

**MINUTES**  
**REGENTS PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday – June 22, 2006**

**Attending**

**Directors:**

John Szabo	Steve Schaefer
Gail Rogers	Richard Sanders
Alan Kaye	Susan Whittle – Telecom.
Diana Tope	Gary Swint – Telecom.
Dusty Gres	Melody Jenkins – Telecom.
Kathryn Ames	Greg Heid – Telecom.

Jim Cooper

**GPLS Staff:**

Lamar Veatch, State Librarian

David Singleton, Deputy State Librarian

Darin Givens, GPLS Webmaster

Chairman Schaefer called the meeting of the Regents Public Library Advisory Committee (RPLAC) to order at 10:40am in the 5<sup>th</sup> floor conference room of the Georgia Public Library Service. A telephone conference call had been established to permit members noted above to participate remotely in the meeting as their individual schedules permitted.

Minutes of the June 6, 2006 meeting were approved as revised and distributed. Lamar Veatch introduced Darin Givens, the new GPLS webmaster.

The committee decided to move the House Study Committee Information Packet topic to the top of the agenda due to Lamar Veatch having to leave at 12:30 to attend a meeting at BOR.

***House Study Committee Information Packet – Gail Rogers and Dusty Gres***

Discussion took place as to the contribution that RPLAC could make to the work of the House Public Library Study Committee. It was decided that the following documents would be included in the House Study Committee Information Packet.

1. Cover letter – briefly describing the role of RPLAC and the packet contents.
2. Standards
3. Draft Policies
4. Trustee Manual
5. Annual Reports – need from Susan Roberts
6. Capitol Outlay – marked as draft revision
7. Bylaws
8. Chart – in color
9. GLASS documents
10. New Direction Formula – 2 column “simple” document
11. Librarian Pay Scale
12. System Population – System Map on back
13. History of Library Funding

Darin Givens, GPLS webmaster, will post a list of the House Study Committee Information Packet documents in a password protected area on the GPLS website. The Chancellor and Library Directors will be given electronic access to these documents.

Break from 11:15 – 11:30

***State Librarian's Comments – Lamar Veatch***

His meeting with Steve Schaefer and Felton Jenkins was productive and educational. There was good perspective on GPLS/BOR relations as well as library functions.

Kathryn Ames asked about a GPLS presentation at next week's House Study Committee. John Szabo, Gail Rogers, Diana Tope and Kathryn Ames will be attending the meeting.

Lamar reviewed the recent meeting with the State Department of Audits, 35 library systems are currently audited by this state agency. Because of the new requirement for Audits to audit Charter Schools, there is growing concern that Audits may not have the resources to continue the auditing of public libraries. There is no legal mandate for audits to do so.

Discussion continued about the high costs of audits and the differences between private and public auditors. There is a need for auditors that are familiar with the library world and for a set of standards to follow.

***Committee Reports***

The Chairman called upon the subcommittee chairs for updates. Work was ongoing. Alan Kaye distributed a draft of the RPLAC bylaws, these were reviewed and approved.

Break from 12:47 – 1:37

***Open Discussion of Collective (RPLAC) Goals and Objectives***

Discussion took place regarding subcommittee structure. It was decided to make committees of the whole and have 3 issues with 2 co-chairs for each issue. The issues and co-chairs are as follows:

Issue #1: **VISION**, Greg Heid and Richard Sanders

Issue #2: **FUNDING**, Diana Tope and Kathryn Ames

Issue #3: **LIBRARY LAWS and POLICIES**, Dusty Gres and Gail Rogers

Statements of Purpose and Goals and Objectives for these 3 issues to be finished in time for the next meeting. RPLAC agreed to schedule its next meeting for July 14, 2006 at 10am at GPLS. Steve Schaefer will check with Lamar Veatch, David Singleton and Susan Roberts to see if they are available for this meeting. RPLAC appointed John Szabo as the representative to keep the committee posted on House Committee activities.

Chairman Schaefer adjourned the meeting at 3:11pm.