



# August 4, 2023 MOBIUS Board Meeting

## Minutes

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Aug 4, 2023 at 10:00 AM CDT

@ <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88165053710?pwd=ZUVzc3NjVIMxd0RNVGt6QW45SIQ4Zz09>

### Attendance

#### Present:

Members: Amanda Albert (remote), Donna Bacon (remote), Renee Brumett (remote), Eileen Condon (remote), Christopher Dames (remote), Eric Deatherage (remote), Maegan Gattorna (remote), Sally Gibson (remote), Kim Kietzman (remote), Jill Mahoney (remote), Donna Monnig (remote), David Morris (remote), Jennifer Nutefall (remote), Robin Westphal (remote)

#### I. Call to order

Meeting called to order 10:04am.

#### II. Adoption of the Agenda

Renee Brumett moved to adopt the agenda; Eric Deatherage seconded. Motion passed.

 [MOBIUS Board Agenda August 4 2023.docx](#)

#### III. Approval of June 7, 2023 Minutes

Amanda Albert moved to approve the minutes; Kim Kietzman seconded. Motion passed.

 [June 7, 2023 MOBIUS Board Meeting Minutes](#)

#### IV. Treasurer's Report – Eric

Eric Deatherage reported that the financial situation looks good. We saw a positive change of \$17K in market value.

 [05 May Financials \(NEW VERSION\).pdf](#)

 [05 May Financials \(OLD VERSION\).pdf](#)

 [June 2023 Investment Statement.pdf](#)

#### V. Welcome New Board Member

The Board welcomed new member Jill Mahoney, library director at William Woods University.

#### VI. Committee Reports

##### A. Bylaws – Sally

No report.

##### B. Circulation and Courier – Eileen

No report.

C. Digitization –

Donna Bacon reported that MOBIUS has been awarded a third year grant of \$30,500 to pay for migration from Vital to Hyku (an open source system). The Digitization committee will meet, and then there will be a meeting for all participants. Hyku will be hosted with scientist.com. Hosting costs will be split among libraries on the system, and will be <\$600.

D. E-Resources – Eric

No report.

E. Professional Development - David

There were only three applications compared to eight last time, so the timing of the call for applications might need to be adjusted. After a review of applications, Eileen Condon and Amanda Albert motioned to fully fund applications from Dana Roberts and Jennifer Gravely. Motion passed. Donna Monnig will notify the applicants.

The Professional Development Committee wants to send out the next call in mid-September to be due in October. The committee will send up to five finalists to the October board meeting for review.

 [2023 MOBIUS Conference Approval Document.pdf](#)

 [2023 MOBIUS Scholarship Statement \(4\).pdf](#)

 [BD MOBIUS CAS - RH.pdf](#)

 [Dana Roberts Resume.pdf](#)

 [Gravley MOBIUS scholarship 2023.pdf](#)

 [HamlettR CV 0723.pdf](#)

 [Jennifer Gravley cv.docx](#)

 [MOBIUS CAS Application - RHamlett.pdf](#)

 [MOBIUS Conference Attendance Scholarships new.docx](#)

F. User Experience and Metadata –Doug

Doug Holland not present; no report.

VII. Old Business

A. Update on FOLIO Migration and Project ReShare Split

The new resource sharing system will be called Open RS, and EBSCO will help with developing it. Donna Bacon has been working to establish a charter for Open RS at Open Library Foundation with George Machovec at Prospector, Adam Murray at Marmot Library Network, Charlie Barlow at Boston Library Consortium, Elijah Scott at Florida Virtual Campus, Scott Garrison from Midwest Collaborative for Library Services, and Lucy Harrison at Galileo.

Testing with Open RS is taking place, and placing holds, checkout, and checkin are working with Sierra. Testing with Polaris and FOLIO is next. Work is also being done on a matching algorithm for the union catalog, and on Locate.

FOLIO is on track. Donna Bacon has provided some information to Galileo, which has a FOLIO contract but is earlier in the process than MOBIUS. She has given Galileo read-only access to

our Monday.com planning site so they can see how the project might go for them. Work has been done on an InnReach transaction phase out procedure. A serials working group has been formed with ~12 members and Vivian Gould as chair.

Vivian Gould visited with Explore to discuss record loading. Explore does not want their records deduped because many of them are highly specialized. They have always done their own authority work. Explore's records will be loaded separately.

MOBIUS will host FOLIO open forums on the second Thursday of each month at 2pm starting in August. Check your email for a Zoom link.

Authority control does not work in FOLIO, and it will be another year or two before development is complete. The cataloging working group has been discussing how to handle this. We will continue doing authority control throughout this year, but next year we will not do authority work. After the record loads, MOBIUS will send records to Backstage to get an initial authority file. Authority records can be used manually in FOLIO, but authority control will not be automated for a while.

**B. ILL Policy and MOBIUS Prospector Reciprocity**

George at Prospector has not asked the directors about this yet; it is on the agenda for their next meeting in September.

**C. Special Discussion on Leadership in a Chaotic Environment - Barbara McFadden Survey Results**

The board discussed survey results. Budget and staffing are key concerns and barriers to engagement for members. The board agreed that it is probably not helpful to offer additional sessions on collaboration, but thought it might work instead to offer sessions where members can collaborate on a topic of concern. For now these types of sessions can center on FOLIO and Open RS. Once the migration is complete the board will look at bringing in speakers on other topics.

 [McFadden Survey Report 2023.pdf](#)

**VIII. New Business**

**A. Assign Board Rep for Digitization Committee**

Jill Mahoney will be the new board representative for the Digitization Committee. Robert Powers will be asked to fill a vacancy on the committee.

**B. Set Terms for New Committee Members**

The board checked terms of all committee members to ensure that they do not all end in 2024. Most committees have some continuing members with terms ending in 2024 as well as new members with terms ending in 2025. In one case we will ask a committee member to extend their term.

 [Committee members 2023-2024 \(002\) \(1\).xlsx](#)

**C. Budget**

The Board will review the budget and assessment at the October meeting. Donna Bacon is looking at 22/23 expenses and projections for next year. There was some discussion about the raise percentage for MOBIUS staff. Additional information on financial impact will be provided prior to the October board meeting. The board will need to decide what to do about the conference next year; attendance was low again this year, with 125 attendees excluding

MOBIUS staff and vendors. Possible changes to the conference, Syndetics, and authority work could impact the budget next year.

#### D. Extend Strategic Plan

MOBIUS is on year three of a three-year plan (<https://mobiusconsortium.org/strategic-plan>). Because our focus is now on migration, a number of initiatives have been deferred. In order to have a new plan by the end of this year, work would need to start now, and it does not make sense to spend time now on creating a new plan. Eric Deatherage and Amanda Albert moved to extend the current strategic plan by two years. Motion passed.

#### E. Marketing Materials for FOLIO

Donna Bacon presented mock-ups for marketing materials created by Sally Gibson and Eileen Condon. MCO's graphic designer will create final versions and a marketing kit will be sent to member libraries.

#### F. October Membership Meeting/Virtual Update?

The board discussed whether a fall membership meeting or update session will be needed, and agreed to discuss further after we see how attendance is at the FOLIO updates.

### IX. Executive Director's Report and Strategic Plan Update

Strategic plan tracking: <https://trello.com/b/WixP8ic1/mobius-strategic-plan-fy2021-2024-year-two-progress>.

Donna Bacon, Vivian Gould, and Steve Strohl met with the president at Three Rivers College. They do not have a library director and wanted an update on FOLIO. Donna Bacon also visited Concordia.

Donna Bacon attended the IDS Project conference in NY State. This consortium uses OCLC for most of their resource sharing, and Donna did a presentation on Open RS. She also talked with SUNY about Open RS.

The WOLFcon conference is coming up. This conference is sponsored by Open Library Foundation, and is primarily a FOLIO conference. Donna Bacon, Vivian, and Steve will attend. Donna will present on Open RS and on FOLIO in large libraries and consortia.

MOBIUS' second SOC 2 report is coming later in August and the board can discuss at the October meeting.

### X. State Librarian's Report

Robin Westphal noted that LSTA money will probably be available for the conference. July 31 was the deadline for public libraries to submit certification and policies to Robin in compliance with the new Secretary of State ruling, and it looks like all 160 public library districts will comply. Most academic libraries will not need to comply because they do not get direct funding. Crowder did, and what they submitted is being used as a model for academic libraries. Some public libraries made modifications to how they issue youth cards; others expired all youth cards and parents will have to sign something new. The Secretary of State office has withdrawn funding for ALA, which will impact the State Library's institutional membership to ALA. In addition, libraries will not be able to use state funding to attend any ALA-related professional development. The State Library also has a contract for a board and friends training resource through ALA that will not be renewed.

For the first time in a while, the State Library is fully funded with state aid and through the Athletes and Entertainers fund.

Wolfner Library is waiting for refreshable displays; they will be a gamechanger when they are available. The State Library has received inquiries from citizens, board members, etc. asking what happens if a library does not comply with the new Secretary of State ruling. If a library has certified that it is

compliant, and has policies on file, the State Library will not get involved. Concerns that a library is not following policies need to go to the local library board.

**XI. Other Business**

No other business.

**XII. Adjourn Meeting**

Jennifer Nutefall motioned to adjourn; Sally Gibson seconded. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 12:04pm.