Archway Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2009
St. Louis Community College at Wildwood

Attendees: Stephanie Tolson (SCC - Chair), Jill Nissen (STLCOP), Shirley Moreno (STLCOP), Kelly Mitchell (SCC), Sheila Ouellette (STLCC), Carol Bennett (STLCC), Kirsten Young-Abotsi (STLCC), Abby Deshane (STLCC-W), Roger Thomas (STLCC-FV), Kathy Schlump (ECC), Lisa Wolfe (Jefferson), Lisa Pritchard (Jefferson)

Stephanie called the meeting to order. Additions were made to the agenda and the minutes of the May 29, 2009 meeting were approved as presented. Introductions were made around the table.

Discussion Items

Gale vs. EBSCO –Abby/Kirsten/Jill

Abby was not complimentary of Gale and Jill concurred. The upgrade in the power search is better but flexibility is better in EBSCO. St. Charles has EBSCO back. Kirsten said perhaps we are just complaining but did have comments from Reference Librarians at SCC. State contract is 3 years + 2 years extra on Gale. Do we want as a group to let MOBIUS/state know our opinions on this subject? Decision was made to let Gale know feedback.

TOC – Carol

This would have cost $18,000 when we only had $7,000. If we are interested, we need to contact MCO before the end of the year. The last load was in 2004-end of 2005. Now we would be choosing newer records also contents as opposed to summaries. Older items did not have TOC, but newer do, so it's worth the $$. Abby stated that anything we can do to make the catalog more robust is important due to students using chapters, etc. Carol agrees but asks if it's worth the cost to us. We would be dividing up the cost. Stephanie would be able to come up with $1500. STLCC, other libraries agreed. Invoice might not come out until April. Encore might cover TOC but not in the same way – but may cover it in the same way Syndetics does.

Identity fields – Sheila

Sheila gave examples of how the identity field label was not displayed in the catalog for holdings and asked if anyone cared if it was moved back and an 856 field to link to the request form could be added. She also asked if the verbiage could be changed for the link to the request form. There was discussion about whether changing the label would change the link to the web version.

Encore – Stephanie

Stephanie gave a presentation about Encore. SCC cannot afford federated search. MCO is stating that it might be up by the end of 2009, but due to the upcoming server upgrades, it seems unlikely. Consultant has not been available nor has documentation. Stephanie thinks it's important to have an institution testing this technology and Kathy expressed it's good to have an Archway institution on board. Stephanie wants someone from her staff to be involved in the MOBIUS presentation.

Brick & Click – Kirsten

Accommodations available at monasteries in nearby Clyde, Missouri (population 74): http://www.clydemonastery.org/hospitality.php. Her report is available upon request.

Committee Reports

MAAC (Access Advisory Committee) – Roger/Lisa W
Lisa sent minutes sent to listserv. Roger reported the FAQ best practices on the MCO website and discussion about the tracking system for 1st Choice. Procedures: many are character based, but all are in new template. These may be updated in the future.

MACPAC (Annual Conference Planning Advisory Committee) – Lisa F/Kelly
MOBIUS conference dates are June 15-17 (2 weeks later). Anyone interested in becoming an alternate? Sheila questioned if conference will be in Columbia or mid Missouri? Kelly stated that the contract for the hotel was in process. The report was made available.

MCDAC (Catalog Design Advisory Committee) – Carol/Jean
Minutes emailed and report available. Highlights: reviewing charge, choosing a new chair, task force for web design, redesigning navigation. How are local catalogs maintained? MCO gets lots of requests; there should be a more standardized design. All web design at MCO is done by Justin or Jessica. Local URL : how to handle this? Enhancement is a product that III is selling ($20,000) for all of MOBIUS. It will not happen. 856 would have to be changed to 956. Stephanie asked if we have statistics; how many patrons go outside our scope to MOBIUS. Truman and Wash U complained most about the conversion. 245 not displaying and Encore conversion also discussed.

MCMAC (Collection Management Advisory Committee) – Kathy/Theresa
Kathy reported that minutes are available. Highlights: new chair, same. RFP for book vendor to include eBooks; Theresa Flett on the eBook subcommittee. Maroon database which lists electronic resources that colleges and universities have in MOBIUS has not been updated – should it be? Memo will be presented to EC that it is a useful resource but they had tabled it as no one had time.

ArchTech – Carol/Jean - No report.

ArchPub - No report.

Open Logs

Kirsten reported that Jean Rose if our "port authority" and is checking for hung ports. The call is open with MCO and has been. III has finally admitted problem is on their end. Scott Peterson states issue will not be fixed with new release but is hoping upgrade will help.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Wolfe