

MOBIUS Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2005

Members present: Robert Frizzell, Stephanie Tolson, Jim Pakala, Jim Cogswell, Genie McKee, George Rickerson, Steve Stoan, Joni Blake and Erlene Dudley with Linda Bigelow presiding.

Guests present: Tracy Byerly, Sara Parker, Robert Stein, Liz McDonald and Bill Mitchell.

- I. Welcome and Introductions – Meeting called to order at 10:35AM.
- II. Approval of Minutes – The meeting notes from the March 11, 2005 meeting were reviewed and approved. A motion to accept the meeting notes as amended by Jim Cogswell. Seconded by Erlene Dudley. Motion approved.
- III. Reports:
 - a. Missouri State Library – Sara Parker reported. The State Library has also recognized budget cuts. The State Library is having discussions with DESE in an effort to coordinate a much stronger partnership. New funding from the Bill and Linda Gates Foundation will assist in upgrading current systems.
 - b. Missouri Department of Higher Education – Robert Stein. The budget reductions to the DHE remained in the recommendation. Efforts are underway to coordinate a joint meeting of the State Board of Education and the Coordinating Board of Higher Education.
 - c. MLNC – Tracy Byerly reported. The Developing Digital Projects workshop will be held in June. The Virtually Missouri Expo day is also in June. The LAMA Regional Institute will host a workshop in August.
 - d. MOREnet – Bill Mitchell reported. MOREnet has incurred a 30% core budget cut. EMints has been transferred to Academic Affairs.
- IV. Executive Director's Report – George Rickerson. MOBIUS appropriation was eliminated. All MCO personnel will be relocating to the MOREnet building by mid-July. Ralph Caruso's retirement will be effective June 30, 2005. Saint Louis University will be leaving the MERLIN cluster. The target date is the end of summer 2006.
 - a. FY06 Budget Request: The Executive Committee was presented three options for the FY06 budget. The Executive Committee decided to take the option with no new position funded. They also wanted each option presented at the next Council Meeting so that Council could be included in the deliberations of the Executive Committee.
 - b. FY07 Budget Request: Three decision items were submitted. They included (a) restoration of appropriation (either complete or partial) (b) an increase of appropriation and (c) a statewide program for electronic information resources for academic libraries (HB12).

- V. Strategic Planning Report – Linda Bigelow. Throughout the planning process, background and support documents have been developed based on the feedback received. From those documents, the *MOBIUS Strategic Plan* was developed and approved by the MOBIUS Council at their January 2005 meeting. Input received from the membership about issues and concerns under the five *Areas of Strategic Focus* and *Fine-Tuning* was organized. A grid was subsequently developed, titled *MOBIUS Strategic Initiatives*. The Executive Committee discussed each issue at their March meeting, identified core areas to be addressed and recommended a course of action to be taken. The resulting document, the *MOBIUS Action Plan – 2205-2007*, will provide concrete steps to be taken to implement the *MOBIUS Strategic Plan*. All of these documents are available on the MOBIUS website.
- VI. Conference Planning Report – Linda Bigelow. Planning for the conference is in its final stages. Currently, there are 261 members registered to attend. The Council will meet on June 7th at 1:00pm in the Lookout Room.
- VII. Advisory Committee Updates – All information was submitted electronically.
 - a. MAAC – no report
 - b. MCDAC – no report
 - c. MCMAC – The committee met on April 6, 2005. Discussions included the statewide approval plan trials, MOBIUS Users conference, selector list, de-selection lists and future projects. (submitted by Liz McDonald)
 - d. MCAG – The committee has not met since their last report to the Executive Committee. Their last meeting was March 8th. (submitted by Judy Fox)
 - e. MERAC – The committee will meet in July to elect a new chair. At their last meeting in March, discussions included the Vendor Direct and Database Cafeteria Program offers and electronic resources for state funding. At the July meeting, the committee will draft a proposal for State funding. (submitted by Mary Slater)
- VIII. Agenda for the MOBIUS Council Meeting – Linda Bigelow. The agenda will include a discussion of the FY06 budget, the election of officers, Executive Director’s report, a Strategic Planning update and committee reports.
- IX. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned without a motion at 3:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Vorce