

ILS Coordinators Meeting
LSO, Columbia
08.19.98

Minutes

Present: John Huang(SLU-PIUS), Richard Amelung(SLU-LAW),
Ellen Grewe(UMSL), George Rickerson(LSO), Dennis Krieb(SLU-HSL),
Janet Jackson(LSO), Helen Spalding(UMKC), Randy Diamond(MU-LAW),
Gary Harris(LSO), Robin Kespohl(MU), Bob Heyer-Gray(UMR), recorder

Please post any and all corrections and/or omissions to the list

1. LSO UPDATE

a. MIRACL STATUS REPORT

The MIRACL Board of Governors met last week. MU as potential host site for Mobius was discussed. The MIRACL ILL Best Practices meeting was also discussed. As a result of the trip to Emeryville, George says III seems very interested in working with us. III seemed to understand that we would like to make ILL work like Inn-Reach, more patron initiated and with less staff intervention. The WashU MIRACL load was also moved ahead as a result of discussions with III.

III has committed to making the three phases of enhancements recommended by the Best Practices committee happen. The three phases very briefly described are:

Phase 1

Option to transfer patron-generated requests to OCLC, bypassing any local review within the Innopac ILL module. Would require using OCLC ILL Direct Request Service.

Phase 2

This phase would add a review of patron request in the Innopac ILL module so that a match found in the Inn-Reach catalog will either generate a message indicating the item is held locally, or generate an appropriate Inn-Reach request. If no match is found, the request will be forwarded to OCLC as in Phase 1.

Phase 3

Phase 3 will fully incorporate the Innopac ILL module. This would allow III ILL management software to be used. It would require an interface of III software with OCLC so that updates between the systems would occur automatically.

There is currently no time frame for the last two phases.

As part of ILL Best Practices, MU is sending a team of crack ILL and Access Services staff to the University of Wisconsin to observe their top-notch lending unit.

MLNC has offered its services, providing workshops to help improve ILL efficiency.

MIRACL/Inn-Reach training will be Sept. 24-25 at UMKC. It is scheduled for 10 am - 5 pm on Thursday and 8:30 am - 3 pm on Friday. 1 LSO representative will be attending.

Uniformity in fines and loan periods will need to be worked out for the MIRACL environment.

MERLIN committees will merge into MIRACL committees...the more the merrier.

b. MOBIUS STATUS REPORT

The Mobius Executive Council decided to ask only public institutions (tax supported) to apply for host site. Offers were sent out 8/1 and the response/expression of interest were needed by 8/21.

MU will be expressing its interest and I heard through the grapevine, although George didn't mention it, that Central Missouri State University might also be applying for the position.

The procurement process and implementation design are still under discussion.

The Mobius staff will be parallel to the LSO/MIRACL staff in the hierarchy, with both reporting to George.

If only MU expresses interest, than Innopac will be the platform. No RFP would be need. MU will handle procurement of hardware and software for Mobius (as was done for the addition of SLU to MERLIN).

The libraries added to the Mobius consortium should have all of the modules the MERLIN/MIRACL catalogs currently have. The finer details (number of indexes, review files, etc.) cannot yet be determined.

The MERLIN Directors will have the final word on whether/how any LSO staff will be used for Mobius.

MIRACL will still continue to exist as a consortium.

c. OTHER

WLN status

The history file of 1.2 million authority records is ready to be sent to WLN.

E-mail Archive Status

E-mails sent to the various MERLIN lists are converted to files, then converted to Web Mail. It is still in need of a search engine. The URL for the searchable archive will be:
<http://www.missouri.edu/~lsoarch/>

URL Checker Project

Linkbot in the process of being purchased.

Action Item Database

The searchable database of action items by committee that require LSO action is being worked on.

Action Item Redux

The question of how to get action items to LSO was discussed again. It is each committee's responsibility to get Action Items to LSO. The committee chair must get these actions items that require LSO work in writing to LSO either at the end of the meeting or via an e-mail after the meeting. The review of pending action items will be the shared responsibility of of the committee chair and LSO. The action items by committee will continue to be listed on the web. For archival purposes, the minutes of meetings will contain the status of open and resolved action items.

2. PAID ENHANCEMENTS AND NEW PRODUCTS REQUESTS DRAFT

The procedures in the draft were ok'd by the Coordinators.

3. SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT

The Service Level Agreement was discussed, section by section. George will send draft to Coordinators for review and final approval. Helen suggested that Robin attend the Directors 10/6 meeting to present the Service Level Agreement. It was also suggested, more generally, that the chair of other committees attend the Directors meetings whenever recommendations need reporting or representation.

Action Item:

Gary will send a message to the coordinators with the URL, login & password for III's CS Direct call tracking database. He will also provide a link from the LSO homepage.

Status of Paid Enhancements:

III has yet to respond to our enhancement requests.

4. IUG ENHANCEMENT VOTE

Everybody cast their votes for the 1997/98 IUG enhancement requests compiled by the IUG Functional Experts. Gary filled out the official entry for UMOS and was going to get the ballot to IUG by 8/31.

The next meetings are scheduled for:

9/30, 11/4 and 12/2.

At the close of the meeting George announced the death of a dear friend and colleague Dean Schmidt. I think I can speak for all of us in saying that he will be very sorely missed.

Bob H-G

Robert Heyer-Gray

Head, Reference Dept.

"In this game you move fast or you die."

Curtis Laws Wilson Library "It's not like chess?"
University of Missouri-Rolla "More like a checker game between idiots."
Rolla, MO 65409-0060 "One idiot wins?"
rheyer@umr.edu "And one idiot loses." -- c. bukowski
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