



# June 5, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

MOBIUS

Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 8:30 AM CDT

@ The Broadway Hotel, Grindstone Room

## **Attendance**

### **Present:**

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

### **Absent:**

Members: Robin Westphal

#### I. Call to order and introductions

Kim Kietzman called the meeting to order at 8:49am.

#### II. Adoption of the agenda

Sarah Smith motioned to adopt the agenda, and Emily Jaycox seconded. The agenda was approved by vote of the Board.

 [MOBIUS Board Agenda June 5 2024.docx](#)

#### III. Approval of the April 19, 2024 meeting minutes and May 10th, 2024 Finance Committee Action

Eric Deatherage motioned to approve the minutes, and Renee Brumett seconded. The minutes were approved by vote of the Board.

#### IV. Treasurer's Report

Eric Deatherage reported that MOBIUS' finances are in good shape.

 [04-24 Financial Statements.pdf](#)

#### V. Conflict of Interest Forms

Conflict of Interest forms were discussed, and Board members were asked to return them by the end of the week.

 [Conflict of Interest Policy Blank.doc](#)

#### VI. Introductions – New Board Members

The Board welcomed new members:

- Eric Deatherage, Library Director, Crowder College (At-large 3-year term)
- Bella Karr Gerlich, PhD, Dean of Libraries, Missouri University of Science and Technology (Standalone 3-year term)
- Emily Jaycox, Librarian, Missouri Historical Society (Special Libraries 3-year term)

- Samantha Perkins, Library Director, Murrell Memorial Library, Missouri Valley College (At-large 1-year term)
- Sarah Smith, District Dean of Libraries, St. Louis Community College (At-large 2-year term)
- Ed Walton, Director of Library Services and Operations, Northwest Missouri State University (At-large 3-year term)

 [2024 election results.docx](#)

## VII. Presentation of the slate of officers for 2024-2025 – See proposed slate

Kim Kietzman proposed the following slate of officers:

- Vice President/President-Elect: Eric Deatherage
- Secretary: Eileen Condon
- Treasurer: Renee Brumett

Sarah Smith motioned to accept the slate, and Ed Walton seconded. The slate was approved by vote of the Board.

 [24-25 slate officers.docx](#)

## VIII. Old Business

### A. FOLIO Update/Discussion

Donna Bacon reported that FOLIO go-live seemed to go well. There were questions but not a lot of major problems. Board members noted some issues including permission problems and call number updates taking a long time to show up, and noted that training was somewhat overwhelming. Workflows are changing and FOLIO is so flexible that sometimes there are too many choices; members want some guidance. There is a need for short videos and/or written documentation with screenshots on how to do specific tasks. Donna noted that MOBIUS can help with this and that a space can be created on the MOBIUS website where members can share videos and documentation that they have created.

With the clusters going away, it could be helpful to create geographical groups for catalogers and coordinators to share knowledge, with large libraries in each group.

The conference sessions were well-attended.

### B. OpenRS Update/Discussion

OpenRS go-live is still on target for June 12. A problem with SSO was fixed on June 5. Testing is underway with all FOLIO libraries to make sure they can lend and borrow, and will intensify now that the conference is over. About half of the standalones can lend and borrow, and EBSCO and MOBIUS are working on some issues with the rest. Donna discussed the roadmap with Jag Goraya and Alex Scott from Knowledge Integration. There were no dates on the roadmap presented at the conference because it hadn't been discussed with developers. The Board met several times this spring with Harry Kaplanian, VP at EBSCO, to get OpenRS updates and share our priorities. After OpenRS go-live, MOBIUS and EBSCO will have to look at the workflows for additional requested features. Donna met with Christian County Library, Springfield-Greene County Library, and Jag and Alex from Knowledge Integration to discuss priorities and desired functionality for requested features. Christian County Library and Springfield-Greene County Library agreed to continue testing OpenRS.

Libraries have expressed frustration with communication and follow-through from EBSCO. Donna has discussed this with EBSCO's leadership.

Tulsa City-County Library contacted Donna Bacon in early June to let her know that they want to leave MOBIUS on July 1, 2024, due to the ongoing issues with OpenRS. They do not have OCLC, so there has been no alternative borrowing option for their users. They are concerned

because there is no guarantee that necessary features will be available at go-live. One year's notice is required to leave MOBIUS, but TCCL is requesting early termination because MOBIUS is not providing necessary services. They noted that at this time last year, when they would have been able to meet the one-year notification requirement, they were not aware of the issues with OpenRS. They also noted that in November TCCL and other standalones talked with Donna and requested a backup plan. Donna will request a meeting with TCCL, to be attended by her, Kim Kietzman, and Harry Kaplanian from EBSCO. The Board will resume regular meetings with Harry Kaplanian starting 6/21 if possible.

## IX. New Business

### A. MOBIUS Staff Recognition

MOBIUS staff who participated in the FOLIO migration have been given a thank you letter from Donna Monnig with a bonus day off. Ed Walton motioned to give all MOBIUS personnel a bonus of \$1500 with taxes paid. Eric Deatherage seconded the motion, and the Board voted to approve it.

### B. Marketing & Building Membership Discussion

Kim Kietzman noted that as we move past go-live date, we need to talk about how to expand the consortium--whether we want to pursue individual libraries, or consortia, and how Board members might support MOBIUS staff in doing marketing. The Board will discuss the assessment and how to charge new libraries at the August meeting. OHIOlink hired an outside consultant to propose a new assessment model.

### C. Board/Membership meeting dates for 2024-2025

The Board set dates for upcoming meetings.

- August 9, 2024 - virtual
- October 4, 2024 - virtual
- December 12, 2024 - in-person
- February 7, 2025 - virtual
- April 11, 2025 - virtual
- June 4, 2025 - in-person (conference June 2-4, 2025)

All meetings will be 10am-noon.

### D. Committee assignments

#### 1. Review list of volunteers from membership

The Board selected committee members and Vice-Chairs. Kim Kietzman will notify the new committee members and Vice-Chairs, as well as those volunteers who were not chosen.

 [2425 MOBIUS committees board version.xlsx](#)

#### 2. Board members assignments to committees

Board members were assigned to liaise with committees as noted below.

##### a. Circulation and Courier-

Eileen Condon

##### b. Digitization -

Emily Jaycox

- c. E-Resources-  
Sarah Smith
- d. Professional Development/Training Committee-  
David Morris
- e. Cataloging-  
Jill Mahoney
- f. Finance Committee-  
Renee Brumett (chair), Jennifer Nutefall, Ed Walton
- g. Bylaws Committee-  
Eileen Condon (chair), Samantha Perkins, Bella Gerlich

X. Executive Director's Report and Strategic Plan Update

Donna Bacon noted that she provided the majority of her update at the membership meeting. On July 1, MOBIUS will switch email lists from the current software to Google Groups due to issues that included spam filter problems. This should be a seamless transition. Unused lists, including the cluster lists, will be deleted. Staff at member libraries can ask MOBIUS to create special lists. A communication will go out noting the opportunity for a fresh start with email lists.

The strategic plan ends this year, and the Board will discuss updating the strategic plan at the August meeting.

XI. State Librarian's Report

Robin Westphal was absent and there was no report.

XII. Other Business

XIII. Adjourn Meeting

Sarah Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting. Samantha Perkins seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:39am.