The MOBIUS Executive Committee held its meeting on Friday, May 4, 2007, at the MOREnet building in Columbia. The agenda was adopted and the minutes of the March 2, 2007 meeting were approved.

Executive Director's Report

MCO and III want to move forward with implementation of the Agency project which has been funded by a grant from the Missouri State Library. Questions have arisen about the number of Agency codes for some institutions and the impact on funding for the project. Summer 2007 is the ideal time for implementation and this project will be discussed at the June 5th Council meeting.

General items: MCO renovations have been done. Beth Fisher has visited 52 MOBIUS libraries and has observed many changes; a number of directors are retiring and new ones are coming on board. Libraries have expressed interest in central storage, preservation, digitization, grants, etc. Annual conference planning is proceeding, there are over 250 registrants, 35 for training, student assistants are helping out. MCO is seeking a practicum student to assist at the Help Desk; there are plans to create a knowledge base. Training programs are under development and a catalog will be available at the Annual Conference. The Executive Committee approved the job description and recruitment of an Information Resources Manager to fill the current vacant position at MCO. This position will be responsible for licensing, assessment, collection analysis; the position will be discussed at the June 5th Council meeting.

Beth Fisher distributed a calendar for major MOBIUS activities and budget deadlines for 2007-2008; this will be distributed at Council. It is expected that MOBIUS will have approximately $400,000 in reserves on June 30, 2007.

Beth Fisher distributed a proposal for state funding of Encore and other III products. A final proposal is due to the University of Missouri by July 13th; it was noted that MOBIUS should consider the WorldCat Local product before proceeding with a budget request to the state. A strategy for making a proposal and a review of products will take place at the June 5th Council meeting. A special meeting of Council may need to take place later in June to decide whether MOBIUS should proceed with a funding request to the state for FY 2009 and what the nature of that request should be.

The delivery service has now been set up as a cost center in the budget. Non-MOBIUS libraries have expressed interest in using the MOBIUS delivery service, discussion followed as to how this fits with services offered by Get Connected and the desire for a future statewide delivery system. Delivery services will be discussed at the June 5th Council meeting.

University of Missouri has made a request that MOBIUS systems not use Social Security Numbers for identification and Beth Fisher will work with libraries to plan the necessary changes.

MOBIUS – University of Missouri Relationship

Dr. Stephen Lehmkuhle, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Dr. Gary Allen, UM Vice President of Information Technology met with the Executive Committee to discuss the MOBIUS – University of Missouri relationship. Lehmkuhle and Allen reviewed the history of the relationship and expressed their and UM's support for MOBIIUS; they believe that MOBIUS services assist schools in fulfilling their academic missions; they meet with Beth Fisher monthly and other times as needed. UM partners with MOBIUS as its host institution, however Lehmkuhle and Allen encouraged MOBIUS to continue to strengthen its separate identity in a way that MOREnet has done. Lehmkuhle and Allen believe that strategic planning is important to the future of MOBIUS, with issues of storage, institutional repositories, and copyright of critical importance. Discussion ensued about how MOBIUS can partner with P-20 initiatives of the CBHE and how public libraries can become involved with resource sharing with MOBIUS; Lehmkuhle noted that state funding is hard to get, but that initiatives like these could help.

Executive Session (1:15-1:55 p.m.)

Nominating Committee Report

Bob Frizzell chaired a Nominating Committee of himself, Valerie Darst and Stephanie Tolson. Bob presented a slate of officers which will be sent to Council immediately following this meeting. It was suggested that in the future the Nominating Committee should solicit from Council names of people who may be interested in serving and running for office, the Executive Committee agreed that this procedure should be followed. Brief discussion on advantage/disadvantage of having more than one candidate for offices for the elections. Issue of how a representative of the Missouri State Library might get elected to the Executive Committee was discussed. After consultation with the Committee, Richard Coughlin appointed Stephanie Tolson to serve the remainder of Tesuk Im's term on the Executive Committee. The Committee thanks Tesuk for her service to MOBIUS and wishes her well in her retirement.

MOBIUS Long Rang Plan

Beth Fisher distributed an update to the Long Range Plan action plan which will be discussed with Council at the earliest opportunity.

Reports

- MOREnet – Bill Mitchell reported that MOREnet had a good legislative session and will receive a recurring increase of $2.5 million over core funding, this will come from lottery proceeds. The Next Generation Network (NGN) project is designed to handle the 40% annual growth rate that the network is experiencing; the RFP for this project will be issued in May. To handle large bandwidth requirements in the future, MOREnet will have to build local and regional infrastructure.
- Department of Higher Education – Jeremy Kintzel reported that CBHE expects the proposed 4.2% increase for higher education to be passed; the fact that higher education institutions were unanimous in their agreement on funding was much appreciated by the Governor's Office. MOHELA discussions continuing. Paul Wagoner will be appointed soon as the new Deputy Commissioner of Higher Education.
- Missouri State Library – Margaret Conroy reported on National Library Legislative Day that was held in Washington, D.C.; she lobbied legislative aides to Missouri senators and representatives on issues such as: access to orphan works; open access to Congressional Research Service research; broadband deployment; preserving federal libraries; net neutrality; LSTA; ALA opposition to Real ID; No Child Left Behind and the impact of qualified media specialists in school libraries. Margaret expressed the need to have more academic libraries attend this event – perhaps this could be a MOBIUS initiative. She reported on Missouri legislative activity on library matters. The town meetings conducted by the State Librarian have concluded and the many needs and ideas that were expressed will be included in the new five-year plan that should be available by the end of May.
- Missouri Library Network Corporation (MLNC) – Tracy Byerly submitted a written report. Check out the MLNC website for upcoming workshops and the next Speakers Series event which is July 18th in St. Louis; and the link to listen to interviews with MLNC founders. Update on goals of and progress on OCLC's WorldCat web presence.

Advisory Committee Reports

- MAAC – Chair Matt Wier submitted a draft of revisions to the MOBIUS Lost Book Policy; when this is completed it will be reviewed again by the Executive Committee and Council for approval, then distributed to clusters with a request for them to review their policies to see that they comply, it is expected that the SWAN issue on this matter will be addressed at that time.
- MACPAC – Chair Felicity Dykas submitted a written report, provided information on the 2007 conference and sought the approval of the Executive Committee for plans for the 2008 conference, approval and thanks were given.
- MCDAC – Written report was submitted by chair Stephen Wynn. The committee has been discussing quality control issues in the catalog, as well as records for resources in the MOSL Digital Archives. Also working on expanding the language limits available in the MOBIUS catalog and improving its interaction with EndNote software. A subcommittee has completed an RFP for authority control.
- MCMAC – A written report was submitted by Lynn Cline. A survey has been developed to solicit feedback from members on the first year of the MOBIUS statewide purchasing plan through YBP. The working group for the OCLC Collection Analysis Project has completed a draft of the regional analysis report.
- MCAG – Kathy Schlump submitted a written report. The Committee submitted a report of the software usage survey; this will be sent to Council. The Committee is tracking Washington University's experience as part of the III Article Reach test among six U.S. research libraries. Future agenda items for the Committee may include: non-print format sharing; new III products; and communication among committees.
- MERAC – No report

Executive Committee and Council Meeting for 2007-2008

- Executive Committee: July 13, September 6, November 9, January 18, March 14 and May 9.
- MOBIUS Council: September 7, February 1, June 3.

Other Business

- Representatives of the Arthur cluster – Library directors Janet Caruthers and Angela Gerling related recent discussions and concerns of directors of a number of the Arthur cluster libraries, such as: MOBIUS compliance with the Missouri open meeting laws; more opportunity for Council members to be considered for Executive Committee elections; the status of the strategic plan; updating of and improvements to the MOBIUS website; orientation of new members; improved communication; and reaffirmation of the importance of the CLP and re-engagement of MOBIUS members. The Executive Committee responded that many of these concerns are being addressed and that those that are not will be.
- Geoffrey Swindells requested an opportunity to update MOBIUS library directors on the federal depository library program and he will be given a slot at the Annual Conference to do so.

Meeting Adjourned