

Members Present:

Carol Bennett	Archway	St. Louis Community College
Renee Brumett	SGCL	Springfield-Greene County Library
Bryan Dunlap	MRRL	Missouri River Regional Library
Megan Durham	MOBIUS	MOBIUS
Jim Dutton	Quest	University of Central Missouri
Sara Duff	Towers	Northwest Missouri State University
Lora Farrell	Kansas City	Kansas City Art Institute
Melissa Hopkins	Galahad	Mineral Area College
Hong Li	SWAN	Missouri Southern State University
Patricia Logsdon	WashU	Washington University (Olin)
Denise Pakala	Bridges	Covenant Theological Seminary
Kathleen Schweitzberger	MERLIN	University of Missouri-Kansas City (Miller Nichols)
Stephen Wynn	LANCE	Truman State University
Anna Zaidman	SLU	Saint Louis University (Pius)

Members Absent:

Michael Davis	Camden County	Camden County Library
Renee Gorrell		Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College
Melissa Martin	Arthur	William Woods University

Guests Present:

Richard Pitaniello	Lance	Truman State University
Steve Strohl	MOBIUS	MOBIUS

1. Call to order by Pat Logsdon and introductions
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. The minutes of the MCDAC meeting on October 17, 2014 were approved.
4. Information Items:
 - Encore is coming soon to MOBIUS; MCO will be placing a link to the preview on the front page of the current catalog, but if you'd like to see it now, go to <http://encore.searchmobius.org>.
 - A new SAGE eBook collection will be added to the Union Catalog. MOBIUS will be downloading the MARC records for all titles into the Union Catalog and will be contacting each cluster to see if you want them loaded onto your local cluster catalog.

5. Unfinished Business

- Enhanced Matching product from Innovative
 - Stephen reported that the test phase is nearly over, and many of the problems with mismatching of print and electronic materials have been resolved when there is a GMD on the eBook record. Since RDA does not specify a GMD, this is not a long term solution. III is looking at using the 3xx fields, but in the meantime the hybrid records with a GMD should be used by catalogers. He will send a list of the categories tested to the cluster and if anyone has other categories, please contact Stephen or Kathleen. After the testing is complete, the records will have to be reloaded for the Matching to work.
 - *[Update: This list was sent shortly after the meeting:*
 - *Separation of records for electronic and print versions;*
 - *Combining of records for electronic records from multiple vendors;*
 - *Separation of records for microformat and print versions;*
 - *Separation of records for multiple works in multiple formats sharing the same title;*
 - *Records for multiple editions of sound recordings, including physical and streaming formats;*
 - *Combining and separating records for monographs available in print and audiobook formats;*
 - *Combining and separating records for serials available in print and electronic formats;*
 - *Combining and separating records for maps available in multiple editions.]*
- Housekeeping: progress on action items from last meeting
 - Thanks to Megan for posting the missing minutes and annual reports

- MCDAC's purpose as an advisory committee to MOBIUS: progress on action items from last meeting which are as follows: The Board needs to know that MCDAC members believe: There is good reason that MCDAC exists—such as: its cataloging and technological expertise, its collective experience with catalog users from all types of libraries, and its unique position to represent the interests of and to be a resource to all the MOBIUS clusters and institutions; The role of MCDAC has been diminished over recent years by forces beyond its control. Megan will take MCDAC's comments and grievances to Donna and will communicate back with us promptly. MCDAC members should continue to review and evaluate the Union Catalog, per the MCDAC charge, and post comments to MCDAC-L.
 - The Committee has received a response from the MOBIUS board president addressing some of these issues, but nothing relating to the erosion of the role, impact, and usefulness of the group over recent years; nor any mention of the several specific examples cited in last quarters minutes. The question was raised as to why we had not heard from the executive director. The MCDAC chair, Patricia Logsdon, summarized: "On October 29th, the MOBIUS Board President, Stephanie DeClue, emailed a response to MCDAC. In her response, she confirmed that "The advisory group's role is to advise the Board on issues related to MOBIUS systems and processes" and she added that the Board is "grateful for MCDAC's advice on matters of catalog design." For my part, I sincerely believe that MCDAC has been fulfilling its advisory role all along-- and that its role includes constructive criticism of the Union Catalog display and functioning. What I don't understand is why the Board **sidestepped** the issues we raised at our last meeting about the Union Catalog and about how it makes us feel when we are not included or our opinions are ignored in the MOBIUS catalog design process. This isn't how we used to do business. Instead of addressing our issues, that is, the **content** of our discussion, the Board chose to criticize the meeting itself on the grounds of its "tone" and alleged "lack of professionalism and respect." So, in short, I feel that as an advisory group, we seem to be pretty much taken for naught these days."

[Update: 1/12/15 response from the executive director Donna Bacon: Megan and Steve updated me on the discussions at the MCDAC meeting last Friday. I understand there was concern from the advisory group that I had not responded to your concerns expressed at your October meeting. I conveyed your issues and questions to the Board and they decided as the governing body of MOBIUS that a response should come from them and not me. I understand you have concerns about the role of MCDAC. The Governance Task Force has been reviewing the charge of all advisory groups as well as the membership of the Board and other committees and task forces. I expect a new structure to be in place by July 1. Exactly what that structure will be has not yet been determined.]

[The response from the board president Stephanie DeClue 10/29/14: I have read the minutes of your meeting and heard reports from a few of the attendees of the meeting as well. Due to the tone of the minutes as well as the concerns voiced to me regarding the tone of the MCDAC meeting from some of the participants, the Board felt a response was necessary.]

I understand that there are several issues which have upset some members of MCDAC. The Board is concerned, however, with the reports we received of a lack of professionalism and respect in this particular meeting. The MOBIUS Consortium is made up of 72 member libraries of varying sizes and missions. The MOBIUS staff work diligently to ensure that these libraries receive the greatest possible benefit from the MOBIUS union catalog and the rest of the services we offer. All MOBIUS staff members deserve to be treated with respect and professionalism, even when you disagree with them. In addition, the fellow members of the MCDAC Advisory Group should feel that their group reflects the views of all of the members and that the group is adhering to the highest standards of professional behavior.

I also want to take a moment to remind the group of the role of advisory groups in MOBIUS. The advisory group's role is to advise the Board on issues related to MOBIUS systems and processes. The groups are not responsible for policy creation or MOBIUS decision making. Nor are they required to approve or endorse decisions made by the Board. The significant expertise of the staff at our member libraries has the potential to play a great role in the future success of the consortium. I am hopeful that the members of MCDAC will continue to serve as excellent resources for MOBIUS.

The Board stands in support of Donna and the rest of the MOBIUS staff. We also respect the work of the advisory groups and are grateful for MCDAC's advice on matters of catalog design. While the Governance Task Force is reviewing the current role of advisory groups in MOBIUS, the Board feels certain that professional, respectful discourse among MOBIUS member libraries will always be a welcome part of what makes our consortium vibrant and forward-thinking.]

6. New Business

INN-Reach Best Practices Task Force Report and Recommendations: feedback from the clusters. The report has been distributed to members and there were no objections to the proposals. At least one person was unable to download the recommendations, so the group will allow another two weeks for cluster comments or objections. These should be sent by email to Kathleen.

7. Meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted by Carol H. Bennett, Archway Cluster
1/12/15