



February 7th Board Meeting Minutes

MOBIUS

2/7/2025 10:00 AM CST

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Attendance

Present:

Members: Donna Bacon, Janet Caruthers, Eileen Condon, Eric Deatherage, Maegan Gattorna, Bella Gerlich, Kim Kietzman, Jill Mahoney, Donna Monnig, David Morris, Jennifer Nutefall, Samantha Perkins, Sarah Smith, Ed Walton

Absent:

Members: Emily Jaycox

I. Call to order and introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:02am.

II. Adoption of the agenda

Sarah Smith motioned to adopt the agenda and Eric Deatherage seconded. The agenda was adopted.

 [MOBIUS Board Agenda7Feb25.docx](#)

III. Approval of the December 12, 2024 Board Meeting

Sarah Smith motioned to approve the 12/12/24 minutes, and Ed Walton seconded. The minutes were approved by vote of the Board.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Because Renee Brumett has resigned from the Board and we do not currently have a Treasurer, Donna Bacon presented the Treasurer's report. Donna noted that while we have had an investment loss, finances are on track.

 [12-2024 Financial Statements.pdf](#)

 [December 2024 Investment Statement.pdf](#)

V. Committee Reports

VI. Bylaws – Bella (<https://mobiusconsortium.org/governance-documents>)

Bella noted that she will convene the bylaws committee to review the bylaws and suggest amendments.

VII. Circulation and Courier - Eileen

Eileen reported that the committee has not met since the last Board meeting, and there are no updates from the committee.

VIII. Digitization - Emily

Emily was not present. Donna Bacon reported that the committee has not met. They continue offering the monthly open forums.

IX. E-Resources - Sarah

- Committee last met on January 15, 2025
- Voting was closed in January for the [Fall 2024 E-Resources Marketing Contest](#): Ashley Pejakovich from Harris Stowe won the contest.
- An E-Resources Usage Survey will be sent to members in February 2025.
- AI workshop, "Harnessing the Power of AI in Libraries: Tools, Ethics, and Practical Applications"
- February 12th, 12 pm CT

X. Professional Development – David

David reported that the committee has met once since the last Board meeting. On January 24 the call for professional development grant applications went out, with a due date of March 14. The grants will be for activities 7/1/25-12/31/25. The Board discussed the timeline for deciding on awardees. The committee is gathering and organizing reports from previous awardees and plans to put testimonials from awardees on the web page. The team updated the professional development calendar. Their next meeting is 2/20.

XI. Cataloging – Jill

Jill reported that the committee has been meeting about twice a month. The Vice Chair stepped down and the Board has appointed Rachel Utrecht as the new Vice Chair. The committee has developed and shared a guidance document for maintenance of shared book records. They are working on withdraw procedures and on procedures for cleaning up links in shared records.

XII. FOLIO and OpenRS Enhancements Committee

This committee has been formed and members have been appointed. Samantha Perkins and Kim Kietzman will serve as co-Board liaisons. The committee's first meeting will be on February 19.

XIII. Old Business

A. FOLIO & OpenRS Update/Discussion

Donna reported that she emailed the membership on 2/3 with an update on OpenRS. She met with Tim Auger to discuss features and roadmap. Re-requesting and placing holds on items checked out and on hold are being tested and should go into production soon. Renewal due date synch and enable same library borrowing are in coding. Clustering of records (the algorithm used on the OpenRS catalog to do matching) is still a problem. Donna has made it clear to Knowledge Integration that it's important. Donna sent an email to the membership asking if staff requesting is needed, and received an overwhelming response that it is. It might be possible to use the barcode to get around the SSO for this. SGCL and CCL are due to start testing next week. Davenport and Bettendorf are having a mapping problem that is preventing some records from appearing in their catalog. This is the last holdup before they can go live. Donna has not heard from Washington University about their OpenRS plans, and will ask for an update.

The OpenRS issue with preventing renewal of items on hold cannot be fixed because the necessary information is not being passed in the APIs from the other vendors. The Board discussed whether to continue blocking renewals. This might be an issue to send to the FOLIO/OpenRS Enhancement committee or the Circulation/Courier committee. The Board

requested that Donna ask EBSCO/KI to talk with other vendors about getting the information need to make this work.

The number of open tickets is going down. Many of the remaining ones are enhancements or tickets that are waiting for software updates.

Pickup anywhere might be available in March.

B. Strategic Plan Update (Eric)

The strategic plan process included an initial survey and meetings to discuss ideas from the survey. Eric has sent the Board a first draft of the strategic plan and is asking for feedback from the Board sometime next week.

 [Strategic Plan Initial Draft 20250121.docx](#)

C. 2025 MOBIUS Conference and Membership Meeting

1. The 2025 MOBIUS Conference and Membership Meeting will be held June 2-4 at the Holiday Inn in Columbia. An email soliciting proposals and providing more information went out on Monday, February 10. The keynote speaker will be Leo Lo, President of ACRL, who specializes in AI.

XIV. New Business

A. Member Contracts

Donna shared an updated draft of the contract. The Board recommended some revisions. Donna will get the contract updated and send it back to the Board for a vote.

 [Comparison Form Services Agreement 1-28-2025 \(Vers 3 against Ver 2\).docx](#)

B. Risk Assessment

The Board reviewed the Risk Assessment and suggested some revisions.

 [Board of Directors Risk Management & Mitigation 2024209.xlsx](#)

C. Vacant Board Seat (Public Library, term 2023-2026)

The Board agreed to appoint someone to fill the entire remainder of the term, until 2026, and suggested a possible replacement, who Kim will contact.

D. Elections

Nominations for 4 Board seat candidates open February 10, with nominations due March 14th. Ballots will go out to voting members on March 31st and due on May 2nd. There are 3 at-large seats and 1 academic seat open. All are 3 year terms, June 2025-May 2028.

XV. Membership Update

Wichita State University is joining MOBIUS.

Concordia Seminary is unhappy with FOLIO and will leave MOBIUS. MCO is working on the exit plan for Concordia.

The Board discussed ways to engage with the membership. We will set a series of meetings, regionally, to focus on FOLIO, OpenRS, EDS, and Panorama. Donna will get started on scheduling meetings.

There is a new director at SEMO, Paul Sharp. They are doing an RFP for the ILS. Donna, Eric, and Kim will meet with them.

For now Christian County is staying on the tenant with SGCL, but they are doing an RFP.

MRRL will probably migrate to Evergreen when their contract with Sierra is up.

XVI. Executive Director's Report and Current Strategic Plan Update

Donna reported on the Blue Spice collaborative tool which will be used for members to share information. There will be tutorials for using and uploading to the wiki. MCO is working on creating one login for each library for site coordinators to share as needed. These should come out next week. MCO is working on creating a searchable database of Help Desk tickets. They are using AI to strip out personal information. It can be used to see if anyone else is having the same problem, or to see the answer to a problem. Each site coordinator will get a login, to be shared with other library staff if they wish. The Board asked which AI tool is being used, and if it is collecting any confidential information. Donna will review this.

XVII. State Librarian's Report

Janet reported that the State Library is reviewing the MOBIUS grant request and will have an answer soon. LSTA grants that use federal FY25 funds will include a requirement to certify that the recipient has whistle blower and cybersecurity policies. The indirect cost rate for federal grants will increase from 10% to 15%, and equipment costs requiring prior approval will go from \$5K to \$10K. The State Library has not heard about cuts for FY26 IMLS funds, but the federal budget has not been set yet. For state FY 26, the State Library has requested \$3.1M for REAL and \$4.5M in state aid, and is waiting to learn what the governor has recommended and for these requests to go through state budget committees and hearings. The State Library is requesting the full 10% that the statute states the State Library should receive from the Athletes and Entertainers tax funds. However, there will probably be a cut as the amount distributed to the State Library is often reduced. The State Library is monitoring bills being submitted in the state legislature.

XVIII. Other Business

David Morris will join the Finance committee and has been appointed to fill the remainder of Renee's term as Treasurer. Kim may miss the April meeting. If she does, Eric will chair it.

XIX. Adjourn Meeting

David Morris motioned to adjourn, and Bella Gerlich seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:39pm.