, Bede Mitchell, Georgia Southern University is the incoming secretary, Debbie Holmes and Susan Ralph are the incoming members-at-large.

9. **Leadership Transition (Lee)**  
Lee introduced Carol Bray, the incoming chair of the GALILEO Steering Committee.

10. **Next Meeting (Bray)** – The scheduled meeting dates for FY09 will be August 22, December 5, February 20, April 3, and June 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Henry County Public Library, McDonough, GA.

11. **Other**  
Hurt reported that Nancy Seamans from the University of Iowa will be the new Dean of Libraries at GSU. Schipper reported that the Digital Innovations Group at GCSU is hosting a conference in the near future that will include a presentation about copyright.

12. **Adjourn**