

MOBIUS Catalog Design Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2002

Members Present: Pat Teter (Lance), Karen Fiegenbaum (WILO), Fran Stumpf and Carol Bennett (Archway), Nancy Stancel and Rhonda Whithaus (MERLIN), Mary Ann Mercante and Denise Pakala (Bridges), Cathy Roeder (Galahad), Michelle Turvey (SWAN), Cathy Palmer (NW—Towers), Joy Dodson (Quest), Mark Scharff (Wash U.), and Inas El-Sayed (Arthur). Also Robin and Jim from the MOBIUS Office.

The minutes from the October 12, 2001 meeting were approved as distributed.

MOBIUS update

Quest Cluster (Central West) began cluster borrowing on January 8. They will begin direct patron borrowing in March. Central Methodist College celebrated their Quest Kickoff on January 17 and the celebration for Central Missouri State University, QuestFest, will be on January 30.

Galahad Cluster (South East) will begin cluster borrowing on January 30 and Inn-Reach borrowing on March 18. January 30 has been declared “Galahad Day” in the cluster.

North West Cluster has chosen a name—Towers. They are in the throes of profiling.

Bridges Cluster has had an authority workshop.

The “add-ons”—those institutions who have joined MOBIUS after the original “charter” members—were originally to begin profiling this fiscal year. Because of the budgetary problems in the state and the cutbacks, the cost of adding the necessary software cannot be borne by MCO this year. These institutions will be implemented in the next fiscal year, unless they choose to bear the cost themselves. It is unknown at this time which, if any, institutions will choose to implement this year. Conception Abbey was already in the implementation stage with the NW (Towers) Cluster. They will continue implementation and the cost will be “spread out” over a couple of fiscal years.

The Access Advisory Committee is testing the Inn-Reach recall system—this will be a staff only function.

IUG Conference is filling up. If staff members want to attend, they should reserve hotel rooms soon.

The Governor’s proposed budget for 2003 includes a \$571,366 increase for MOBIUS. Kudos were given to Executive Director George Rickerson (who stopped by the meeting) and librarians were reminded that Library Legislator’s Day is February 5.

Hardy Pottinger came to the meeting to showcase the new MCO website. [If anyone is experiencing problems with the site, logging on or getting around, they should call the helpdesk.] Features of the new website include: a calendar (for MCO dates, cluster dates, advisory committee dates, etc.), contact information for library and MCO staff members, advisory committee meeting minutes, Lanter delivery system documents, archives for all MOBIUS listservs, Some of the features require a login—many logins have already been assigned, helpdesk will assist with new ones.

In light of the new website capabilities for the posting of committee minutes, it was approved by consensus to post “draft” minutes to the listserv. After a period of a week, during which changes can be recommended, the revised minutes will be reposted. At that point a vote will be taken (via email) and the minutes will then be posted to the correct folder on the website (using the established naming convention.)

Clickable Location Codes

The MCO website took top priority in Hardy’s workload recently. Clickable location codes were moved down on the list. They should be available within 6 months.

856 Display

Status of the current issues related to 856: III has undergone administrative changes. The newest manager in this area told Robin in September that changes would take 2-3 weeks. Problems were originally fixed, then the changes were rescinded. Now a new “bundle” is to arrive in February. This may fix the issue where updating doesn’t change in the display. “Stay tuned” for more on this issue.

The issue of displaying the subfield Z or the subfield U was discussed. Right now subfield Z is displaying and subfield U is suppressed. [Subfield Z is a note field. Subfield U is the URL.] Feedback was garnered from the representatives around the table. Carol Bennett brought a few examples from the Orbis database which seems to have addressed a couple of the issues we have been discussing. Robin made a note of these examples and will call Orbis to talk with them about how they have addressed this issue. It was noted that this is the #1 enhancement on Robin’s list—at this point.

Since there is a fix bundle coming, should we make changes now or wait to see what the fix is? A “vote” was taken around the table (|z—Bridges, Archway, Merlin; |u—Lance, Arthur; no opinion—NW, Wash U, Wilo, Galahad, Swan, Quest.) It was a general consensus to continue as is (displaying subfield Z and suppressing subfield U) and get more feedback. We will also watch to see what happens with the fix bundle and revisit the issue at the next meeting.

The language change, as requested by Merlin and Bridges last time, will also wait until after the fix is implemented.

Marcive Project

Marcive can add a subfield Z to all future loads of government documents that says “freely available”. For those gov docs already in the catalogs, MCO will use global update to do a retrospective addition of this subfield. A discussion about wording ensued. Should we say “freely available”, “freely available online”, “available online” or “free online access”? Discussion first turned to the issue of whether or not we should pursue having this subfield added. The consensus was to go ahead and have these subfields added, but decide the |Z and |U issue first. Other “freebie” sites being cataloged will be a library and/or cluster decision (Marcive will only do new gov doc sites.)

Finally, we discussed what to have displayed. It was decided by consensus, that once the |U and |Z issue is decided, we will have “free online access” added to the new gov docs by Marcive.

Authority Load Offer from III

III has offered to add Authority Files to the Inn-Reach catalog. It requires additional software to be added to the Inn-Reach server—III has offered to load this free of charge. We can

purchase an authority file from WLN which would be the accumulation of all cluster files except Washington U. It would be de-duped then loaded onto the Inn-Reach system. Only annual loads of this file could be done, therefore it would be a static file (no editing capabilities.) See the accompanying proposal for details. Should we take this offer or not (\$16,000 initial cost and then \$6,500/year)? We can have the software loaded now (while the offer is free of charge) and then implement the file when we have the money. III probably won't have the software load (1st step in the process) completed by July 1 anyway.

Is a static authority file better than no authority file on the Inn-Reach catalog? We always have the option of loading Merlin's authority file (once it gets to an "acceptable state") at no additional cost.

The consensus was to go ahead with the software load (year 1, step 1) and then decide (once funding issues are decided) whether to use the Merlin file (once it gets to an "acceptable state"), the Washington U file, or the WLN composite file. It was noted, the Merlin's "unacceptable" authority state is due to III problems, not Merlin's fault. However, whatever file is loaded as the Inn-Reach authority file must be a "good" file.

Export Display

The formats currently listed on the "export" screen in the Inn-Reach catalog, is "full, brief, Pro-Cite, End-Note and MARC." Only the "full" format includes the call number (because the call number is located in the item record, not the bib record). Also to note: in the case of serials, there can be several pages of printout when using the full display. The "brief" display can be changed to an extent (only using bib fields, not item fields, therefore we cannot add the call number)—currently it is showing, Author, Title, Publication information and Edition.

It was decided to keep the list of options as is.

What fields, if any, should be added to the brief display? ISSN—yes. ISBN—no. 856—no. We can add more fields at any time.

Removal of Limit by Bib Level for Serials

In the Advanced Keyword Search dialog box, we removed the "bib level" option last time—thereby making it impossible to limit a keyword search to serials. Should we put this capability back? The consensus is that this option should be placed back into the dialog box.

What should the labels on the boxes (material type and material format) be and how should the options inside the box display. When limiting by material format you get either serial or "language material" (printed material whether it is a video or book.) Type of Format is thesis, video, archival, etc. After much discussion, it was decided to have "serial/journal" and "non-serial" display in the publication type box. Further, it was decided that the labels on the boxes should be "publication type" with "and/or" between the boxes and "material format". Clusters might want to consider looking at these changes and how they work—so that Innopac catalogs might be consistent with the Inn-Reach catalog.

Change of Status indicating Journal Availability

Should we change the label "unavailable" on the item-level display for journals on the Inn-Reach catalog (because no journals are available for request at that level) to non-requestable? We do not know at this point if this is possible, III has not responded to Robin's inquiry. If we can, it is desirable to change this label—all were in agreement. Consensus was to change this label to "unrequestable" if possible to all monographs with a status of "-".

Online Form to Report Errors

Robin has already distributed via the MOBIUS list, a listing of misspellings found in the catalog. Merlin—the “owner” of most of the master bib records—has not fixed any of these yet. For errors which affect access (title, author, subject), how should we let the owner of the master bib record know of the error so they can fix it? OhioLink’s error reporting form was distributed as a starting point for the discussion. Do we need a form like this—to notify master bib record holders of access point errors? YES. Who should we send the form to—head of cataloging at the owning library, chair of cluster cataloging committee? Who should fill the form out? How should it be delivered?

It was decided this form would only be used for ACCESS point problems. Robin will explore the possibility of an online form which would be submitted via email to whoever the cluster or library designates as their “receiver” of this information. Should there be a subcommittee set up to design the form? No. Robin will email the OhioLink form to the list and the discussion of changes, additions, etc. will take place there.

InnReach Enhancements

The annual process for submitting desired InnReach Enhancements has begun. [Robin noted that the InnReach listserv is important to monitor. She will email information about joining that list to the MCDAC list.] Ideas for enhancements are submitted and posted with notes. At IUG conference (April 27-30) all suggestions are up for discussion and review. They are then voted on and submitted to III. MOBIUS has 1 vote.

March 8 is our next meeting date. March 29 is the date the list is sent to III for consideration and their input. This list is “closed” at this point.

We will forego our March 8 meeting and meet on April 19 to discuss the list of enhancements as they were submitted to III. This will give us a chance to provide input to Robin for the MOBIUS vote.

Next Meeting—Friday, April 19: 10am-3pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Dodson, recording secretary