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REGENTS PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday – June 6, 2006

GPLS and Board of Regent Offices

Attending

Directors:

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

GPLS Staff:

Lamar Veatch, State Librarian

Chairman Schaefer called the meeting of the Regents Public Library Advisory Committee (RPLAC) to order at 10am in the 5th 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 May 18, 2006 meeting were approved as revised and distributed.

Alan Kaye, chair of the bylaws committee, distributed a draft of the RPLAC bylaws. These were reviewed and revised. A second draft will be distributed to the RPLAC members. Afterward, the State Librarian will submit them to the BOR Legal for review.

The Chairman called upon the subcommittee chairs for updates. Work was ongoing.

Discussion took place as to contribution that RPLAC could make to the work of the House Public Library Study Committee. It was decided that the two subcommittees (Laws & Policies and Governance & Accountability) would coordinate efforts to provide the draft policies, developed in 2004-05 by GPLS in consultation with the State Grants Advisory Committee, to the House Study Committee. Dr. Veatch will distribute the current draft to RPLAC for review. He noted that, ideally, a revised draft should reach the House Study Committee members a week before their next meeting (June 29th).

RPLAC also agreed that the following additional materials should be shared with the House Study Committee at the same time:

- Georgia Public Library Standards – approved in 2005 by the public library directors
- GPLS “Annual Report” questions

- “Georgia Public Library Trustee Manual”, authored and edited by Lyn Hopper

Before adjourning, to reconvene later in the day at the Trinity-Washington Building, RPLAC agreed to schedule its next meeting for June 22nd at 10am at GPLS.

(RPLAC members traveled to the Board of Regents and were introduced to the Regents by Chairman Tim Shelnut and Dr. Veatch.)

Mr. Schaefer called the meeting back to order at 3:25pm in Room 8118 of the Trinity Washington Building. Conference call provisions were made with Dusty Gres and Susan Roberts joining in the meeting via telephone.

Ms. Roberts explained the Office of Planning and Budget instructions for the FY08 budget request.

At approximately 3:45pm, Regent Doreen Poitevint (RPLAC Liaison) and Senior Vice Chancellor Tom Daniel joined the meeting. Chairman Schaefer reviewed the work of the RPLAC subcommittees and explained how this work will contribute to the work of the House Study Committee.

Tom Daniel thanked the directors for their service and asked that RPLAC take into consideration the Governor’s “customer service initiative”. Chairman Schaefer directed that the Vision-Values-Perceptions subcommittee add “customer service” to its charge.

Diana Tope and John Szabo provided a verbal report of the first House Study Committee meeting that was held on June 1st. Topics discussed at this meeting included formula, state funds distribution, questions about library foundations, audits and accountability, trustee responsibility and liability, the role of libraries in the future, and how the Board of Regents was supporting and responding to public libraries.

At approximately 4:30, Regent Felton Jenkins (RPLAC Liaison) joined the meeting. Chairman Schaefer and Dr. Veatch agreed to coordinate a meeting with Regent Jenkins in Madison to brief him on RPLAC activities.

The meeting ended with a general discussion of cooperative activities and opportunities between the Board of Regents and public libraries.

Chairman Schaefer adjourned the meeting at 5:00pm.