MOBIUS Council Meeting
MOBIUS Consortium Office
June 1, 2000

The MOBIUS Council met Thursday, June 1, 2000 at 11:00 a.m. at the MOBIUS Consortium Office in Columbia. Present were:

Kathleen Finnigan	Avila College
Rita Gulstad	Central Methodist College
Linda Medaris	Proxy—Central Missouri State University
Carolyn Jones	Columbia College
James C. Pakala	Covenant Theological
Barbara Schade	Crowder College
Steve Stoan	Drury College
Kathy Schlemp	East Central College
John Gresham	Fontbonne College
Martin Knorr	Harris-Stowe State College
Julie A. Andresen	Hannibal LaGrange College
Linda Bigelow	Jefferson College
John Davis	Proxy—Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine
Elizabeth A. Wilson	Lincoln University
Anne Booker	Lindenwood University
Tesuk Im	Linn State Technical College
Rosemary E. Buhr	Logan College of Chiropratic
Eugenia V. McKee	Maryville University of St. Louis
Linda Wilson	Proxy—Metropolitan Community Colleges
Chris Burns	Mineral Area College
Nitsa Hindeleh	Missouri Baptist College
Charles H. Kemp	Missouri Southern College
Pam Reeder	Missouri Valley College
Julia Schneider	Missouri Western State College (also Proxy for Northeast Missouri State University)
Valerie Darst	Moberly Area Community College
Carol Curtis	Ozark Technical Community College
Carol Warrington	Proxy—St. Louis Community College
Fran Benham	St. Louis University
Betty Kite	Stephens College
Arja Crampton	State Fair Community College
Sarah Cron	Southeast Missouri State University
Betty Van Blair	Southwest Baptist University
Karen Horny	Southwest Missouri State University
Gordon Johnston	Three Rivers Community College
Martha Alexander	University of Missouri—Columbia
Jean Eisenman	University of Missouri—Rolla
Sandy Snell	University of Missouri—St. Louis
Shirley K. Baker	Washington University

Laura Rein	Webster University/Eden Theological Seminary
Lorna Mitchell	Westminster College
John Young	William Jewell College
Erlene Dudley	William Woods University
Andy White	CBHE
George Rickerson	MCO Executive Director

Observers/Guests:

Gary Harris	MCO
Paul Talaski	St. Louis Community College at Meramec
Judy Fox	Washington University

The meeting was called to order by Shirley Baker, Chair. The proxies were read into the minutes and the agenda was adopted upon a motion by Martin Knorr that was seconded by Karen Horny.

Martin Knorr moved that the minutes of the March 3, 2000 be approved. Carolyn Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Missouri State Library report was given by Shirley Baker in the absence of Sara Parker. The Protection of Children Bill (also referred to as the Computer Crime Bill) was passed in the Legislature with no references to libraries. Randy Scherr, MLA legislative advocate worked hard on this Bill. The $375,000 for additional electronic databases for libraries passed through the Legislature. The money will be used for electronic database licenses in the business and industry subject area.

Andy White gave the CTI report. Andy reviewed the history of the CBHE Advisory Committee on Technology and Instruction (CTI). He distributed a list of current membership of the Committee. He also distributed a copy of the Principles of Good Practice for Distance Learning/Web-Based Courses that has been adopted by CBHE and a Summary of CBHE FY '02 Technology Related Requests for CTI Discussion and Recommendation, July 6, 2000.

The MOBIUS Chair presented the following report:

Long Range Planning Update and Progress: Neither Richard Coughlin nor Cathye Dierberg is available to continue to serve as co-chairs of the Long Range Planning Committee. Jean Eisenman, University of Missouri—Rolla and Shirley Baker will now serve as co-chairs. Shirley Baker, Steve Stoan, and Ralph Caruso have been added as members to the Long Range Planning Committee.

The Long Range Planning Committee and MOBIUS Executive Committee made the following recommendation to the MOBIUS Council concerning electronic resource licensing: "After some deliberation, the committee decided to recommend to the Executive Committee that MOBIUS not request new money this year. The immediate need is to begin to maximize the current funds being spent on these products followed by

identification of other types of resources and funding strategies. Year one should concentrate on consolidating contracts with year 2 including a request for funding a new initiative. This will incorporate nicely into the more broad long range planning process and a funding request could be prepared during the next year (2003)." (Long Range Planning Committee Minutes of March 14, 2000) George is currently working on a survey of electronic resources available at MOBIUS institutions. The MOBIUS Executive Committee and Long Range Planning Committee are in the process of planning a retreat centering on long range planning.

MOBIUS Consortium Office Assessment: Shirley Baker described the process of the MCO Assessment and distributed a handout containing the results of the assessment. Clarification of the report was requested in some specific areas and George responded that he and the Executive Committee would take a look at the forms again and clarify the report. Fran Benham recommended that the Assessment process be documented for the purpose of establishing procedures. Areas rating 3 or less will have comments included in future reports. Overall the expectations of MOBIUS members were met by the MCO and Shirley noted that these expectations were "high" for the first year of operation. Gratitude for a "job well-done" was expressed to MCO staff.

Executive Committee Recommendation on Visiting Patron: Shirley Baker read the following quote from the MOBIUS Executive Committee minutes of May 11, 2000. The Executive Committee decided to "recommend that libraries try the option, but that no member should feel under any obligation to use the option if/when it is implemented. This will be presented as an information item at the June 1 Council meeting. In the meantime the Access Advisory Group should continue to study use of the Visiting Patron Option and present information collected at the Second Annual MOBIUS Meeting in 2001." This recommendation is in compliance with the Memorandum of Understanding. Discussion followed the reading of the Executive Committee's recommendation. Liz Wilson reported that the Visiting Patron option was working well within the Arthur cluster. Elizabeth Ader indicated that the Visiting Patron option replaced reciprocity agreements in many instances and worked well as an online, up-to-date resource.

The following report was made by the MOBIUS Executive Director, George Rickerson:

Mobius Consortium Office Staffing Plan: George distributed a handout MOBIUS Consortium Office/UM Office of Library Systems and went over the document thoroughly so that members can understand the staffing at the MCO currently and staffing that is projected for the future. In describing the Electronic Resource Licensing staff, George explained that no funding from the State for the CLP project could be used for the electronic database project. George and Sara Parker are working together on possible funding of the project through LSCA funding. An application for LSCA funding has been submitted.

Visit to III: George Rickerson, Shirley Baker, and Sarah Cron visited III on April 24, 2000 to discuss such things as III long range planning, III corporate status, III staffing, III products, etc.

Update of MCO Office move: The University of Missouri Board of Curators are considering the proposal submitted by MCO for the move of the office to a new facility near the current offices of MOREnet. The move is projected to take place in August, 2000.

Ariel Group Purchase: No report to date.

Pick-up Anywhere Module: MOBIUS and OhioLink are sharing the funding for development of this module. George will keep the Executive Committee and the Access Advisory Committee apprised of developments on this module.

Appreciation: George expressed his appreciation to Cathye Dierberg and St. Louis Community College for providing a facility for the Serials training for the Archway group so that the implementation of the Archway group could continue on schedule.

The following cluster reports were given:

Western Cluster: The name "Willow" has been selected.

Archway Cluster: June 27 "live" date and September 27 InnReach implementation.

SWAN Cluster: July 18 "live" date.

John Young gave the Nominating Committee report as follows:

Vice-Chair	Valerie Darst
Secretary	Carol Curtis
4 year Private Representative	Steve Stoan
2 year Public Representative	Joan Clarke

Charles Kemp moved that the slate be accepted and approved by acclamation. Martin Knorr seconded the motion. Motion carried. Shirley Baker extended her thanks to the Nominating Committee that was chaired by Cathye Dierberg.

After lunch the Council members were divided into five groups to discuss three long range planning questions. The questions were:

What do you <u>dream</u> we might do after CLP?

What do you <u>fear</u> we might do after CLP?

What were your original dreams for MOBIUS and have they been fulfilled?

Each of the five groups reported back to the full Council as follows:

Group 1

Dreams: Integrate new technology for the libraries;
MOBIUS Distance Learning home page;
Cooperative Collection Development (special resources, negotiate purchase contracts with vendors for books, journals, etc.)
Electronic resources—indexes, databases, journals, reference resources;
Cooperative digitizing projects;
Explore including libraries other than academic in MOBIUS.

Fears: Everyone will need to commit to a database purchase;
State funding will disappear or be reduced;
MOBIUS continuing education with updates will continue into the future;
MOBIUS will grow to fast—communication, things fall through the cracks;
Fear for staffing—will all this take more staffing;
Loss of autonomy.

Group 2

Dreams: Groups not yet up--hard to see beyond that.;
Delivery system has been a dream come true in itself;
Enhancements and improvements;
Hard copy articles direct request;
Document delivery;
Governance like MOREnet (including all types of libraries)
Some kind of tracking system at a more sophisticated level.

Fears: MOBIUS run by the "big" libraries (custom designed committee compromised interface);
Mechanisms not in place to address problems as they come to surface;
Concerns on rising costs and keeping costs fair;
Concerns of cuts in book budgets by CEO's.

Dreams fulfilled: Delivery service hasn't sped up ILL that much.

Group 3

Dreams: Electronic databases;
Expanding beyond the state for regional consortium-Illinois had multitype;
A certain base level of support that the state would support for everything like EBSCOHost. Resolution as to who is going to be responsible for what;

State will fund and profit from this venture, saving our tuition pools and endowment funds—"a rising sea level raises all ships"
MOBIUS will do e-books;
Expand MOBIUS privileges to community members;
Communication between libraries will take place in a timely manner;
Ongoing training to staff who need it. New training for new employees. continued training for upgrades;
Cooperative Collection Development—equality of access to information;
Digital archives.

Fears: If we expand further, esp. into multitype, how will it affect us, our money, our cataloging, our time;
Beautiful, expensive materials—will some 5th grader borrow and ruin it? Sharing knowledge is great in theory, challenging to share physical Materials;
Does this sharing fit institutional mission?
Don't lend CD's, videos, etc. World expanding whether we like it or not;
Is the patron's library going to be the responsible library?

Dreams fulfilled: Original dream of resource sharing and state funding has been fulfilled. People working together has been fulfilled.

Group 4

Dreams: Collection Development—getting unique things; building on strengths of individual collections, enhancing college's by expanding beyond academic libraries.
Looking beyond CLP to link to special libraries of distinction;
Keep core curriculum collections;
Democratization of intellectual life.

Fears: Linking to public libraries a concern;
Continued funding may diminish because of state wide access;
Maintaining funding for local resources;
Do more politically state wide with legislature;

Dreams Fulfilled: Expansion and potential of access to resources;
Power of unity;
Decrease in costs for automation;
Delivery system throughout state;
Satisfaction in service by user;
Ariel development;
Cooperation state wide and regionally.

Group 5

Dreams: Databases funded by the state with MOBIUS members paying for non-funded databases cooperatively;
Highly specialized or highly technical databases that are needed for Technical colleges but are very expensive and/or need more development;
Improved Ariel versions or a much better transmission mechanism for periodical articles;
Staff training opportunities;
Easier, more coordinated management;
New types of training with very specific application or focus;
Improvement of local collection development with use of MOBIUS data to use funds in as advantageous way as possible;
Use of cyberspace for more MOBIUS training and meetings;
Databases;
Collection improvement on-site and cooperatively across MOBIUS;
Cooperative remote storage and statistics that reflect ownership of Stored information;

Fears: Preservation of electronic holdings retrospectively despite changes in titles offered, changes in technology, and in vendors and subscription policies, fluctuations in funding, etc.
Declines in local acquisitions budgets;
Stipulations that only certain subject fields will be provided or funded in terms of databases, such as business, labor, industry, etc.
Fear that delivery system will not continue to be as good as it is.

Fulfilled dreams: The rate at which MOBIUS has moved forward is more Astonishing than we dreamed possible;
The move to tackle database provision issues is sooner than we dreamed;
The graciousness of staff exceeds our expectations.

Each group's responses will be shared with the Long Range Planning Committee and will be helpful in planning the future direction of the Consortium.

The next Council meeting will be determined at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Darst
Secretary