

**RPLAC meeting – March 30, 2012**

Nancy Guinn Memorial Library – Conyers, GA

*Present at the meeting:*

**RPLAC members:**

Patricia Edwards – Jefferson County Library (Rural Single County)  
Lecia Eubanks – Cherokee Regional Library (Rural Multi-County)  
Kelly Lenz – South Georgia Regional Library (Urban/Rural Multi-County) – RPLAC Secretary  
Anne Isbell – Lake Blackshear Regional Library System (Rural Multi-County) – RPLAC Chair  
Adrian Mixson – Hall County Library (Urban Single County)  
Carrie Zeiger – Flint River Regional Library System (Urban/Rural Multi-County)  
Claudia Gibson – Chestatee Regional Library System (Urban/Rural Multi-County)  
Sandy Hester – Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Library (Rural Single County)  
Stephen Whigham – Ocmulgee Regional Library System (Rural Multi-County)  
Barry Reese – Twin Lakes Library System (Rural Single County)  
Gary Swint – East Central Regional Library (Urban/Rural Multi-County)

**GPLS Administrative Staff:**

Alan Harkness (Assistant State Librarian)  
Julie Walker (Deputy State Library Director)  
Lamar Veatch (State Librarian)  
Jay Turner (Director, Continuing Education)

**Spectators:**

Jean Turn  
Kathryn Ames  
Joe Forsee  
Laura Harrison  
Claudia Muller  
Susan Stephens  
Kathy Griffis  
Barbara Osborne-Harris  
Alison Weissinger  
Lisa Rigsby  
Lace Keaton  
Sandy Hester  
Ashley Moore  
Jon McDaniel  
Carolyn Fuller  
Claire Leavy  
Leard Daughety  
Nancy Tillinghast  
Susan Whittle  
Linda Kean  
Steve Schafer  
Richard Sanders  
Chelsea Kovalevsky

Darla Chambliss  
Daryl Fletcher  
Nick Fogarty  
Kathryn Ames  
Lillie Crowe  
Ashley Moore  
Leigh Wiley  
Gary Swint  
Stephen Whigham

**Various dial-in spectators:**

Billy Tripp  
Brigid Broderick  
Christopher Evans  
Clarie Leavy  
Claudya Muller  
Emerson Murphy  
Gilda Stanbury  
Helen Poyer  
Laura Harrison  
Melody Jenkins  
Nancy Tillinghast  
Pam Grigg  
Roni Tewksbury

(Meeting convened at 9:05 AM)

*Motion from Anne Isbell: To approve the minutes from the last meeting.  
Secoded by Claudia Gibson*

**Announcements from GPLS:**

**Lamar:** We did get – thanks to some good efforts. A ball got started rolling regarding maintenance and repair funds. The ended up with 2.255 million in maintenance and repair funds. There were About 70 projects on the final list. We removed some that did not have local match, had already been accomplished locally. We made some revisions. Both the House and the Senate approved the list. We are certainly generating some thoughts and ideas for next year's budget. The BOR got some money that was supposed to be cut added back for some particular projects. We've lost about 25% in funding for public libraries. When you look at that list of 2012 grants, that will be the grant for FY13. For many of the libraries it's not a very pretty sight. If we work hard between now and the election on the some plans and ideas and we begin talking to the governor's office about what how this is impacting your libraries, maybe we can find some rays of light for our FY14 budget. We contracted with Lyrasis to review 5 year plan. It had to be an external study. We have about 3 months to complete a 5 year plan for the next 5 years for LSTA funding.

**Budget spreadsheets were passed out.**

**Julie:** This gives you an idea of where libraries are and the cumulative effect of these reductions going into the next year.

**Lecia:** Is it true that systems get to decide starting in July where you want to take your cuts?

**Julie:** Yes

**Claudia:** The 2% is not in addition to what we have now?

**Julie:** No. You did not to take two this year. We were able to reduce it to one.

**Lecia:** Won't it change everyone's numbers?

**Julie:** It will change the numbers for everybody. Christopher will calculate everyone's amounts.

**Kathryn:** The rest of the places that still have TBCs. Is that included in the grant total?

**Julie:** That is a different line item.

**Jean:** Are there new population figures yet?

**Lamar:** We are using the FY13 figures.

#### **Discussion of census numbers**

**Julie:** state positions are allocated 1 per 75,000. Because of changes in population totals 5 systems are adding 1 state paid position. There's going to be an extra 400,000 added to the 2% cut.

**Discussion of changing formula back to 1 position per 100,000 – There would be 1.2 million dollars that could be redistributed to SSG and Materials.**

**Adrian:** There's really not a lot of money to play around with.

**Anne:** I've heard some of the same things.

**Julie:** LSTA and state money are added in.

**Lamar:** state operations and on behalf services.

**Julie:** On behalf money is used to pay for things for everyone.

**Gary:** Looking at some position changes. 2 positions for each county Miss Wessie rule.

**Lamar:** It's a formula element that should be in the mix to be discussed.

**Kathryn:** I think that we need to look at population. 5 systems will receive an increase this year. What about next year or the year after that? Now were giving out positions based on areas of rapid growth. We have some very definite needs for that position.

Everyone broke up into groups for further discussion regarding changing formula:

**Steve:** Presented Urban/Rural Multi County's ideas

**Adrian:** Presented Large Urban Single County's ideas

**Anne:** Presented Rural Multi County's Ideas

**Sandy:** Presented Rural Single County's ideas

**Discussion of the pros and cons of continuing to pay for GALILEO**

**Lecia:** *Motion to approve minutes*

*Seconded by Barry Reese*

**Vote:** Motion passed

***Motion from Lecia Eubanks:*** *To deduct 2 years of experience from all state paid librarians hired after 7/1/11.*

*Seconded by Adrian Mixson.*

***Vote:*** *Motion passed*

Observation from Patricia Edwards that the discussion of the state Standards Committee on the agenda was skipped over. Julie Walker stated that she is working on getting a committee together to work on the state standards. The next meeting date is November 7, 2011 at 10 AM at the Flint River Regional Library – Griffin – Spalding County Library.

(Meeting concluded at 5:46 PM)