

**Agenda**  
**Regents Public Library Advisory Committee**  
**May 6, 2009**  
**Warner Robins, GA**

Those present: Jon McDaniel, Julie Walker, Donna Howell, Gary Swint, Susan Whittle, Dusty Gres, Richard Sanders, Alan Harkness, Anna Isbell, Teresa Cole, Sandy Hester, Claire Levy, Barry Reese, Kathie Ames, Susan White, Nick Fogarty, Joe Forsee, Jeff Tomlinson, Alan Kaye, Charles Gee, Lee Wiley, Bridgette Broderick, Norris Wooten, Lois Roberts, Wendy Weinberger, Lamar Veatch, Mark Cole, Thomas Jones, Lyn Hopper, Carrie Zeiger, Claudia Gibson, Laura Harrison, Tamara George, Helen Pryer

Phone: Lilly Crowe, Gilda, Greg

**Call to Order :** Kathie Ames called the meeting to order at 1:08 pm.

**Approve Minutes** Susan Whittle--motion, Barry Reese-second -- approved

**GPLS Update:** Julie Walker reported that having the Carl Vinson Institute do a study of funding formula seems possible. This study would facilitate the pilot programs (2) of libraries could come together to engage in resource sharing to see how services could be changed and shared and they are looking at September to kick this off. The use of LSTA funding between \$20,000 and \$50,000 might be available for this. Walt McBride, (Carl Vinson Institute) who worked with the Pinnacle group, knows libraries might be a good choice. There will be no financial incentive for the study groups but it would bring to the table what you already have and help to discover how these resources best be used to serve the public. There is no right model but what would help each type of group.

ALA National Legislative Day is next Monday-Tuesday, May 12-13. Dr. Lamar Veatch & Elaine Yontz, from Valdosta University, are going to participate.

Meeting to discuss with Gates Foundation ---

There will be an EVERGREEN conference in Athens---

GPLS is waiting on Gov. to sign budget on May13-14 and they are hoping construction projects will be approved.

**Old Business**

Update on Ad Hoc Committees—No reports

**New Business**

A. Review By-laws and Purpose of RPLAC—KA

Susan Whittle feels that RPLAC needs to refocus in a more defined way to achieve more benefits for all libraries. She states that there is no plan to develop a statewide plan for library development and improvement to include fiscal implication of strategic goals. She states that the state plan comes first and the local plans would use them to help formulate their own plans. Lamar suggested that we find some expertise from Lyrasis.

Alan Kaye asked if the Susan's statement was correct. It was stated that the GPLS strategic is for GPLS not for the local systems.

Susan Whittle—recommend that GPLS develop a statewide plan for library development and improvement to include fiscal implication of strategic goals ---Barry Reese second [What is it, what will it cost, etc.]

Jon McDaniel suggested that this should wait until the experimental models are completed and use the findings of those to formulate the plan. Alan Kaye suggested that this plan would have to be refined as the info comes from the pilot programs.

Joe Forsee asked how this process would be structured—what would the review process be-----

After much discussion Susan & Barry rescinded their motions.

A new motion by Gary Swint—Barry 2nd—passed—Jon McDaniel opposed.

The motion: Whereas the purpose of RPLAC is to represent public libraries and in this capacity review, discuss and make recommendations in areas covering public library services for all Georgians,” and whereas long range plans are a recognized tool of good management, we ask that the Board Regents to instruct GPLS to develop a long range plan for public libraries in Georgia which will include distribution of tax monies. To do this, we ask that outside agency, public or private, be engaged to guide in the development and expression of said plan, with RPLAC retaining advice capacity at all stages.

Lamar will get this to Rob Watson from BOR so that they can assign it to the RPLAC group.

**Joe Forsee recommended that RPLAC should be amended so that non-RPLAC member to work on subcommittees**

**Kathie says that there will be several amendments will be made in June.**

As stated in by-laws as state

- a. Establish Benchmarks

- B. Discuss Federal Economic Recovery and Stimulus Package [2:00—2:30 conference call with ALA] -- next call on May 20  
GA Gov. has used every nickel to plug the holes in the state government budget—BOR is doing some work on broad band—1. computer and firewall upgrade---2..partner with BOR and colleges to use fiber
- C. Review Annual Report on RPLAC progress and goals for 2009-2010  
Praised group for getting policies completed and to BOR—Rob Watts is hand carrying it to the Chancellor..

Julie handed out the MOE-draft - Joe made some suggestions about changing some words—Julie got the changes and will make the changes in the documents—will be made available on request

- D. Develop a recommendation for the FY2011 budget---Lamar says that by the middle of May they will-may receive instructions on the 11 budget

Gov Perdue signed a bill that voters must to prove citizenship—takes effect on July 1 (driver license, passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers)—Lamar will get a statement from SOS

#### **Other Business**

Next Meeting – June 12, 2009—budget--

Topics to cover in June: New members of RPLAC, Amend bylaws, Elect officers.

Dusty—a member of group expressed concerned about the Library Board having to vote each year about mandatory conversions. Julie said that the Library Board does not have to vote on mandatory conversions.

#### **Adjournment**