

Bridges Directors Meeting
August 20th

Present: Per Almquist, John Gresham, Nitsa Hindeleh, Marty Knorr, Genie McKee, Jim Pakala, Laura Rein, Bob Snyders (for Rosemary Buhr), Andrew Sopko, Shawn Strecker

1) Future leadership and roles of directors, site coordinators, and sub-committees: After some discussion of decision-making and communication among these three groups, the directors reaffirmed the role of the groups as follows:

a) The directors maintain the responsibility for appointing the chairs of the directors group and site coordinators as well as the MOBIUS advisory committee representatives. The sub-groups (e.g., circulation, cataloging, etc.) will continue appointment of their chairs.

b) The directors also maintain responsibility for any policy decisions that emerge from the work of the site coordinators and/or sub-groups.

c) The site coordinators maintain responsibility for any procedural or system implementation decisions.

d) The site coordinators will act as a clearing house for communications through both the directors and the sub-groups. For example, all communication from the sub-groups will go through the site coordinators. The chair of the site coordinators will forward any policy decisions to the directors; the directors will relay any decisions back to the site coordinator chair, who will inform the appropriate sub-groups.

e) Communication to the MCO will come through either the co-chairs (for policies) or the site coordinator chair (for procedures or system settings, etc.).

f) Minutes of all groups (including the sub-groups) will be posted on MOBTE-L.

2) Appointments: All appointments will reviewed and modified each summer. John Gresham was re-appointed, and Genie McKee was appointed to replace Laura Rein, as Co-Chairs of Bridges Directors Group. Per Almquist was re-appointed as Chair of the Site Coordinators Committee.

3) Issues:

a) Laura Rein noted that some system settings are required by the Bridges institutions to prevent online requests from Webster extended campuses. Eileen Condon will relay these via email. Laura also noted that Eden-Webster has received requests from its own patrons to pull books from its collection. This can happen if the patrons use the catalog from off campus. Maryville has solved this by routing all OPAC traffic through its proxy server.

b) Per noted that MOBIUS has just ordered the API software. This delay is most likely due to the fact that we asked for billing after July 1.

c) Shawn and Per noted that the serials title search link is not active yet because the 229 field has to be recreated in the index. In the mean time, the title search may be used for serials titles. Several directors were dismayed at the duplicate work we need to do for serials prediction pattern, etc. Per noted that this is because our acquisitions accounts are completely separate.

d) Nitsa inquired about our JSTOR grant request. Late notice: Laura received a response from the Mellon Foundation today indicating that they are able to consider funding only for institutions with no other funding sources. This doesn't apply to us since JSTOR is already on the MOBIUS list for state funding.

4) Other Business:

- a) The directors confirmed that, as of today, all nine institutions are participating in both walk-in cluster borrowing and online cluster borrowing.
- b) After some discussion of the go-live date for INN-REACH, the directors agreed that we will implement both walk-in and online requests statewide on September 26th as planned. Circulation training will take place prior to this date.
- c) Jim Pakala announced that Lorna Mitchell (of Westminster College) is coordinating a group purchase of the Ariel software.
- d) A creative, dynamic, and well-dressed guest speaker appeared at the end of the meeting to present several gifts to Shawn Strecker. Shawn is departing for the big city to the North and we wish her all the best. Many thanks to Marty Knorr for his role in "arranging" this special presentation.