

## MINUTES

### MERLIN Access Services Committee Meeting, July 20, 2004 A MOBIUS Consortium Office, Columbia Missouri

#### In attendance:

**June DeWeese (UMC and Chair), Mary Anderson (UMKC and Chair-in-waiting), Mary Jo Barbush-Weiss (UMR), John Meyer (UMC), Tammy Green (UMC), Terri Knouff (UMC), Mary Wood (UMC), Larry Ruzich (UMKC), Shuqin Jiao, Liz Clankler (SLU-Law), MaryAnn Samson (SLU-Law), Mary Zettwoch (UMSL), Tim Nelson (UMSL), Barbara Hufker (UMSL), Gary L. Harris (MCO), Christopher Gould (MCO), Adrienne Detwiler (MCO), John Dethman (UMC-Law and recorder).**

**1. Welcome and Introductions:** Tim Nelson of UMSL was introduced and welcomed as was Adrienne Detwiler of MCO.

**2. Approval of Minutes of February 18, 2004 meeting:** Accepted with corrections.

**3. LSO update:**

Gary Harris (MCO) announced that "Pick up anywhere" as an option in INN-Reach is to go into action on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Training is ongoing at the various schools and libraries in MERLIN. This topic was part of #6 in the Agenda.

Gary also noted that there will no longer be any improvements in the old character based system, i.e., Millennium will get all the new enhancements.

Finally, Gary discussed Millennium Silver, which is the next generation of enhancements. He will test it as soon as he has enough disc space on the training server. It may not be implemented until it is tested. This topic was #5 in the Agenda.

Christopher Gould discussed the way PeopleSoft's changes would affect the patron records. There was general discussion of a new unique ID to replace the SS# based approach. A question was raised as to whether there was a way to keep the Home Library designation on the bar code to facilitate dealing with patrons who have various levels of affiliations with multiple libraries due to dual enrollments or employments or some combination of both. Christopher said he would look into the problem.

Adrienne took down several questions she would pursue. Here email response should have been received by all, but is include as an **Appendix** to these minutes for convenience.

**4. MOBIUS Access Advisory Committee Update:** The new Chair will be Elise Fisher of WILO's William Jewell College. Also, discussion about book bands for "request to own." Apparently, this phrase confuses some patrons and it was decided to just use the word "request" at the top of the book band to avoid same in the future. This topic was part of #6 in the Agenda.

**5. Bar codes for Courtesy Cards:** Two rather different issues were discussed arising out of history for the bar code on the "fill in" plastic cards; i.e., these cards/bar codes were originally for ILL patrons. Somewhere, sometime, they began to be used for courtesy borrowers. This has caused some confusion. Some libraries had decided to "make up" bar codes for courtesy patrons. UMC has a bar code generator that was of interest to several librarians. There was no final answer to the issue. It may be that the PeopleSoft changes will effect any decision we might make at this time. Additionally, it was suggested that for ILL patron records that their OCLC number be added to their record as a second name. SLU-Law is currently including it as a NOTE in their OCLC record.

**6. New ITypes:** Three new ITypes were requested and approved. Adrienne Detwiler has implemented these types:

**ITEM Type**

**157 > Requestable Sound**

**158 > Requestable A/V**

**159 > Requestable Thesis**

June DeWeese has requested each library provide PTypes for these Items.

**7. Bag and Tub inventory:** August 10<sup>th</sup>. Not UM Depository.

**8. New Chair:** Mary Anderson (UMKC) will be the new Chair. June DeWeese, outgoing Chair, received a round of applause in appreciation of her guidance during the preceding 12 months.

**9. Other:** It was requested and agreed that ILL patron records show in their OCLC record **NOTE** field whether they can accept email attachments and ARIEL attachments.

**10. Next Meeting:** October 26, 2004.

## Appendix to MASC Minutes of July 20, 2004

Email to MASC from Adrienne Detwiler on July 22, 2004

Greetings,

Below is a list of questions and answers about the Millennium Silver Final Enhancements from Tuesday's MASC meeting. Please let us know if you have any additional questions or need further assistance.

Thank you,  
Adrienne

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### Questions about Millennium Silver Final Enhancements

#### Circulation and Inn-Reach

*Enhancement:* The system supports the ability to specify different subject lines for each type of notice being sent.

Q. Is this feature options-groupable?

A. According to III, the ability to customize email notice subject lines is not a system option but a Millennium circulation parameter table so it is not the type of functionality that can be options grouped. It can hold up to 500 entries, each a maximum of 560 characters in length. It requires that circulation system option "Notices: E-mail notice information," which is not options groupable, be enabled (which it is on Merlin).

*Enhancement:* Millennium Notices allows preparation of all notices available in the character-based system.

Q. Does this include PUA notices?

A. Yes.

Q. Can notices be printed to local printers?

A. Yes.

*Enhancement:* The character-based functionality for "Display and Transfer of Paged Items" has been moved into Millennium Circulation.

Q. Does this mean that it will be possible to cancel paged MOBIUS items in MilCirc?

A. In Millennium Silver, there is a new Transfer Paged Items mode, but it does not appear that you can cancel holds from within this mode. You can continue to cancel paged INN-Reach holds, with or without re-request, under Search/Holds by title in MilCirc.

*Other:*

Q. When printing a list of checked out items in Millennium to a local printer, the table is too narrow and the display is hard to read.

A. Currently, the information is hard-coded and cannot be changed. The Silver release is supposed to include major improvements to printing, including more control over formatting.