

MOBIUS

Linking Missouri's Academic Libraries

February 23, 2000

MOBIUS Executive Committee Official Minutes

Present: Shirley Baker, Joan Clarke, Sarah Cron, Karen Horny, Julia Schneider, Steve Stoan; George Rickerson, Bill Mitchell, Sara Parker, Eldon Wallace, Andy White

Absent: Valerie Darst, Cathye Dierberg, John Young

The meeting was convened by Shirley Baker shortly after 10:00 AM. The agenda was adopted without additions.

There were no minutes from the previous meeting to approve.

UPDATE ON ANNUAL MEEING PLANNING

A draft of the program for the MOBIUS 1st Annual Conference to be held in the Memorial Union at the University of Columbia-Missouri on June 2, 2000, was distributed. The guest speaker will be David Kohl, Dean and University Librarian at the University of Cincinnati, who will speak on OhioLINK.

LONG RANGE PLANNING

A preliminary draft of a charge to the committee prepared by Sarah Cron was distributed. Discussion focused on the timing of the principal issues to be addressed. There was consensus that the first priority should be on proposals for shared electronic resources, which should be available in time for the June Council meeting in order to get approval to proceed. It was decided that MOBIUS should focus on research-oriented electronic resources while avoiding duplication with resources currently available through MOREnet.

The other areas of concern for the Long Range Planning Committee, including expansion of MOBIUS membership, a shared storage facility, cooperative collection development, and continuing education should be ready to present to Council by early 2001.

2000/2001 ELECTION

In Cathye Dierberg's absence, a document was distributed describing the election process as laid out in the MOBIUS bylaws. It also offered a schedule for completing the process between March 1 and the June 1 Council meeting, where the final election will take place.

PROPOSAL ON ILL WITHIN MOBIUS

A draft proposal prepared by the MOBIUS Access Advisory Committee, chaired by Judy Fox, was presented and discussed at length. It was decided to present the proposal to the Council as currently worded.

OZARK CHRISTIAN COLLEGE REQUEST

George Rickerson presented this as an information item. Ozark Christian College has requested that MOBIUS accept accreditation by the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges in admitting new members. We have responded that the current bylaws do not permit this but that the matter is on the agenda of the Long Range Planning Committee for review.

RALPH CARUSO VISIT

Ralph Caruso, UM Vice President for Information Technology, addressed the Executive Committee briefly about his ongoing interest in and support for our efforts.

FY2000 ASSESSMENT DOCUMENT

George Rickerson presented a draft proposal for carrying out the evaluation of MOBIUS Consortium Office services in accordance with Section 8 of the Host Institution Agreement. The evaluation should be completed by March 31.

The discussion also mentioned the need to evaluate vendor performance, which has some impact on the performance of the MCO. George can track on III and report back to the Executive Committee. A related evaluation issue mentioned by Ralph Caruso was that of polling students and faculty at MOBIUS sites to determine satisfaction levels. George felt that a technology-supported process should be developed for this purpose. The Long Range Planning Committee should deal with this issue.

STATE LIBRARY REPORT

Sara Parker reported that she has been named to OCLC's Advisory Group on Strategic Directions and Governance and on the MOSL budget request, the Gates Library Initiative, automation plans for the six largest public libraries in Missouri, and plans to assess school library services in Missouri.

MORENET REPORT

Bill Mitchell reported briefly on the move toward governance reorganization at MOREnet aimed at emphasizing its real identity as a consortium of academic institutions that contracts out services to other users, such as DESE, REAL, and state agencies.

CHANGE IN MOBIUS E-MAIL LISTS

There is confusion in the distribution of MOBIUS-related e-mails through a number of different lists. The main problems are (1) the copying of Access Advisory Committee and Catalog Design Committee messages to Mobius-L, and (2) the copying of Mobius-Users-L messages to Mobius-L. Joan Clarke moved and Karen Horny seconded that we cease to copy advisory committee e-mails to Mobius-L. This was adopted. It was also decided not to copy Mobius-Users-L messages to Mobius-L.

PROPOSED DOCUMENTS INTEREST GROUP

Geoff Swindells, documents librarian at the regional depository at MU Ellis, has established a MOBIUS Government Documents Working Group to assist the 21 depositories in the state in making the transition to MOBIUS and exploiting its potentials for the benefit of documents librarianship. He wants some kind of formal liaison with the MOBIUS Consortium. After some discussion, it was decided to invite him to be an observer at the meetings of the Catalog Design Committee, thus serving as his own liaison. George will first ask the Catalog Design Committee for approval.

MOBIUS REPRESENTATIVE AT CTI MEETING AT MORENET CONFERENCE IN APRIL

Since neither George Rickerson nor Shirley Baker will be able to attend the CTI meeting at the MOREnet Conference, a volunteer was needed to attend for MOBIUS. Joan Clarke agreed to attend.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Funding:

George Rickerson distributed a memo concerning the development of a revised budget for FY2000, a proposed budget for FY2001, and a revision of the MOBIUS Five-Year Plan. Discussions are still underway to resolve issues of transferring state funding from CBHE to MOBIUS when MOBIUS may not have been able to encumber the funds before the end of the fiscal year.

Possible MOBIUS Office Move:

The move is now a certainty. MOBIUS will move into new space in a building across the street from MOREnet and will share the space with MOREnet. It will cost around \$20,000 more per year, but will provide a much more ample facility and permit the sharing of some office support staff with MOREnet.

Outsourcing Accounting Functions:

The MOBIUS Office would like to outsource accounting functions, but cannot go outside the UM system. George is now looking to MOREnet as the answer, since it has a large accounting staff and is fully conversant with UM accounting practices. There will be a fee for the service.

Calculating MOBIUS Charges:

George distributed a memo showing the formula for calculating MOBIUS charges for each participant. It also showed a proposed formula negotiated with Washington University to calculate their contribution to the INNReach catalog and the Lanter delivery system. These are the only areas where their contributions must be calculated, since they are managing their own INNOPAC. The Washington University assessments would come to \$4,032 for the Union Catalog and \$8,064 for Lanter. Sarah Cron moved that the formula be adopted; Shirley Baker seconded. The motion passed.

III Discussions at ALA:

III seems to have resolved the throughput problem on the INNReach software. Transactions are now updated immediately.

CTI Report:

George reported on MOBIUS progress at the last meeting of the committee, which is chaired by Andy White. Andy will put us on the agenda anytime we desire. It meets four times/year and is normally attended by George and the Chair of the MOBIUS Executive Committee.

Proxy Server Issues:

George indicated that a number of MOBIUS sites must look at proxy servers as a way to validate off campus users.

NEXT COUNCIL AGENDA

The agenda for the Council meeting on March 3 was reviewed and approved.

NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Executive Committee meeting was set for May 11, 2000, at 9:30 AM in the CBHE Annex.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.