

MOBIUS Catalog Design Advisory Committee
Friday, December 10, 1999

Minutes taken by Raleigh Muns (MERLIN - UM-St. Louis)

Meeting Chaired by Patricia Teter (NE Cluster - Truman State U.)

Attendees were:

Robin Kespohl (MOBIUS)
Raleigh Muns - UMSL - MERLIN Cluster
Norma Fair - MU Ellis - MERLIN Cluster
Fran Stumpf - SCCCC - St. Louis Red Cluster
Carol Bennett - SLCC - St. Louis Red Cluster
Pat Logsdon - Washington University Cluster
Cathy Palmer - NMSU - NW Cluster
Patricia Teter - Truman State - NE Cluster
Karen Letarte - SMSU - SW Cluster
Sue Wartzok - Eden Webster - Teal Cluster
MaryAnn Mercante - Maryville - Teal Cluster
Joy Dodson - Central Methodist - Central West Cluster
Ted Ostaszewski - Metropolitan Community Colleges - Western Cluster
Jim Dutton - Westminster College - ARTHUR Cluster

The minutes from the Oct. 29 CDAC meeting have been posted to the list. Pat stated that she gave an abbreviated report of the committee's progress at the Dec. 3 MOBIUS Council meeting.

MOBIUS Update:

Robin Kespohl reported that the Arthur cluster has completed testing and their web pages are being created. Bibliographic and item records are being loaded. Patron loading will be starting Jan.1, and they'll be going live on January 3.

George Rickerson is in Springfield for the initial planning meeting with the Southwest cluster. St. Louis Red begins planning meetings with MOBIUS staff on Dec. 17th.

MOBIUS has contracted with an individual from Kent State for NOTIS to III data conversion.

Clusters were urged to set up listservs, even if they are not converting for two more years.

Bob Heidlage (Heidlager@umsystem.edu) at the Library Systems Office is in charge of the MOBIUS listservs; all are being switched from MOREnet to the University of Missouri server.

Job openings at MOBIUS are posted to the University of Missouri, to Innopac, and to MOBIUS users.

We have received from Innopac the release 2000 documentation. Instructions for retrieving the users' manuals will be posted.

Robin discussed bringing up two clusters in the next six-month period. The MOBIUS staff may have to stagger deadlines so that Mark Wahrenbrock can work in all the training. There were very few conversion problems with Central East, but more are expected in future conversions.

3. Journal Index question:

The committee began discussion on achieving consistency among the cluster web pages and the subsequent institutional pages. The question was raised regarding some MOBIUS institutions' desire for a children's subject heading index, which does not currently exist at the MOBIUS level, and how it would be achieved if the Master Record does not contain children's headings. There were further questions regarding the authority work necessary for each cluster's database. At the MOBIUS level, there is no authority record.

Journal Title vs. Journal Scope:

Journal Scope is a separately purchased III product while the Journal Title index currently in the MOBIUS catalog comes from a special MARC field that is created by III and must be continued by cluster catalogers who add new serial (i.e., periodical and newspaper) records.

After extensive discussion among the committee members and online demonstration of the various options available for limiting OPAC searches to a journal title, consensus was reached to retain the journal index as it exists at the MERLIN and Washington University sites.

Results of Vote:

Central East	journal title index
Central West	journal title index (initial vote was for journal scoping)
South East	NOT PRESENT (no rep present)
South West	journal scoping
MERLIN	journal title index
Wash U.	ABSTAIN
West	journal title index
Teal	journal title index
Red	journal title index
NorthEast	journal title index
NorthWest	journal title index

Consensus:

The committee charges that the MOBIUS journal index is retained as it is, and journal scoping will not be implemented.

4. Advanced Keyword Searching Fields

Robin reported that the existing keyword searches in MOBIUS index from titles, subjects, series, conferences, and organizations. Added keyword indexes are tables of contents and selected note fields. The new Advanced Keyword Searching product requires a decision from the committee for re-indexing the MOBIUS database because of the added features of proximity, adjacency, etc. Questions followed. Robin suggested that committee members look at other catalogs, and future discussion will address the issue

of adding fields to the keyword search.

5. Sharing Catalog Records Purchased from Vendors

Possible options for sharing cataloging purchased from vendors include a per-site fee for holdings added to a record owned by another library in a cluster. Permissions for consortial sharing will need to be negotiated by the MOBIUS office, and discussions with vendors such as OCLC and Bell & Howell/UMI will continue.

6. Union Catalog Master Record

The master record is only at MOBIUS, where the MERLIN record is currently master because it has MeSH subjects. The issue of libraries who want indexing of children's subject headings was addressed. It was noted that the local cluster's catalog is not affected by this problem.

7. 856 (URL) Holdings Display

When multiple libraries hold electronic titles, how does the union catalog display those holdings? The problem is that when the Master Record goes up to MOBIUS, MERLIN libraries' holdings display from the 856 field, but other libraries holdings do not display. The listserv has not responded to Robin's query on this problem; however, the Release 2000 documentation states that the web OPAC can display more than one link from 856 fields. This will require some experimentation with the 2000 Innopac software.

8. OCLC WebExpress Service

The MOBIUS office has concluded that OCLC's WebExpress Service is apparently not useful in a consortial environment when SiteSearch is already in use for Z39.50 connectivity.

The committee was reminded that future meetings will require decisions on Master Record rules, what will index in the Advanced Keyword Search, and additional indexes to be added to MOBIUS at re-indexing time.

The next meeting of the MOBIUS Catalog Design Advisory Committee will be March 10, 2000, at the MOBIUS Office in Columbia, MO.