

MOBIUS Coordinators Advisory Committee

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What should MOBIUS do next in your area?

- We think a survey on what products are being used and why or why not would be useful. This survey could go beyond ILL products. This information would be useful for libraries investigating products such as federated search engines, URL resolvers, etc. MCAG is planning to begin this process.
- MOBIUS should encourage information sharing at the annual meeting and other opportunities to help libraries get the most out of the ILL software.
- Other potential areas to investigate are a central periodical depository which could fill ILL requests and institutional repositories (such as DSpace).
- The Table of Contents service should be re-instituted for all libraries. We recommended this to the Executive Committee.
- Some libraries are concerned about keeping costs down. We need to keep costs manageable and balanced between fees and needs. Mobius needs to pursue additional State funding rather than the libraries paying for new products, etc. MOBIUS should [also](#) explore consortial pricing options for products only some libraries might want—only those libraries wanting the software would pay.
- There needs to be a financial plan in place to figure out how we move forward.
- We need to keep our focus on the CLP and make sure we don't get too fragmented—we need to stay focused.
- We should look beyond just loaning books.
- We need to follow through on the cooperating partners agreement and how it differs from the Memorandum of Understanding.
- We need to look at governance issues as new libraries join

What should we not be doing?

- Some clusters are getting too big.

What do you need that you are not getting from the MOBIUS Council, the MOBIUS Executive Committee, or the MOBIUS Office?

- MCO is great but status reports and updates (feedback) on problems reported by the libraries need to be consistent.
- Make sure training host sites get better information on system requirements in advance so necessary computer configuration is set up. Focus training on what is available now.
- Help with product analysis and how an individual library might use a product would be useful.
- Training refresher course for site coordinators would be useful—a handbook is available but not everyone knew this.
- Does MCO need more staff? There was concern that we can't keep adding more tasks onto existing staff. We need to staff for our expectations.

Look at your current committee charge. Below is our proposed revision:

The Coordinators Advisory Group is responsible for overseeing the functionality of the Common Library Platform and other products used with the CLP that enhance usability and performance. This oversight includes library software, services, and system enhancements that promote the goals of the CLP. The Group assures that needed standards exist for all functions as appropriate. The Group accepts charges from and works closely with the MOBIUS Consortium Office; cooperates with other advisory groups; and generates other evaluative activities within its charge. All recommendations are made to the MOBIUS Executive Committee.