MOBIUS
Linking Missouri's Academic Libraries

April 26, 2002

MOBIUS Executive Committee
Official Minutes

I.   Welcome and Introductions
    Meeting called to order at 10:05am

II.   Adoption of Agenda
    Minutes from February 8, 2002 meeting approved

III.   Reports
   a. MOREnet—Tony Wening reported on current funding issues and the upcoming Helix conference. He also reported on a current upgrade to their current network hubs enabling the network to be more reliable.
   b. CBHE—Nancy was unable to attend.
   c. Missouri State Library—Barbara Reading informed us of their 10% operations budget cut. NewsLine for the blind is now statewide via an 800#.
   d. MLNC—No report

IV.   Annual Conference Planning Report
   a. Jim Pakala stated plans are progressing on schedule. George Machovec will be this year's speaker for the closing plenary session. Sessions have been extended to one hour with the exception of Session C. Session B will have both 45-minute and 60-minute sessions to avoid the lunch congestion. We have finalized the plans for the Helpdesk staff to be available throughout the conference to assist members with questions.
   b. Future Conference Planning Committee—It was suggested that this committee have not only a chair but also a chair-elect to ease the transition each year. Other suggestions included a post-conference meeting, identifying the chair earlier and developing a handbook.

V.   Chair's Report
   a. Missouri State Library's Moving Forward Missouri Libraries—Only two responses have been received.
   b. Evaluation of Executive Director—Valerie informed the committee of the steps involved in the evaluation. Step one is for George to create goals followed by input solicited by Valerie. All information will be polled and discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting.
   c. Tight Budgets Relative to MOU—The Memorandum of Understanding does not include strong enough verbiage in regards to budget necessities.
   d. Need for Coordinator's Committee—Robin Kespohl requested the Executive Committee consider activating this committee. This committee should be charged with evaluating universal additions (new products) and bringing that information to the Executive Committee. No objections.

e.　Valerie will send an email to each cluster asking them to designate a representative with Robin Kespohl planning the first meeting.

f.　Role of Library Instruction Related to MOBIUS—It was decided to use the Reference Roundtable at the upcoming Users conference as the beginning point of a Library Instruction Interest Group.

g.　Electronic Resources Committee Report—Scarlet Swall reported the committee is considering future funding from grants. Motion by Elizabeth Wilson: Would the Executive Committee support the further exploration of grant funding by the MERAC committee? The committee then met with a few grant writers. Second by Joan Clarke. Motion passed.

h.　Collection Development as a MOBIUS activity—Motion by Joan Clarke: Create a task force to investigate coordinated collection development management issues and report to the Executive Committee within a year. Second by Liz Wilson. Motion passed.

i.　USA Patriot Act—Most clusters have elected to retain information on their patrons.

j.　Serials Exchange—Using the ATLA Serials Exchange method, MOBIUS would have the ability to have an online serials exchange. Jim Pakala will set up a presentation to the Executive Committee.

k.　MOBIUS Access Advisory Committee request—The MAAC requests an Ad Hoc committee be formed to resolve grievances, problems and misunderstandings. Motion by Liz Wilson: To have the Executive Committee serve as an Ad Hoc Grievance committee. Second by Joan Clarke. Motion passed.

VI.　Executive Director's Report

a.　Linda Hall Library—The Library proposes a $9.50 charge per transaction. George will draft a response to Ted's email asking 1) if enough promise is in the report to warrant continuation of the discussion 2) what are the minimum requirements of MOBIUS in an agreement with LHL and 3) what is the minimum level of interest needed within MOBIUS to warrant the investment of time and resources to link the integrated systems. The draft response will be sent to the Executive Committee for feedback and approval.

b.　ABC-Clio Update—Axie Hindman reported that 50 libraries elected to participate. We had 49 renewals and one new library. This results in a 1.5% increase in the subscription rate.

c.　Appropriation and Budget Updates—The Senate approved the higher ed. appropriations bill without an increase for MOBIUS.

d.　Implementation Celebration—The celebration will take place during the Reception at Lincoln University prior to the Annual Users Conference.

e.　MOBIUS involvement with SLRLC—George will be meeting with representatives of the St. Louis Research Library Consortium on April 30th to discuss their implementation into the MOBIUS consortium. George will share the information gathered at the next Executive Committee meeting.

VII.   Other Business
        The Missouri State Library's implementation has begun. They have
        secured funding. Cottey College has also secured funding.
VIII.   Next meeting
        The next Executive Council meeting is set for July 19th at the MOBIUS
        Consortium Office.
IX.   Adjournment
        Sarah moved for adjournment. Second by Elizabeth Wilson. Meeting
        adjourned at 2:20pm.