



## MOBIUS ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MAAC MINUTES April 25, 2000

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### Chairperson: Judy Fox, Washington University

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Mobius Access Advisory Committee Meeting  
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#### Members Present:

Judy Fox, Chair Washington University  
Elise Fisher Western Cluster  
Joni Blake Arthur  
Gaye Pate Swan  
Loretta Ponzar Archway  
Carol Warrington Archway  
Jim Mulder Northwest  
Ellen Eliceiri St. Louis-Teal  
Sharon Upchurch Northeast  
Amy Arnott Merlin  
Gordon Johnston Southeast  
Mark Wahrenbrock MCO  
Linda Medaris Central West

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:03 at the Mobius Consortium Office in Columbia. The minutes of the January 25th meeting were approved.
2. Judy summarized the results of the Ariel survey for the committee. The majority of libraries are already using Ariel, and several others are interested in pursuing a group purchase. **The Access Committee recommended that the Executive Committee ask MCO to investigate.**
3. Judy reported that the **MOBIUS Council** spent about 45 minutes discussing the ILL proposal MAAC sent to them. Several members voiced concerns about the Visiting Patron (VP) option, as it was not included in the original Memorandum of Understanding. The Council asked Judy to write a proposal to test the VP option in a fair and even manner, and would like this plan by the June 1 meeting. The majority of the **Council members seem to want to try** the VP option because most institutions are already participating in some sort of regional consortial agreement (MMACU, MIX card, etc.), so the leap to VP shouldn't be too difficult.

Judy spoke with Phyllis O'Connor at the University of Akron about the VP option. Phyllis reported that OhioLink actually requested that Innovative develop this service as a software enhancement because they saw the need to **offer** this service to patrons.

MAAC discussed the best way to plan and execute a VP testing period. The committee recommends to the **Council** that all member institutions will participate in the VP option for the first six months after they 'go live' with InnReach. If, during the six-month trial period, an institution encounters serious difficulties with VP, they should work with both MCOHelp and MAAC to resolve the problems. If, at the end of the six month trial, they are still unhappy with the VP option, they can request the executive committee review both their complaint and

the Mobius ILL policy. Otherwise, the executive committee will review the ILL policy annually during their 4th quarter meeting as part of their regular business.

4. Seventeen institutions reported their Mobius statistics for March. We should encourage our cluster-mates to keep and report their statistics to either Judy or their cluster representative by the 15th of each month, and Judy will have them posted by the end of the month. Ultimately, we would like to see MCO set up a webpage where we can self-report the statistics monthly.
5. If a member institution encounters a book that has been dropped off at their library and they are neither the lender nor the patron's home institution, they should send the item back to the owning library. Members should also put wording on their green Mobius book bands that conveys that patrons should return items *only* to either their home library or the owning library.
6. Judy reported that some members of the **MOBIUS Council** feel that the \$120 lost book fee is too high and asked MAAC to revise/clarify this policy. MAAC feels that the \$120 fee is appropriate, with the stipulation that if the lost item is in print or available, the lending library has the option to accept either a replacement copy with a \$20 processing fee, or the BIP price plus a \$20 processing fee. If the item is not available, the replacement cost will be \$20 processing fee plus \$.15/page, not to exceed \$120. In all cases, the lending library has the right to refuse any of these repayment options. These transactions should be negotiated and mutually agreed upon between the lending and borrowing institutions. Normally, no more than 1 year should pass until the issue is resolved and the bill is paid.
7. Joni Blake reported on the status of the Arthur implementation-all members are doing very well. Arthur has been live on InnReach for about a month and has seen quite a lot of traffic. Joni also said that the major difficulties they have encountered thus far are IT related; getting patron data from campus mainframe sources, system printer setup and firewall configuration have been challenges to all of the Arthur members.
8. Archway and Swan have both completed their TestPac training and will be signing off on the indexing soon. Data loading will begin as soon as it becomes available. Carol asked when the 'anxiety stage' of the project would be finished; Joni assured her it only lasts for a short time.
9. The first Mobius annual conference is scheduled for June 2, 2000 at the Memorial Union on the University of Missouri-Columbia campus. Gary Harris from MCO sent out a schedule of events and a registration form. In addition to a wide variety of programs and presentations, several representatives from OhioLink will be attending and giving presentations.
10. MAAC **has** an area on our website for proposed policies. **It will be used** to make available our works in progress, such as the lost book policy.
11. Future meetings are scheduled for July 25, 2000 and October 24, 2000 at the MCO office. The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

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