RPLAC meeting
Spring library directors meeting – April 29, 2015 (Columbus, GA)

RPLAC members present: Claudia Gibson, Pam Grigg, Alan Harkness, Beth McIntyre, Gary McNeely, Richard Sanders, Keith Schuermann, Roni Tewkbury, Allison Weissinger.

Attendees:

Urban Single County
- Conyers-Rockdale Library System
- Stacy Brown

Urban Single County
- Conyers-Rockdale Library System
- Ben G. Carter

Urban Single County
- Dougherty County Public Library
- Pauline Abidde

Urban Single County
- Forsyth County Library System
- Anna Lyle

Urban Single County
- Houston County Public Library
- Mark Bohnstedt

Urban Single County
- Newton County Library System
- Lace Keaton

Urban Rural Multi-County
- Flint River Regional Library System
- Natalie Marshall

Urban Rural Multi-County
- Northeast Georgia Regional Library
- Delana Knight

Urban Rural Multi-County
- Sara Hightower Regional Library
- Delana Hickman

Urban Rural Multi-County
- Statesboro Regional Library System
- Jennifer Durham

Urban Rural Multi-County
- Uncle Remus Regional Library System
- Steve Schaefer

Rural Single County
- Elbert County Public Library
- Janet Burroughs

Rural Single County
- Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Library
- Sandy Hester

Rural Single County
- Moultrie-Colquitt County Library System
- Holly Phillips

Rural Single County
- Peach Public Libraries
- Billy Tripp

Rural Single County
- Thomas County Public Library
- Nancy Tillinghast

Rural Single County
- Worth County Library System
- Leigh Wiley

Rural Multi-County
- Coastal Plain Regional Library
- Lamar Howell

Rural Multi-County
- DeSoto Trail Regional Library
- Lisa Rigsby

Rural Multi-County
- Mountain Regional Library System
- Vince Stone

Rural Multi-County
- Ocmulgee Regional Library System
- Anne Bowen

Rural Multi-County
- Ohooppee Regional Library System
- Tiffany Little

NA
- GPLS
- Christopher Evans

NA
- GPLS
- Jessica Everingham

NA
- GPLS
- Wendy Cornelisen

NA
- GPLS
- Whitney Payne

Motion from Keith Schuermann to accept the minutes of the previous meeting.
Motion seconded by Gary McNeely.
Unanimous vote to approve minutes.

Jessica Everingham from GPLS was introduced.

Her new project will be a new strategic plan for GPLS and she requested help from an RPLAC committee.

RPLAC members Alan Harkness, Pam Grigg, Claudia Gibson, and Keith Schuermann volunteered, but Jessica emphasized that all help is welcome.
Wendy Cornelisen from GPLS was introduced. She spoke about PINES and the upcoming (July 1st) expansion of the courier service to USG libraries, as well as mentioning that new HelpDesk features are coming.

Whitney Payne from GPLS was introduced. She will be responsible for the annual report, and asked the directors if there was anything we would like to add. Job descriptions and additional description levels of programming were suggested. She also asked for suggestions for additional annual report questions, and said she would like to see a discussion of appropriate questions for the annual report vs. questions that might be better addressed through listserv questions/polls.

There was a request from the directors for advance notice of new annual report questions, plus suggestions as to how GPLS would prefer that the data be collected.

There was a suggestion that better comparisons (“apples to apples”) could be made if annual report data was broken down into counties, as opposed to systems.

The directors need (and would appreciate) confirmation of how data is to be gathered so it can be made usefully comparable.

Georgia Public Library Standards (RPLAC vote on the updated document) Discussion.
Motion to accept the corrected/finalized version of the standards document – Roni Tewksbury. Motion second – Alan Harkness. Vote from RPLAC committee – Unanimous.

Policies for Public Library State Grants Program Discussion.
Motion to accept the corrected/finalized version of the policies document – Beth McIntyre. Motion second – Roni Tewksbury. Vote from RPLAC committee – Unanimous.

Announcement: Upcoming vote for committee members rotating out of RPLAC.

Following the various divisional elections, the new RPLAC representatives are:

Leard Daughety – Oconee Regional Library (Rural Multi-county)
Stephen Houser – Twin Lakes Library System (Rural Single County)
Helen Poyer – Cobb County Public Library System (Urban Single County)
Roni Tewksbury – West Georgia Regional Library (Urban-Rural Multi-county)