

**Draft Minutes**  
**GALILEO Steering Committee**  
**Henry County Public Library, McDonough**  
**Friday, March 20, 2015**  
**10:00 AM – 11:45 AM**

**Attendees:**

Michael Bain, Laura Burtle for Tammy Sugarman, Jeff Carrico for Catherine Murray-Rust, Lauren Fancher, Carolyn Fuller, Toby Graham, Leigh Hall, Beth Hammond, Courtney McGough, Beth McIntyre, Amanda McKenzie, LaVerne McLaughlin, Bede Mitchell, Merryll Penson, Kirsten Pylant, Deborah Prosser, Gene Ruffin, Elijah Scott, Catherine Thompson

**1) Welcome and Introductions (Scott)**

**2) Approval of Minutes (Scott)**

Minutes were approved as submitted.

**3) Follow-up from January 23, 2015 GALILEO Steering Committee (All)**

The group discussed the presentations made by vendors at the January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Notable issues included the availability of remote access and the increasing need for accessible ebook platforms, and tools to more readily access or integrate the content. All agreed it was a valuable experience. The group discussed approaches and possible processes for evaluation of the GALILEO database package. North Carolina conducts a three-year cycle, but their process requires that all types of libraries participate in the same package. GALILEO provides flexibility to the participating groups to have different resources. A motion was made for the representatives of the groups to consult with their groups on evaluation of their packages and possible processes and frequency.

**4) Report of the Executive Director (Penson)**

**a. Databases**

Penson shared a tiered proposal from ProQuest that would upgrade their products for academic community, with some additional content (full LION, Criminal Justice) as well as expanded participation for some products already in use; a second tier would add ebrary, Proquest Literacy Companion, and the Summon discovery tool; a third tier would add Sanborn maps and Atlanta Daily World; a la carte offers would include New York Times, Historic New York Times, Atlanta Journal Constitution, History Vault, and discounts on additional products. The proposal is open

until the end of September. There are multiple complexities around the value offered to the different communities. The group concluded that any evaluation of the proposal would likely not take place until the fall, and probably should happen after a plan on how best to review the overall GALILEO package has been determined.

b. **Annual Survey**

The final report from the annual survey was distributed to the group. It will be available on the website. Content continues to be a primary area suggested for improvement.

c. **Budget/Databases for FY2016**

FTE changes will have some impacts. Penson expects increases in the range of 2-5% for many resources, with a few holding flat. EBSCO and ProQuest will be helping with the Fall GALILEO 20<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations.

d. **Open Library of the Humanities**

Through some non-GALILEO funding, GALILEO has been able to get membership in the Open Library of the Humanities. It will allow GALILEO members to contribute to an open access journal in the humanities. The publication model uses a library model in which libraries contribute to the editorial costs of production. Dr. Martin Eave, the UK-based organizer of the Open Library journal, will do a webinar for the GALILEO community, looking for peer-reviewers, editors, and contributors. Penson asked the group to indicate how best to proceed; should libraries be separately approached from faculty? The group agreed one session for all, to take place in the fall, would be best.

e. **GKR Progress**

Making good progress on the GKR. The UNG repository is now included. The team is working now with Mercer and Atlanta University Center.

5) **Addition of Catholic Diocese of Savannah (potentially 17 schools):**

**Discussion**

The Diocese schools are distributed across the southern part of the state, including Savannah, Augusta, and Valdosta. Diocese is not a member of GISA. They are not requesting that all schools participate. Questions include impact on support and value to GALILEO of their participation. The group felt that they needed to work with GISA. Pylant will investigate options for them to do so.

6) **Reports of the User Communities/Representatives**

a. **AMPALS (Hammond)**

AMPALS has not yet scheduled their spring meeting or the ARCHE meeting.

b. **GPALS (Bain)**

GPALS meets in April. Bain will encourage the group to participate in database evaluation.

c. **TCSG (Hall)**

TCSG is meeting on May 15. They have been reviewing their package.

d. **DOE (No report)**

e. **GISA (Pylant)**

Pylant is seeking a replacement for herself as the GALILEO representative.

f. **GPLS (Penson/Fuller/McIntyre)**

Penson has been working with Wendy Cornelison on how to leverage information and services from the vendors about user experience and to review public library databases. Fuller is presenting at the April 29<sup>th</sup> Public Library Director's meeting on ebooks. McIntyre reported on the library advocacy day held in Athens. She shared the "my library story" video from GALE with great success.

g. **USG (Scott)**

USG next-gen system project is a focus. The RACL meeting is next month. Georgia Highlands College is hosting an OER Summit for a group of institutions, including TCSG and others. Burtle talked about the task facing the GSU and GPC libraries in their merger.

**7) Other**

Burtle shared an update on the GSU copyright lawsuit. It had been appealed to the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit and they remanded to the district court. The publishers have filed a motion to reopen the record, raising the possibility of retrying the case.

Fuller mentioned the Fall GLA/COMO conference in which writers of the Unshelved comic strip will be presenting. She requested suggestions for authors.

**8) Activities Report**

An activities report was provided to the committee.

**9) Next Meeting Dates (Scott)**

May 29 (the Friday after Memorial Day)

**10) Adjournment**

The committee adjourned.