

RACL Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: June 13, 2025

Location: Virtual Meeting

Attendees

Tamika Barnes (Georgia State, for Jeff Steely)
Joy Bolt (Chair – UNG)
Carla Fredd (Gordon State, for Angiah Davis)
Feechi Hall (Clayton State, for Sonia Gaither)
Toby Graham (UGA)
Lucy Harrison (USG/GALILEO)

Robert Quarles (Atlanta Metro)
Leslie Sharp (Georgia Tech)
Shaundra Walker (GCSU)
Brad Warren (Augusta University)
Melissa Whitesell (Dalton State)

GALILEO Staff: Russell Palmer, John Stephens, Joy Woodson, Seamus Narron, Barry Robinson, Sean Boyle, Brad Baxter, Jef Whatley, Sean Purcell, Joshua Walker Wier, Jeff Gallant, Mike White, Jared Street McReynolds

Incoming RACL Exec members:

David Edens (ABAC)
Jessica Osborne (Georgia Highlands)

1. Welcome, Roll Call, Approval of Agenda and Minutes (Joy Bolt)

Lucy conducted roll call. A quorum was confirmed. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Toby Graham and seconded by Shaundra Walker. Approved unanimously. Motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting was made by Brad Warren and seconded by Toby Graham. Approved unanimously.

2. Debrief from Full RACL Meeting (Lucy Harrison)

- Thanks to Georgia Tech for hosting.
- Strong discussions around federal funding and how it may impact resources.
- Decisions not to move forward with Skilltype or third-party AI training; future in-house options may be explored.
- Positive feedback on FOLIO/OpenRS discussion.
- Acknowledgment of 7–8 eReserve Plus volunteers. Launch timing contingent on OpenRS progress.
- Decision to remove courier costs from the GIL resource fee.
- New RACL Executive Committee members were voted in.

3. GUGM 2025 Debrief (Lucy Harrison)

- Held May 12–13 at Middle Georgia State University.
- Pre-conference sessions focused on Folio implementation with EBSCO; only one EBSCO rep (Harry Kaplanian) attended in person, though many others attended virtually, participating with and answering questions for the attendees.
- 172 attendees—an increase from last year.
- No post-conference survey conducted; all sessions were FOLIO-focused.
- Planning for next year's conference will resume in the fall with a call for proposals.

4. GIL Updates (Sean Boyle and Barry Robinson)

- FY26 Committee Chairs approved:
 - Acq/ERM: Chandra Jackson (UGA)
 - Analytics: Nicole Lawrence (UGA)
 - Cataloging: Linh Uong (UNG)
 - Fulfillment: Ann Williams (MGA)
 - OPAC: Ed Sperr (UGA)
 - Special Collections: Courtney Berge (Augusta)
- Motion to approve chairs made by Robert Quarles, seconded by Toby Graham. Approved unanimously.
- Committee rosters collected and listservs to be updated before FY26 begins July 1.

5. FOLIO/OpenRS Go-Live Discussion (Sean Boyle, Barry Robinson, Lucy Harrison)

- USG FOLIO now on Sunflower/Eureka release.
- Third data load completed: bibs, holdings, items, patrons, circ data, local fields, and boundwiths.
- UAT Phase 2 nearly complete; 1/3 of tests still failing due to data, overlay, holdings, and OpenRS issues.
- Team submitted assessment document to EBSCO; deadline of June 18 to finalize fixes.
- Preferred go-live date is now July 23 if fixes are delivered; otherwise, December 2025 or later.
- Key concerns: data quality, MARC holdings support, analytics, and GIL Express functionality.
- Implementation team remains cautious but hopeful. Final decision expected by June 23.
- Reference: [https://libguides.galileo.usg.edu/GIL-FOLIO/start here](https://libguides.galileo.usg.edu/GIL-FOLIO/start_here)

6. Other Member Updates / Concerns

- Discussion emphasized need for confidence in data and system capabilities.
- Members expressed appreciation for implementation team's effort.
- Acknowledgment of EBSCO's efforts, but concern over narrowing timeline.
- Importance of EBSCO's continued partnership and responsiveness emphasized.
- Advocacy with EBSCO encouraged to improve long-term Folio/OpenRS development.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned (Leslie Sharp motioned, Toby Graham seconded). Next meeting is TBD, likely August 2025.