

MOBIUS

Linking Missouri's Academic Libraries

July 14, 2000

MOBIUS Executive Committee Official Minutes

The MOBIUS Executive Committee met Friday, July 14, 2000 in the main conference room at the CBHE offices in Jefferson City, MO.

Present were: Sarah Cron, SEMO; Shirley Baker, Washington University; Steve Stoan, Drury University; Julia Schneider, MWSC; Karen Horny, SMSU; Sara Parker, State Library, John Young, William Jewel College; Carol Curtis, OTC; Andy White, CBHE; and George Rickerson, MOBIUS Executive Director. Absent were: Joan Clarke, STCCCC and Valerie Darst, MACC.

Call to Order/Adoption of Agenda/Approval of Minutes

Sarah Cron, Chair, called the meeting to order shortly after 10 a.m. The agenda was approved and adopted. The minutes of the May 11, 2000 meeting were approved.

CBHE and State Library Reports

Andy White, CBHE, reported:

- Funding requests presented to and endorsed by CTI.
- Financial aid to be more inclusive of distance learners.
- Virtual A.A. degree being developed under the auspices of MCCA and
- Information on the Missouri Distance Learning Association.

Sarah Parker, State Librarian, reported:

- New initiative through the MU library school to place faculty at UMKC and UMSL to both provide instruction and hold administrative positions. The need for qualified librarians to fill positions around the state has become critical.
- Missouri being added to the ALA National Advocacy Honor Roll at the ALA 2000 Conference.
- The newest copy of the "Missouri by the Numbers" census brochure.
- The recent Secretary of State Candidates Forum.
- Upcoming meeting of the directors of Missouri's six largest public libraries on July 26th.
- A shared storage facility with availability of the last copy fiction and last copy biography is the biggest need of Missouri public libraries.

MOBIUS ILL Policy

Steve Stoan moved and Julia Schneider seconded approval of the MOBIUS Interlibrary Lending Policy. Discussion focused on the need for encouraging and communicating the

importance of reporting compliance among all MOBIUS member libraries. The motion passed.

Long Range Planning

Shirley Baker reported that the Long Range Planning retreat is scheduled for October 25 & 26 and asked for agenda topics (in addition to those already identified). It was suggested that Joe Ford (consultant) be asked to provide information on library and mixed library consortia across the country. Planning for the retreat continues.

Annual MOBIUS Conference

About 270 people attended the first MOBIUS annual conference. The Planning Committee plans a conference call to review feedback and brainstorm on plans for next year's.

MOBIUS Use Statistics

The following points were made in a discussion of MOBIUS use statistics:

- The current format on the website is difficult to read (since labels disappear as you scroll across the screen);
- Posting and reporting of use statistics on a specific schedule will increase number and timeliness of updates; and
- Highlighting stats in the newsletter and letting members know that stats will be published will encourage reporting compliance.

Time Table for Election of Advisory Group Chairs

It was agreed that the Executive Committee would recommend that the terms of Advisory Group Chairs coincide with the Chair of the Exec. Committee, i. e. that terms would begin on July 1. This will be on the agenda of the next Council meeting.

Measuring End User Satisfaction

It was agreed that the Long Range Planning Committee will be asked to consider the feasibility of measuring end user satisfaction at some point after all clusters are up. The difficulty and utility of such measures need to be examined before deciding if an end user satisfaction survey should be undertaken.

Report of the Executive Director/Budget/New memberships

George Rickerson reported on implementation, meeting with Kala Stroup, office organization and position vacancies. Under the Executive Director's report the following actions were taken:

- Carol Curtis moved and John Young seconded approval of the budget. Passed.
- John Young moved and Shirley Baker seconded approving memberships of the Kansas City Art Institute and the St. Louis College of Pharmacy. Passed.
- Julia Schneider moved and John Young seconded approval of MOBIUS becoming a full member of the Missouri Library Network Corporation (MLNC). Passed.

Long Distance Learning Module

Karen Horny moved and Steve Stoan seconded authorizing an expenditure of \$25,000 to Innovative for the development of a Distance Learning Module enhancement.

MOBIUS (along with Ohio Link) will be involved in the requested module's development.

Meeting Dates

The next Council meeting will be Sept. 8th at the Lenoir Community Center (near the new MOBIUS office) at 10 a.m. The next Executive Committee meeting will be planned to dovetail with the Long Range Planning Retreat. Its exact date and time will be announced later.

Shirley Baker moved and Steve Stoan seconded adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Curtis

MOBIUS Secretary