MOBIUS Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2004

Members present: Bob Frizzell, George Rickerson, Stephanie Tolson, Jim Pakala, Linda Bigelow, Joni Blake, Laura Rein, and Jim Cogswell with Steve Stoan presiding.
Guests present: Sara Parker, Tony Wening, Loretta Ponzar, Fran Stumpf and Laurie Hathman
Unable to attend: Genie McKee

I. Welcome and Introductions – Meeting called to order at 10:05am. Agenda change included adding Executive Session to the end. Motion to approve agenda with change made by Linda Bigelow. Seconded by Laura Rein. Motion approved.

II. Approval of Minutes – The meeting notes from December 3, 2003 were reviewed and resulted in two grammatical changes. Stephanie Tolson moved to accept the minutes with changes noted. Seconded by Linda Bigelow. Motion approved.

III. Reports:
   A. MOREnet – Tony Wening reported that cutovers were done over a period of several weeks during their maintenance windows with no disruptions reported. HB3 was reported out of the House Education Appropriations Committee and was heard by the Senate Appropriations Committee. A Committee Substitute bill is being drafted in reference to SB1082. MOREnet is completing work on the re-bid for the Newspaper database service. The E-Mints division of MOREnet is being transferred to the office of Stephen Lehmkuhle, Vice president of Academic Affairs.
   B. Missouri State Library – Sara Parker reported on the status of HB1012. There is much concern about the REAL project appropriations. The Missouri State Library hopes to come through at least at current funding level. Two companion bills dealing with electronic versions of items received that revise chapter 181, HB1347 and SB 1044, are both on the consent calendars. HB1384 is a bill on theft or destruction of documents. The online candidacy filing has generated a democratic, republican and libertarian candidate. The newest call for grant proposals is available on their website.
   C. MLNC – unable to attend. Report sent electronically. Deb Ehrstein has been named the new User Services Manager. MLNC’s agreement with HW Wilson should be in place by the end of March. MLNC will also be adding McGraw-Hill’s AccessMedicine database to their product offerings later this spring. The first 332 titles have been loaded to MLNC netLibrary Collection Two. MLNC members are invited to join netLibrary Collection Two through June 30, 2004. Elections for the MLNC Board of Directors and an additional Members Council Delegate will begin in early March.

IV. Executive Director Report – George Rickerson. MOBIUS appropriation has not yet been addressed in any of the hearings. Records are beginning to be loaded back into the union catalog. The group that visited the storage facility, Edeo, in Springfield, was very positive. The Assemblies of God Theological Seminary has contacted MOBIUS for membership. Progress is underway for a new MOBIUS map and the next issue of the MOBIUS newsletter.
V. MERAC Digital Reference Report – Laurie Hathman. The committee reviewed reports on collaborative virtual reference services from four consortia: Washington Research Library Consortium, Utah Academic Library Consortium, Keystone Library Network and OhioLINK. The Executive Committee decided to share the information gathered with the consortium but to not continue with further activities at the present time.

VI. MAAC Report – Loretta Ponzar. The committee reviewed the lending/borrowing statistics and continued to discuss this topic. In an attempt to keep the number of institutions on the list to a minimum, the committee decided to raise the non-returnable ratio to 2.5 or greater. The current working definition of “Lenders of Last Resort” should be available on the MOBIUS website.

VII. Conference Planning Report – Fran Stumpf. Julia Blixrud will be the guest speaker speaking on the topic of “Sustaining and Improving a Growing Consortium.” Jerry Kline will possibly speak next year. The concurrent sessions are expanding to 26 with two poster sessions. The schedule will be finalized next week with registration on the web site to open soon. A training session is being organized to follow the day of the conference.

VIII. Nominating Committee Report – Laura Rein. Nominations for the 2005 session are: Chair Elect, Robert Frizzell Independent-at-Large Representative, Erlene Dudley Secretary, Eugenia McKee Two-Year Public-at-Large Representative, Stephanie Tolson The formal proposal from the Nomination Committee as presented was approved by the Executive Committee.

IX. MOBIUS Budget/Assessments for FY2005 – George Rickerson. The Executive Committee reviewed the FY05 proposed budget as presented by George. After discussion, the budget was adjusted. A motion to approve the FY05 budget with adjustments was made by Stephanie Tolson. Seconded by Laura Rein. Motion approved.

X. Program Evaluation of MCO – Steve Stoan. The program evaluation of the MCO was derived from the Service Policy Agreement and the Host Institution Agreement. The Executive Committee is asked to return their evaluations to Steve by March 26, 2004.

XI. Review of Joe Ford Report – Steve Stoan. The final report submitted by Joe Ford was reviewed paying close attention to the Recommendations sections.

Next Executive Committee meeting set for April 30, 2004.

XII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 3:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Vorce