MembersPresent:

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| Waheeda Bilal | MO State Library |
| Debbie Bradshaw | Nazarene Theological Seminary |
| Ethan Cordray | Lincoln University |
| Valerie Darst | Moberly Area Community College |
| Eric Deatherage | Crowder College |
| Sarah Fancher | Ozarks Technical Community College |
| Lisa Farrell | East Central College |
| Sally Gibson | Missouri Western State University |
| Renee Gorrell | Goldfarb School of Nursing |
| Angela Grogan | Westminster College |
| Rebecca Hamlett | William Jewell College |
| Kenette Harder | Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary |
| Kathy Hart | Northwest MO State University |
| Laurie Hathman | Rockhurst University |
| Jeff Huestis | Washington University |
| Melissa Hopkins | Mineral Area College |
| Paige Libbert | Avila University |
| Sharon McCaslin | Fontbonne University |
| James Pakala | Covenant Theological Seminary |
| Bonnie Postlethwaite | University of MO- Kansas City |
| Christina Prucha | State Technical College |
| Pam Reeder | MO Valley College |
| Jon Ritterbush | Park University |
| Ann Riley | University of MO- Columbia |
| Jean Sidwell | AT Still University |
| Courtney Trautweiler | Cottey College |
| Ed Walton | Southwest Baptist University |
| Stephen Wynn | Truman State University |

Members Absent:

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| David Cassens | Saint Louis University |
| Mike Davis | Camden County Library |
| Marilyn Degeus | Kansas City University |
| Darryl Eschete | West Des Moines Public Library |
| Michelle Franklin | State Fair Community College |
| Chabha Hocine | Palmer College |
| Doug Holland | MO Botanical Garden |
| John Hunter | Ozark Christian College |
| Dale Jensen | Evangel University |
| Kimberly Johnson | Tulsa City-County Library |
| Craig Kubic | Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary |
| Jill Nissen | St. Louis College of Pharmacy |
| Barbara Noble | Harris-Stowe State University |
| Geri Olmstead | Christian County Library |
| Barbara Reading | MO State Library |
| Jeanna Ryner | MO Baptist University |
| Kathy Sanders | Three Rivers Community College |
| Claudia Schoonover | Missouri River Regional Library |

Members & Guests Online:

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| Julie Andresen | Hannibal-LaGrange University |
| Mary Ann Aubin | Kenrick-Glennon Theological Seminary |
| James Capeci | MO Southern State University |
| Janet Caruthers | Columbia College |
| Eileen Condon | Webster University |
| Regina Cooper | Springfield-Greene County Library |
| Chris Dames | University of MO- St. Louis |
| Cindy Dudenhoffer | Central Methodist University |
| Bill Garvin | Drury University |
| Jon Jones | Baptist Bible College |
| Katie Marney | Culver-Stockton College |
| Maggi Mueller | Saint Paul School of Theology |
| Richard Oliver | Evangel University |
| Sheila Ouellette | St. Louis Community College |
| M.J. Poehler | Kansas City Art Institute |
| Tracy Primich | MO University of Science & Technology |
| Laura Rein | Webster University |
| Eric Stancliff | Concordia Seminary |
| Stephanie Tolson | St. Charles Community College |

Guests Present:

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| Abigail Broadbent | William Jewell College |
| Kelly Brown | Missouri History Museum |

Proxies:

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| Laurie Hathman of Rockhurst for Candice Baldwin | Metropolitan Community College |
| Lisa Farrell of East Central College for Lisa Pritchard | Jefferson College |
| Kathy Hart of NW MO State University for Beth Caldarello | North Central MO College |
| Mary Ann Mercante for Genie McKee | Maryville University |
| Bonnie Postlethwaite of UMKC for Tracy Primich | MO Science & Technology University |
| Bonnie Postlethwaite of UMKC for Chris Dames | UMSL |
| Tori Lyons for Ellen Dickman | Logan University |
| Jill Mahoney for Erlene Dudley | William Woods University |
| Renee Gorrell of Goldfarb for Marianne Cavanaugh | Saint Louis Art Museum |
| Laura Horne-Popp for Gail Staines | University of Central MO |
| Valerie Darst of Moberly Area Community College for Cindy Dudenhoffer | Central Methodist University |
| Jason Bruenderman for Barbara Glackin | Southeast MO State University |
| Jim Pakala of Covenant Seminary for Liz MacDonald | Lindenwood University |
| Sharon McCaslin of Fontbonne for Tom Peters | MO State University |
| Kelly Brown for Emily Jaycox | MO History Museum |
| Jim Pakala of Covenant Seminary for Laura Rein | Webster/Eden University |
| Christopher Brite for Thomas Sullivan | Conception Abbey & Seminary |

1. Housekeeping
2. Call to order- In absence of President Tom Peters, Sharon McCaslin, (Vice President/President-Elect) called the meeting to order at 10:02am.
3. Introductions- Sharon introduced current Board members, new MOBIUS members, and new deans/directors and interims. She read the list of proxies, online attendees, and guests were also announced. Donna Bacon, MOBIUS Executive Director, introduced Petar Datsov, the new IT Manager of MOBIUS.
4. With no changes or additions to the Agenda, Sharon declared it adopted.
5. Membership Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2016 were approved, with no changes or additions. There was no discussion, so the minutes stand approved.
6. Treasurer’s Report- Ed Walton, Treasurer- Ed reported that revenues and expenses are as expected, and that our investments are doing well. We are currently 10% higher than one year ago.
7. New Business
8. President’s Report- Sharon McCaslin, VP, reporting for absent President, Tom Peters
9. Sharon reported on the changes to the Board Handbook, and told members that there were revised descriptions of Board officer positions. She gave Laurie Hathman credit for doing the bulk of that work. Sharon informed the membership that the MOBIUS Impact & Value Task Force has been disbanded. She pointed out the flyer that was created by that team, “MOBIUS Consortium: A Valuable Partnership”. These were sent to all member libraries. Sharon spoke of the decline for support of higher education; MOBIUS is a bright spot.
10. Overview of the Open Textbook Network initiative: Sharon drew members’ attention to the Open Textbook Network handout at the front table; Christina Virden, MOBIUS E-Resources Coordinator, will give more details later in the meeting. The Board will be voting on whether to pursue a consortial purchase at their April 2017 meeting.
11. Standing Committee Reports
12. Circulation and Courier, Lisa Farrell: Lisa reported that the ‘Bed Bugs Best Practices’ document is complete. The committee wants to compile a non-public list of which libraries have bed bug heaters/ovens. There will be a presentation on the bed bug topic at the 2017 MOBIUS Annual Conference. Lisa told members that the survey for courier satisfaction is complete, and the committee plans to meet regarding those results. Members will hear more about that at the annual conference. Lisa said the committee was also working on a reporting form for missing books.
13. User Experience and Metadata, Bonnie Postlethwaite: Bonnie reported that this committee met by phone, in January of this year. ArticleReach was discussed. The committee also talked about authority control; is it needed in INN-Reach? Christopher Gould, MOBIUS Systems Librarian, spoke to the committee and explained a bit more about this. The committee decided that more information is needed from membership, and there will be more discussion at the MOBIUS Annual Conference. The committee also talked about the possible need for a repository for MOBIUS members. This was part of the most recent strategic plan, but not all members are in agreement. There will be a session on this topic at the annual conference. The committee will meet again in April.
14. E-Resources, Claudia Schoonover: Christina Virden of MOBIUS reported in Claudia’s absence. This committee’s most recent project was the survey on e-books, which was done in January of this year. Christina gave some highlights of the results, including telling the membership that the survey shows that members are interested in consortial buying of e-books, and that the Social Sciences and Humanities had the highest interest. She said this committee wants to learn more from other consortia, and they do want to look into expanding the eMO collection.
15. ILS Marketplace, Sharon McCaslin: Sharon reported on the results of a survey for library staff. One notable result was that more training is desired. The highest used modules are circulation and cataloging.
16. Other Reports
17. MOBIUS Impact & Value, Eric Deatherage: Eric explained that this working group was charged with information gathering, about the value of MOBIUS membership. He referred the members’ attention to the brochure, “MOBIUS Consortium: A Valuable Partnership,” which was produced after survey results were gathered. He cited more results, including that Library administrators desire a more detailed document, in addition to the small brochure. Other findings include that users prefer surveys at point of use, users prefer case studies versus open market pricing comparisons, users want a system that will foster a long-term vendor relationship as opposed to constant bidding, and users feel that cost and savings are more important than innovation right now.
18. Assessment Task Force Report, Sharon McCaslin: Sharon reported that this task force has met twice in person, and once online. They looked at our current assessment model; there was a problem perceived last year as we faced the MERLIN cluster going to stand-alone status. Sharon pointed out that in this time of financial uncertainty, we have reached equilibrium. The task force requested and received a price quote from Innovative for our two largest full-members, supposing that they went to a stand-alone status. Innovative reported that they would see a 50% savings by staying in a MOBIUS cluster. The view of this group is that there is no economic incentive for libraries to switch to stand-alone status. Sharon went on to say they wondered if they were looking at the wrong issues. What about smaller institutions? She stated these are uncertain times, but assured members that the assessment model is not set to change at this time. There will, however, be some cosmetic changes, as the schedule will be printed to a more manageable size. There was some questions and comments from members, to which Sharon responded.
19. Board Member Nominations Reminder, Renee Gorrell: Renee reminded members that nominations are still being sought for positions on the MOBIUS Board, and encouraged members to nominate a colleague (with their permission), or self-nominate. The deadline for nominations is April 3, 2017.
20. MOBIUS Executive Director Report, Donna Bacon: Donna introduced Christina again, who explained the Open Textbook Network, and pointed out the handout distributed earlier. Christina explained that OTN is an alliance of academic institutions sharing textbooks, and that other consortia are participating. Some other points she mentioned include there would be two representatives from MOBIUS that would attend a Summer Institute, to become system leaders. The cost of joining OTN is $10,000 at base level; on July 1, 2018 there will be a shift to an annual fee model. There were several questions and comments from members, all of which Christina answered. Members were encouraged to ask more questions later as they thought of them. The Board will be voting on MOBIUS’ participation at the April board meeting. Annual Conference Plans: There has been a Conference Working Group, which has not met but held discussions via email. Conference sessions have been voted on, and the presenters have been notified. There will be a track of sessions from Innovative to help introduce some of the new products that the membership will be getting. There will be an additional track on Digital Initiatives. Jim Talman, Innovative CEO, will be a featured speaker. Wednesday, June 7, will be training day with two full day sessions, one on III’s ERM and Knowledgebase and one on ‘Millennials in the Workplace.’

Donna reported that MOBIUS will sponsor the 2018 International Evergreen Conference, in St. Charles. The 2017 conference is coming up in April and will be in Covington, KY; MOBIUS will have a booth at that conference. MO Evergreen is going well, with new members Jefferson County, Festus Public, Texas County, Trails Regional, Livingston County, and Douglas County.

Donna reported that a practicum student from MU has been working with various staff in the MOBIUS office.

She gave an update on the Innovative contract; it has been a long process to get a final signed contract. There are still some changes needed from Innovative before the document is final.

Donna reported on ArticleReach; she, Steve, and Christina have been meeting with Innovative on an ongoing basis. The SWAN cluster libraries won’t go live for a few weeks, but will begin testing on March 21. The hope is that everyone else will be up and going within the next month or so.

Members should be receiving an email soon about courier statistics. Petar has created a database so that members can search for their own statistics, with regard to sending/receiving materials and bags. There will also be an e-resources database that will include what each member subscribes to, how much is spent, how much saved, etc. This will be password-protected, per member. Work is also being done on a searchable lending/borrowing statistics database.

There were questions for Donna from members, including conference registration date, courier services in the KC area, cluster mergers, and ArticleReach cluster decisions.

1. Missouri State Librarian’s Report- State Librarian Barbara Reading did not attend the Membership meeting, but sent this report:

*Library funding:*

*In House Budget committee, State Aid is currently at a $1.6 million increase, with REAL Program to receive a $400,000 increase.  The Legislature has adjourned for spring break and will take up the House Budget committee will do its votes on the budget when they return the week of March 27.*

*On the federal budget side, the budget released by President Trump would provide $0 for IMLS, thus eliminating all funding for LSTA, of which Missouri receives about $2.9 million annually.  This is just the start of the Congressional budget process, but alerting your representatives to the importance of LSTA would be helpful.*

*The next Legislative Update webinar is on march 23 at 2 pm.  Check MLA listserv for connection details.*

1. Cluster and Member Library Reports
2. The following clusters / member libraries had no report:

Altoona Public Library

Camden County Library

Christian County Library

Explore

Galahad

LANCE

Missouri River Regional Library

Palmer College of Chiropractic

Quest

Saint Louis University

Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary

Springfield-Greene County Library

SWAN

Towers

Tulsa City-County Library

West Des Moines Public Library

1. The following clusters reported:

Archway: Lisa Farrell, from East Central College reported that they had some job shadowing in the cluster, and that St. Charles and East Central are going live on ArticleReach.

Arthur: The Interim Director from Lincoln University noted that he is the new interim director at Lincoln, but otherwise there are no cluster-wide changes.

Bridges: Concordia: The renovation project is underway. Our materials are temporarily unavailable, but that should change in the next few weeks as we finish populating our off-site storage facility. Library staff has relocated to another campus building along with our reference collection and current journals. We are active again with the courier service. We are to re-inhabit the library building in the summer of 2018.

Harris-Stowe: On November 14, Linda Orzel was appointed Interim Director and a search is on for Barbara Noble’s successor. With smiling emoticon, Linda emailed on December 1 as follows: “I have been juggling all the knives ever since.”

Lindenwood: The new library will open in August! Nancy Messina was hired as reference librarian and Joanna DeYoung for serials. The eMO books are loaded.

Kansas City: Laurie Hathman reported that the Kansas City and Towers clusters will be having a meeting soon to discuss the impending merger.

Rebecca from William Jewell reported that they are switching to EDS Discovery Service, away from ProQuest’s Summon.

MERLIN: Bonnie stated that the move to stand-alone is progressing. They have hired a new technology services librarian. The new system President started March 1. Library Director at MS&T, Tracy Primich, is retiring the end of May. Ann Riley announced they are looking for applicants for Library Director at MS&T, Head of Instruction at Ellis, and Head of Special Collections at MU.

Washington University: The new director will be starting on July 1. They’ve had a major renovation ongoing.

1. Announcements
2. The next MOBIUS Board meeting will be April 21, 2017.
3. The next MOBIUS Membership meeting will be June 5, 2017.
4. Meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Renee Gorrell, MOBIUS Board Secretary

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