

February 8, 2002

**MOBIUS Executive Committee  
Official Minutes**

I. Welcome and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 10:30am

II. Adoption of agenda

Agenda was approved with three additions

- Report from CBHE
- Report from Missouri State Library
- Discussion of the Secretary vacancy

III. Report from MERAC (Scarlett Swall)

Scarlett distributed the MERAC Renewal Proposal handout. After discussion, Joan Clarke made following motion:

In the best interest of the consortium as a whole, renew the ABC-Clio contract in its current form. Keep the same funding model. Members will not be required to participate. Once level of participation is known, the members will have the opportunity to reevaluate participation if their individual increase is greater than 10%.

Laura Rein seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

IV. Annual Conference Planning Report (James Pakala)

The Annual Conference Planning committee will meet today at the proposed conference site, Ramada Inn in Jefferson City. Current roster includes: Anne Barker, Librarian II, Humanities Librarian, Ellis Reference (East), UMC, Sue Gold, Reference Librarian, Eden-Webster Library, Rita Gulstad, Director of Libraries and User Services, Central Methodist College, Mary Ann Mercante, Assistant Director and Head of Technical Services, Maryville U, Jim Pakala, Library Director, Covenant Theological Seminary (CHAIR), Stephanie Tolson, Library Manager, St. Louis Community College – Florissant Valley, Linda Vorce, Executive Assistant, MCO (EX-OFFICIO)

The conference is scheduled for Thursday, June 6th with a reception the previous evening at Lincoln University. The committee will review the facilities and the current schedule. In an effort to allow for more detailed sessions, the committee has decided to have (in addition to the regular 45-minute sessions) 60-minute sessions.

#### Addition to Agenda – CBHE Report (Nancy Devino)

##### Budget Issues

CBHE's core operating budget was cut by 24%. Their total appropriation was cut by 18%.

##### MOREnet Recommendation

The CBHE on February 7, 2002 approved a recommendation that MOREnet adopt certain guidelines governing MOREnet membership by for-profit institutions. They are:

- Proposed institution must express an interest in obtaining MOREnet services
- Proposed institution must be accredited either by a regional or national association
- Proposed institution must offer an Associate level degree or above
- Proposed institution must be Missouri based at least 50 years or have their main campus in Missouri
- Proposed institution must be certified by CBHE's Proprietary School of Certification.
- Fee structure must recover full cost of providing service to such institution

There are approximately 12 institutions eligible.

#### Addition to Agenda – Missouri State Library Report (Sara Parker)

Governor recommended all cores including Connectivity and Licenses. There was general discussion regarding the Athletes & Entertainers Tax. The expected revenue is approximately \$1.9 million. The statewide digitizing conference is next week. The Library Services & Technology Act is due for re-authorization in September. They are in the process of reviewing the past 5-year plan and drafting a new plan.

#### V. Executive Director's Report (George Rickerson)

End of Implementation Celebrations – no report

Budget Reports

Governor's FY03 Budget Recommendations – see handout

Budget Preparation FY04 – see handout

Legislative Agenda

Funding for New Members issues

The total amount needed is \$235K. Consequently, all costs will be for software.

#### Addition to Agenda – Replacing Secretary position

Valerie Darst asked if it would be acceptable to appoint person who will be nominated for Secretary prior to election to fill the remaining term. The committee was favorable.

#### VI. Nomination Committee Report (Valerie Darst)

Steve Stoen has agreed to run for the Chair-Elect position

#### VII. Meeting Dates

MOBIUS Council will meet March 22 at 10:00am. (Later revised to March 15.)  
Place to be determined.  
Executive Committee will meet April 26 at 10:00am possibly at the CBHE.  
Note...Chairs group will meet March 1.

VIII. Other Business -- none

IX. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 2:10pm