

**Approved Minutes
GALILEO Steering Committee
Henry County Public Library
Friday, February 4, 2011
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

Attendees: Elizabeth Bagley, Pat Borck, Susan Cooley, Lauren Fancher, Carolyn Fuller, Ann Hamilton, Eva Lautemann, LaVerne McLaughlin (telephone), Bede Mitchell, Catherine Murray-Rust (telephone), Merryll Penson, Bill Potter, Helen Poyer, Kirsten Pylant, Mary Rootes, Gene Ruffin, Nan Seamans, Judy Serritella, Andy Spinks, Julie Walker, Toni Zimmerman

1) Welcome and Introductions (Mitchell)

Visitors to the meeting included Ann Hamilton, Andy Spinks, Valerie Ayer, Betsy Razza, and Julie Walker. Mitchell welcomed Helen Poyer, Cobb County, a new member representing public libraries, replacing Darro Wiley.

2) Approval of October 8, 2010 Minutes (Mitchell)

Minutes were approved as submitted.

3) GALILEO Budget FY12: Possible Reductions and Strategies for Mitigating

Several guests came to discuss the reductions in the GALILEO budgets and how the GALILEO communities might work to advocate more effectively for GALILEO in the short and long term. The group discussed the issues, opportunities, and ideas for generating support for GALILEO amongst the various stakeholders. The group strategized about possible approaches including working through Friends of Georgia Libraries (FOGL) FaceBook and Georgia Library Day. People who are developing talking points and content should email their contributions to Ann Hamilton at Georgia Southern University (ahamilton@georgiasouthern.edu), who chairs the GALILEO Advocacy Task Force, an outgrowth of the RACL Strategic Plan.

4) Report from Executive Director (Penson)

Penson reported on the status of pricing for FY12. The vendors are at various points in their process.

5) GALILEO Strategic Plan (Mitchell)

Mitchell distributed a draft back in July of a GALILEO strategic plan, which was based on the RACL strategic plan. He will re-send in order to get any final comments.

6) Reports from the Library Communities

- **AMPALS (Liz Bagley):**
GALILEO staff presented the new GALILEO reporting tool to a group of AMPALS representatives.
- **GPALS:** (Report submitted post-meeting via email by Tad Mindeman, who had been unable to attend due to weather.) GPALS held its fall membership meeting on Friday, October 29 at Covenant College. Items of note from member institutions:
 - Shorter University broke ground in December on a new addition to their Library. The addition will nearly double current space.
 - LaGrange College is now using video conferencing for library instruction to its branch campus in Albany.
 - Reinhardt University has received a gift of over 10,000 books, videos, and pictures on U.S. military history. They are also preparing a grant for preserving antebellum newspapers, partnering with the Atlanta History Center and Bartow County.
 - A Covenant College library design challenge was selected as a case study for Library Journal's Design Institute held in Greenville, SC November 9. It was the only academic library chosen at this particular conference.
 - Covenant College has been selected as one of 70 early adopter institutions for OCLC's new Web Scale Management System (WMS). Transition to the new ILS will occur this winter with a complete cutover from its current system, Voyager, set for July.

The GPALS spring meeting will be held on March 25 at Oglethorpe University.

- **GPLS (Zimmerman and Walker):** Last two quarters of GOLD reimbursements included \$19,000 for Q1 and over \$18,000 for Q2. Statistics for ILL are now available on the GPLS website. GPLS is expecting a 4% cut for FY11 and 8% for FY12. The FY11 cut has been accounted for but the FY12 cut will require significant re-examination of the budget. Zimmerman reported that the tentative date for GOLD/GALILEO is August 5th and that she has practically completed the process of obtaining a keynote speaker. She is planning for the theme to involve webscale services for libraries. She will be putting together a planning committee soon.
- **DOE (Serritella):** Serritella reported on the DOE.
- **TCSG:** No report.
- **GISA (Pylant):** There has been increased interest in GALILEO participation due in part to the economy.

- **USG (Mitchell):** The search for the new Chancellor is underway.

6) New Business (Mitchell)

The planned next meeting date had been Friday, April 1. There is now a conflict with ACRL. The group agreed that April 15th will be the next date.

7) Adjourn (Mitchell)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.