

**Minutes of the July 19, 2006 meeting the of
MOBIUS Collection Management Advisory Committee (MCMAC)**

Members present:

Co-chair: Lynn Cline	Swan / Missouri State Uni.
Co-chair: Stephanie Tolson	Archway / St. Charles Community College
Recorder: Angela Gerling	Arthur / Westminster College
Anne Barker	Merlin / MU-C
Pat Danner	Towers / Conception Abbey
Gary Harris	MCO Liaison
Linda Medaris	Quests / CMSU
Pat Gregory	SLU / Pius
Assako Holyoke	SLU alternate / Medical Center Library
Tesuk Im	Lance / Linn State Technical College
Liz MacDonald	Bridges / Lindenwood
Brad Short	Washington Uni.
Patricia Williams	Archway alternate / SLCC – Florissant Valley
Pat Willingham	Galahad / Southeast

Guests present:

MCO staff – Janine Gordon, Fran Stumpf, and Mark Wahrenbrock
YBP Library Services staff – Jean Eaglesfield, Carolyn Morris, Mike Walmsley

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. Introductions were made around the room. The first item on the agenda was the statewide purchasing vendor. Co-chair, Lynn Cline announced that in early June our committee recommendation to select YBP as our statewide vendor was approved. Lynn introduced Jean Eaglesfield, Carolyn Morris, and Mike Walmsley from YBP Library Services who will be working with MOBIUS libraries that decide to utilize the statewide vendor program for some or all of their purchasing.

Jean Eaglesfield is a primary contact for existing customers and their ongoing / maintenance customer support needs. Mike Walmsley is the contact for libraries that would like to set up new accounts with YBP. Karla Meyeette and Lindsey L'Heureux will also be providing support for MOBIUS libraries participating in the statewide purchasing program. Carolyn Morris is the Director of Sales for our region and also works with library consortia around the U.S.

Mike shared a draft YBP announcement document that will be going out to all MOBIUS libraries. Initial comments were to clarify the difference in discount rates for non-print materials, such as media or E-books, by making that a separate section since the MOBIUS bid was for print resources only. Please send any additional feedback to Stephanie or Lynn within the next few days. YBP plans to send out the official announcement by the end of July or early August. An article will also be prepared for the next quarterly MOBIUS Newsletter.

YBP shared some 'end of the year' goals and some projected 5-year goals. The general expectations and goals discussed by the committee were: to improve the range of diverse resources; to expand the depth of subject coverage that is available across the state; and to collectively use fiscal resources to maximize the quality of resources available. The online selection of titles with Gobi Tween is an important key in reducing excessive duplication.

Online information includes reviews, awards, Table of Contents, alerts, and is open URL compliant. Currently, YBP estimates that roughly 60% of MOBIUS libraries have YBP or B&T accounts and approximately 40% are just with YBP. MCMAC would like to see at least one-third of the libraries increase their participation in this first year with another third or more joining in the second year. Mike reported that the eight libraries that participated in the trial can have their accounts transferred into a full account.

Strategies for informing MOBIUS libraries about the statewide program will include visits to individual libraries, regional road shows to highlight how the system could benefit individual libraries, clusters, Mobius and MOBIUS Public Library Partners. The idea of including strategic faculty as co-presenters for the regional road shows was discussed. The first round of regional road shows would be held in mid November, early December and early to mid January. More informational / orientation sessions would probably be scheduled for May and throughout the summer. As additional libraries participate in the program and as YBP enhancements are made and changes in library personnel occur there will be a need for continued outreach and training.

After some discussion the general consensus of the group was to send out announcements about the new program to all of the MCO list-servs to initially reach the broadest audience. YBP will then follow up with more institutional specific contacts. YBP is poised and ready to go with edifact when the 13 digit ISBN is implemented. Each cluster representative on MCMAC will also keep their cluster abreast of upcoming activities and training opportunities. YBP discussed some web options to help promote MOBIUS benefits. Details on how to best utilize any consortial rebate need to be explored before this component of the plan is explained to participating libraries.

Carolyn discussed YBP's online training sessions which explain the features of Gobi, online selection, and integration with OCLC records. Libraries will need to establish an account with YBP Library Services to utilize the online training. Visits to individual libraries will be important in helping participating libraries understand the issues and impact that online selection will have on internal work flow. YBP has some work flow templates they can provide to help orient libraries to various work flow possibilities.

The MCO Help Desk staff will receive training prior to the initial rollout to help address questions and trouble shoot problems. The MCO Help Desk will also want to address questions regarding YBP's partnership with OCLC during their training. It was suggested that the YBP Head of Technical Services attend that training. Once the MCO Help Desk staff is trained Mark Wahrenbrock will coordinate a "train the trainer" program.

Carolyn expressed an interest in working with MCMAC and our findings from our consortial OCLC WorldCat analysis in developing some follow-up steps for a more comprehensive collection development tool. There may be other ways that general trends, profiles, and statistics between MOBIUS and YBP can be mutually beneficial. MCMAC will certainly want to track the percentage of duplication as the program gets underway. In the future there may be opportunities to form collection development subject group list-servs or blogs within MOBIUS.

Mark will check into the possibility of co-hosting with YBP some informational sessions on selection and collection development; ordering and acquisitions; and Technical Services work flow either before or after the October MLA conference. MOBIUS and YBP will work

together to host sessions in conjunction with other regional library conferences and events, such as the Helix Conference, annual MOBIUS User's Conference. A suggested format was to have half-day rotating concurrent sessions and an opportunity for a half-day of hands-on practice to reinforce the information from the morning sessions.

Questions on reports were raised and Anne Barker volunteered to pull some sample YBP reports to share at our next meeting. The YBP software allows libraries to pull a variety of internal reports on their own. There was some discussion about plans for evaluation and what assessment tools would be best to utilize. From our vision and goals we will want to develop measurable objectives and ways to gather qualitative feedback. Possible options mentioned included: duplication rates, antidotal or testimonial comments, user satisfaction surveys, fill rate, turn over time, quality of selection. Perhaps we can benchmark MOBIUS with Ohio-Link and Colorado's state consortia.

The general timeline for bringing up the statewide vendor program is to provide training for the MCO Help Desk staff in August. YBP will make available diagrams on work flow options and other consortial issues. During September and October YBP will follow up the initial announcement with visits to individual libraries. Several regional road shows will be held between November and mid January. Mark will work on identifying dates, locations, etc. During this timeframe the 'train the trainer' instruction can also begin. In January we will reevaluate our needs and work with YBP to develop a schedule for the spring and summer.

The committee broke for lunch at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 12:50 p.m. A few minutes were spent in recapping the information from the morning session with YBP. Comments on the announcement letter should be sent to Lynn by Wednesday, July 26th. Additional suggestions for YBP included:

- Define small, medium and large on their pricing information.
- How does YBP treat community college FTE, which generally is not equivalent to other academic institution FTE?
- Since Gobi displays all formats YBP should clarify which formats receive the MOBIUS discount. This raised a question regarding the point in Gobi that participating libraries would have access to the discounted price.
- It was noted that MLNC provides access to collections of E-books while YBP provides access to individual E-book titles.

Stephanie Tolson, Anne Barker, and Mark Wahrenbrock will form the training subgroup. MCMAC members will communicate with their cluster.

The second item on the agenda was the \$42,500 grant proposal to utilize OCLC WorldCat analysis with twenty-five sample MOBIUS libraries to gain a "snapshot" of our statewide collection. The twenty-five libraries in the grant were selected to provide a regional sampling of public and private libraries of varying sizes. Liz MacDonald will notify the participating libraries about our study. If they desire any individual training they will need to work with MLNC. Tracy is in the process of setting up the subscription and Centra training dates will be set for sometime in August as schedules allow. A subgroup of Anne Barker, Lynn Cline, Angela Gerling, Tesuk Im, Liz MacDonald, Linda Medaris, Pat Willingham, and perhaps Annie Buch, or someone from Springfield Greene, will serve as a sub-committee to analyze the data.

Some contacts for guidance and feedback might include Northern Illinois and Vanderbilt University who have just recently completed similar projects. As possible we will tie in informational sessions about the grant findings with the YBP regional road shows between November and January. Gary will handle updating the grant paperwork. Liz will check with Tracy on training, how to handle the three payments and will also do the quarterly reports. It was noted that the minutes should duly reflect a sincere appreciation to Liz MacDonald for all of her work and efforts in getting the collection analysis grant approved.

The next three MCMAC meetings are scheduled for Friday, September 15th, November 17th and January 12th. Meetings will be held at the MCO office building.

Respectfully submitted, Angela Gerling