

**MINUTES**  
**REGENTS PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**December 12, 2007**  
**Savannah, Georgia**  
**Live Oak Public Library**

ATTENDING: Kathy Ames, Dusty Gres, Nick Fogarty, Carolyn Fuller, Donna Howell, Alan Kaye, Barry Reese, Richard Sanders, Gary Swint, John Szabo, Susan Whittle

TELECONFERENCE: Greg Heid

GPLS: Lamar Veatch, David Singleton, Julie Walker, Lyn Hopper

VISITORS: ?

NOTE: Due to technical difficulties, the recording of the minutes of this meeting were lost. The following minutes were reconstructed from member notes at the January 18, 2008 RPLAC Meeting in Athens, Georgia.

Kathy Ames moved that the Committee approve the RPLAC minutes from October 26, 2007. Susan Whittle seconded the motion and it was approved.

The Committee entered into a discussion regarding regional library incentives which would serve to prevent member counties to leave multi-regional library systems and become single county library systems. David Singleton presented two scenarios that offered enhanced state funding to multi-county regional library systems to encourage member counties to remain a part of the library system.

Susan Whittle moved that RPLAC recommend that Georgia Public Library Service adopt the priority of changing the state grant and raising state appropriation to fund a base of two state paid positions, per county, whether the county is part of a multi-county regional library system or a single county library system. Nick Fogarty seconded the motion. The motion passed with three members voting nay to the motion (Richard Sanders, Kathy Ames, and John Szabo) and one member abstaining from voting (Gary Swint.)

Kathy Ames made a motion for RPLAC to request that GPLS establish a System Service and Collaborative Services Committee to look at ways to establish cooperative arrangements between vendors and the public library system as a group. Susan Whittle seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.