

Regents Public Library Advisory Committee
Minutes
August 5, 2011

The Regents Public Library Advisory Committee met on August 5, 2011 at 10:00 AM at the Porter Memorial Library In Porterdale, Georgia.

Present:

RPLAC members

Lecia Eubanks	Cherokee Regional
Kelly Lenz	South Georgia Regional
Anne Isbell	Lake Blackshear Regional
Carrie Zeiger	Flint River Regional
Adrian Mixson	Hall County
Sandy Hester	Fitzgerald-Ben Hill
Barry Reese	Twin Lakes
Claudia Gibson	Chestatee Reigonal
Carmen Sims	Bartow County
Patricia Edwards	Jefferson County

Georgia Public Library Service

Lamar Veatch
Julie Walker
Alan Harkness
Jay Turner

Additional attendees

Jean Turn	Kinchafoonee Regional
Susan Whittle	Southwest Georgia Regional
Lace Keaton	Newton County
Charles Gee	Pine Mountain Regional
Kathryn Ames	Athens Regional
Brenda Poku	Newton County Library
Britt Ozburn	Newton County Library
Krishna Grady	Newton County Library

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 AM by chair Lecia Eubanks who asked everyone to sign the attendance sheet.

The minutes from the June 15-16, 2011 meeting in Covington, GA were approved after a motion by Adrian Mixson and a second by Barry Reese.

GPLS Update

BOR Members - Doreen Poitevint (Bainbridge, GA) was reappointed to the BOR and Larry Walker (Perry, GA) was appointed for the first time.

[Regents Poitevint and Walker both dialed in briefly to speak. Poitevint said that the new chair of the board of regents wants to hear a report at each board meeting from GPLS.]

New Chancellor - The new chancellor is Hank M. Huckaby. Chancellor Huckaby was the director of the Carl Vinson Institute.

ACCG Committee – At the last ACCG/GPLS meeting, both sides agreed to change some of the harsher language in the MOE statement. GPLS will send the proposed changes to the leaders at the state to make sure that the wording is strong enough.

September Directors' Meeting - The September directors' meeting will be September 14-15, 2011 on St. Simon's Island.

- Wednesday
 - Facilities workshop
 - RPLAC 4:45 – 6:00 PM
- Thursday
 - Directors' Meeting
 - PINES Executive Meeting – 3:00
 - Georgia Council of Public Libraries – 4:30 – 6:00
- Friday
 - Directors' Meeting

On the agenda will be Marti Minor speaking about open government and open meetings - a subject which is a pet project for the new Georgia attorney general who intends to enforce the law. Also in attendance will be Dr. Steve W. Wrigley, Executive Vice Chancellor for Administration for USG. Barbara Gubbin, Director of the Jacksonville Public Library will also speak.

December Directors' Meeting - The December directors' meeting will be December 8 and 9, 2011 in Morrow, GA at the state and/or national archives. Hopefully both First Lady Sandra Deal and Chancellor Huckaby will be able to attend.

2% Budget Reduction for FY12 - GPLS has been instructed to present a budget with a 2% reduction for this year and for FY13. It will be the same 2%, not 2% this year and an additional 2% next year. If you have any stories about how this additional reduction will impact your library system, please send that information to Julie Walker.

Old Business

RPLAC Surveys – The results of the Shared Services Survey and the GPLS Provided Services were discussed. The question came up about which systems might already be sharing services and how the agreements had been reached. The suggestion was made that shared services be a Table Talk at the September Directors' Meeting. A request was also made at the results of the surveys be shown in order of importance. Dr. Veatch stated that GPLS staff was already working on that.

New Business

Salary Survey – The point was brought up that we had not yet heard about how directors felt about the current salary grant, although over 80% of directors had previously indicated that the salary grant was important. Jean Turn and Anne Isbell will develop a survey about the salary grant. Once the survey questions are developed the survey will be sent to GPLS who will add some concrete numbers to the survey.

Topics covered will be: Conversions, Possible State Paid Allied Professional Positions, Supplements, Advanced Degrees and Half time/Shared Positions.

State Standards – It is time to update the State Standards. Anne Isbell moved that GPLS form a study committee made up of library directors, including one member of RPLAC to review and revise the State Standards from 2005, with the committee to meet at the September directors' meeting. Sandy Hester seconded the motion and it was approved. Once the Standards' Committee meets it will make a recommendation about the need for a basic library services committee.

Proposed Changes to the RPLAC Constitution and By-Laws – At least two changes need to be made to the current constitution and by-laws – filling a vacancy electronically and attendance. Adrian Mixson and Claudia Gibson will coordinate the updates to the constitution and by-laws. They will be distributed to the RPLAC members at least two weeks before the Directors' Meeting and voted on at that meeting.

Election of Officers for RPLAC FY12 – Adrian Mixson nominated Anne Isbell as chair. Claudia Gibson seconded the motion and it was approved.

Anne Isbell nominated Kelly Lenz as secretary. Claudia Gibson seconded the nomination and it was approved.

The next RPLAC meeting will be Wednesday, September 15, 2011 at 4:45 on St. Simon's Island.

The meeting of the Regents Public Library Advisory Committee was adjourned at 1:53 PM.