



MOBIUS Board Meeting Minutes

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Attendance

Present:

Members: Donna Bacon, Brandy Brady, Maegan Bragg, Sarah Brown, Janet Caruthers, Kim Kietzman, Jill Mahoney, David Morris, Maud Mundava, Jennifer Nutefall, Samantha Perkins, Keli Rylance, Sarah Smith, Kara Whatley

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 10 am.

II. Adoption of the Agenda

Kara Whatley moved to adopt the agenda. Brandy Brady seconded.

 [MOBIUS Board Meeting Agenda \(1\).doc](#)

III. Approval of the January and March Meetings

Some changes to be made to attendance for March meeting. Sarah Brown and Kara Whatley need to be switched from present to absent. Sarah Smith moved to approve the minutes. Kara Whatley seconded.

 [Special Board Meeting Minutes March 19 2026.pdf](#)

 [Special Board Meeting Minutes January 23 2026.pdf](#)

 [MOBIUS Board Meeting Minutes February 13 2026.pdf](#)

IV. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report 2025 year end report showed total assets of \$6.5 million at year-end, an increase of \$1.4 million year-over-year since December 2024, with liabilities decreasing by \$48,000. The board approved transferring \$136,000 from contingency to the operating fund in the first half of the fiscal year. \$81,000 was moved from operating funds to reserve funds. Total net income was \$3,641,000. The latest investment report from March 31st shows our current market value as \$1,633,000, a decrease of \$51,000 since the February report.

 [02.26 Financial Statements.pdf](#)

 [Investment Statement March 2026.pdf](#)

 [Investment Statement February 2026.pdf](#)

V. Committee Reports

A. Bylaws (Kim)

No report.

B. Circulation & Courier (Jennifer)

At the March meeting the policy of charging a \$25 fee for any outstanding OpenRS lost or damaged material was discussed (the language, the amount, who sets it, etc). The issue of when an OpenRS request is canceled by a library, it completely cancels the request, rather than move the request to another library, was also discussed. PUA is functional and working fine.

C. Digitization (Keli)

The committee is planning a workshop sometime between July 21 and July 24. This will be a collaboration with Heartland Hub, in order to provide MOBIUS libraries with support in providing content to DPLA. The speaker, Greta Bahnemann (metadata librarian at U of Minnesota), will talk about standardized language related to intellectual property rights statements.

D. E-Resources (Maud)

An email was sent about the digital accessibility webinar, as well as a recording. A digital accessibility resource toolkit will also be coming out in the future. There was also a survey sent out on collection priorities.

E. Professional Development (Brandy)

Everyone who applied for a conference grant has been notified if they are receiving a grant or not at this time. The committee wants to change the form so that applicants are required to answer each portion of the application. Currently a survey out about professional development training.

F. Cataloging (Jill)

The committee spent the last meeting going through responses from their peer mentoring applications. 7 requests for peer-mentoring at this time. The committee is also working on a guidance document for OpenRS contribution of e-resource instances and the various scenarios that may need to be addressed.

G. FOLIO & OpenRS Enhancements (Samantha)

Meeting twice a month. The committee is done with Stage 1 procedures for when someone makes a request. The committee is presenting at the MOBIUS conference.

VI. Old Business

A. Assessment Model

David Morris presented a plan to address sustainability concerns by reducing assessments for 12 endangered institutions over a three-year period, starting with institutions with high assessments who have experienced significant enrollment declines since the pandemic. The 2027-30 model proposed is a transitional model designed to reduce risk, stabilize revenue, and buy time for a more precise system. The board should then start planning for a data-driven assessment model that balances the quantifiable value institutions derive from MOBIUS with their ability to support the consortium financially. To give MOBIUS time to proceed with deliberation and develop the data-gathering apparatus that will be needed, David proposes that this model be timed to go into effect by FY 2029-30. The numbers presented here do not include new members or other streams of revenue we may obtain. Samantha moved that we open the proposal up for discussion at the membership meeting, Kara Whatley seconded.

 [Toward a New Assessment Model.docx](#)

B. Listening Session Overview and Communication

David is going to send a summary of all of the listening sessions to the membership.

C. Rapido

Clarivate quoted \$490,000 annually plus a \$450,000 implementation fee for migrating to Rapido. This is not an option for the consortium at this time.

VII. New Business

A. Corporate Sponsorship with Laura Foughty (SLAM)

Laura Foughty from the St. Louis Art Museum joined the meeting to share insights on fundraising strategies and corporate partnership programs. Donna Bacon suggested offering a paid summer internship to a student with grant writing experience as a low-cost way to pursue corporate funding opportunities. Donna, Samantha and David will work on a job description for the position. The idea is for it to be a 9-week internship, working 20 hours per week at \$25/hr. The group discussed coordinating with member libraries to avoid conflicts with their corporate sponsorship efforts and explored using tools like Candid and ChatGPT to identify potential corporate sponsors aligned with libraries and information services.

B. Committee Assignments

[Volunteers and Provisional Slate](#)

36 members responded to the MOBIUS call for volunteers. David presented a provisional slate for committee roles, considering institutional representation in the assignments. The board finalized the slate for each committee, and David will send emails to the volunteers.

C. Strategic Plan Review

The group reviewed year-one objectives and progress. Key discussions included the development of a new wiki to replace Blue Spice, ongoing work on professional development initiatives, and evaluation of staff workload across help desk, IT, and Christina Virden's positions. The group discussed potential new membership types, with a preference expressed for offering services through contractual arrangements rather than as separate membership tiers. Keli shared details about a successful fiscal agency model used by the St. Louis Research Libraries Consortium, and may present on this at a future conference once Emily Jaycox's position is filled. Also discussed was financial incentives for new members and assessment models. MOBIUS proposed a 3-year trial membership structure that would allow new institutions to evaluate MOBIUS services before committing to full membership, which would help demonstrate value while maintaining competitive pricing. The discussion also covered ongoing challenges with member retention, including recent departures from research universities and institutional mergers affecting membership. Action items included developing written reports from committees to align with strategic plan objectives and continuing work on assessment models to ensure MOBIUS's financial sustainability.

D. Recruiting and Rejoining

Donna provided updates on recruitment efforts, including positive conversations with Tulsa City County Library and Missouri State University about rejoining MOBIUS. Donna will send MSU a quote. She also discussed visits to Oklahoma State University and upcoming meetings with Springfield-Green County Library. The team reviewed developments with OpenRS, including Knowledge Integration's financial situation being addressed by EBSCO and the formation of a Locate advisory board. The group discussed challenges with OpenRS

implementation, particularly around patron notifications and the need for better communication with members about the platform's functionality.

E. Missouri House Bill 2003

[KSDK Story](#)

F. Inflation and Budgetary Preparation

[Reuters Story](#)

VIII. Membership Update

See VII D.

IX. Executive Director's Report

Donna discussed the EBSCO-FOLIO Working group. The group recently met with EBSCO where everyone had 5 minutes to discuss 2-3 things related to FOLIO that were disruptive to their day, generating ideas for enhancement requests. Donna met with Kalil from EBSCO, who asked Donna if there was anyone willing to record their screen while navigating in FOLIO, because there has been complaints about FOLIO being difficult to navigate. Donna recommended Holly Hinsley from Drury, and Holly agreed to do this. Donna asked EBSCO to set up an advisory board for LOCATE and they agreed. Harry from EBSCO reached out to Donna and said the EBSCO marketing team would like to work with us to help market Open RS. They will provide us with content to use. At this time, only 13 sessions have been submitted for the conference, and we need 24. If we don't get enough, MOBIUS staff will have to fill in the gaps. The MOBIUS office will be moving July 6-7 to their new office. The OpenRS Founders Council is sponsoring an open hours to promote OpenRS on May 12. K-INT is having financial difficulty and may not be able to support OpenRS any longer. EBSCO was asked to host OpenRS and contract negotiations have begun.

X. State Librarian's Report

Janet provided updates on digital accessibility requirements for websites (Deadline is April 24th) and funding. The State Library received the full \$3 million grant from IMLS.

XI. Other Business

None.

XII. Adjourn Meeting

Sarah Brown moved to adjourn the meeting. Brandy Brady seconded.