MOBIUS COUNCIL MINUTES
Lenoir Community Center
Columbia, Missouri
March 15, 2002

The MOBIUS Council met Friday, March 15, 2002 at the Lenoir Community Center in Columbia. Council representatives and/or proxies present were:

Kathleen Finegan	Avila College
Rita Gulstad	Central Methodist College
Janet Caruthers	Columbia College
James Pakala	Covenant Theological Seminary
Barbara Schade	Crowder College
Sharon Upchurch	Culver-Stockton College
Steve Stoan	Drury University
Jennifer Dodillet	East Central College
John Gresham	Fontbonne University
Julie Andresen	Hannibal-LaGrange College
Linda Bigelow	Jefferson College
Jean Sidwell	Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine
Genie McKee	Maryville University
Craig Kubic	Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Linda Harris	Missouri State Library
Pamela Reeder	Missouri Valley College
Valerie Darst	Moberly Area Community College
Julia Schneider	Missouri Western State College
Robert Frizzell	Northwest Missouri State University
Jeanne Langdon	Rockhurst University
Frances Benham	Saint Louis University
Carol Warrington	St. Louis Community College-Forrest Park
Stephanie Tolson	St. Louis Community College-Florissant Valley
Karen Horny	Southwest Missouri State University
Sarah Cron	Southeast Missouri State University
Edward Walton	Southwest Baptist University
Cathye Dierberg	St. Louis Community College
Arja Crampton	State Fair Community College
Joni Blake	Stephens College
Gordon Johnston	Three Rivers Community College
Richard Coughlin	Truman State University
Martha Alexander	University of Missouri-Columbia
Ted Sheldon	University of Missouri-Kansas City
Jean Eisenman	University of Missouri-Rolla
Amy Arnott	University of Missouri-St. Louis
Shirley Baker	Washington University
Laura Rein	Webster/Eden University
Erlene Dudley	William Woods University

Proxies:

Mary Heady	Lincoln University
Mike Madden	Ozarks Technical Community College
Kathleen Finegan	Metropolitan Community Colleges
Jeanne Langdon	William Jewell
Jean Sidwell	Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine
Mollie Dinwiddie	Central Missouri State University
Jim Pakala	Logan College of Chiropractic & Missouri Baptist College
Jean Eisenman	University of Missouri-St. Louis (after 12pm)

Others present:

Nancy Devino	MO Coordinating Board for Higher Education
Susan Singleton	Missouri Library Network Corporation
Sara Parker	Missouri State Library
Robin Kespohl	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Mark Wahrenbrock	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Gary L. Harris	MOBIUS Consortium Office
George Rickerson	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Linda Vorce	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Bill Mitchell	MOREnet
Lynn Cline	Southwest MO State University for MERAC

Call to order, Secretary Position and Proxy Announcements
Valerie Darst, Chair, called the meeting to order shortly after 10 a.m. at the Lenoir Community Center. Pal Rao has agreed to fill the remaining term of the Secretary position. Valerie announced the proxies.

Approval of the Minutes
Jean Eisenman moved and Karen Horny seconded approval of the minutes of the September 21, 2001 Council meeting. Motion passed.

REPORTS AND UPDATES:

Report from MOREnet, Bill Mitchell
Bill reported on the status and concerns of proprietary institutions receiving MOREnet services. The handout describes a set of eligibility guidelines developed and recommended by CTI for participation in MOREnet. The HELIX conference is set for April 24th and 25th. MOREnet is also working to implement strategies to prioritize state traffic when the system is congested. Efforts are ongoing. The governor has recommended at flat appropriation for FY03. Although this will result in budget cuts, Bill assured it would not affect the services they provide.

Annual Conference Planning Report, Jim Pakala

The Third Annual Users conference will be held at the Ramada Inn in Jefferson City on Thursday, June 6th. Nancy Nathanson, ORBIS, was not able to commit to being our plenary speaker due to scheduling conflicts. George Machovec has agreed to be the plenary speaker. In view of several comments from last year's evaluations, the committee has decided to have hour-long sessions. This will allow for a more in-depth presentation and discussion session. In addition to presentations, the committee has issued a call for round tables and poster sessions. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19th at Maryville University to discuss the proposals received thus far.

Report from CBHE, Nancy Devino

Although budget issues are of concern, things are progressing. There is growth in the system. A Report on Mathematics in Missouri by the Missouri K-16 Coalition is available for review on the CBHE website under Academic Affairs. CBHE's efforts to increase Math & Science partnerships to improve education in these subjects in the Missouri school system are also progressing.

Report from Missouri State Library, Sara Parker

Rather than issuing yet another boring annual report, the State Library decided on a new format this year. Their annual report is in the format of a calendar. Sara encouraged all to assist in supporting House Bill 12. It consists of two parts—Part I is Public Library Connectivity and Part II is Electronic Licenses. LSTA is now LMSA, which is federal money. Sara strongly suggested not using federal money for electronic licenses. It would inhibit future attempts to obtain state funding for this purpose. The State Library is compiling its next five-year plan for 2003-2008 and asked for the Council's input via a handout indicating individual library needs and goals.

Committee Reports

A. MERAC – Valerie read the recommendation of the Executive Committee to the MOBIUS Council for the ABC-CLIO databases. The recommendation was presented by the committee and approved by the Executive Committee at their February 2002 meeting. Lynn Cline provided a brief history of committee efforts and current issues of this consortium purchase. After a brief discussion, Council approved the recommendation of the Executive Committee.
B. Catalog Design – no report
C. Access Advisory – no report
D. Linda Hall Library – Ted Sheldon reported that a planning meeting was held at the Linda Hall Library of Science and Technology on February 7, 2002. The purpose of the meeting was to explore options and methods to establish a strong partnership between LHL and MOBIUS. Several issues arose which are outlined on the handout. Those present at the meeting agreed that further discussions would be necessary.

Report from Executive Director, George Rickerson

The legislative process is proceeding although no decisions have been made yet. House Bill 3 is due to be discussed on Monday, March 18, 2002. Appropriations for MOBIUS will now be through the University of Missouri instead of CBHE under the heading of Other Related Programs. This has strategic benefits, however, it advances the date decisions have to be made for the FY04 budget. Consequently, the Council was asked for their approval of the Electronic Resources to put forth to the legislature. Sarah Cron moved that the FY04 appropriations request for electronic license funding be the same as the FY03 request. Karen Horny seconded. Motion passed. George reported on the governor's recommendations for FY03 funding and the FY04 budget projections. Due to a lack of funding, MOBIUS will not be able to implement additional new members in FY03 as planned. New members may elect to pay for their implementations costs individually. If they choose this option, MOBIUS is prepared to proceed with their implementation. MOBIUS is continuing to seek state funds to assist with these implementations. The Pickup Anywhere Enhancement module is ready for beta testing of phase one. This will begin with the participation of six OhioLINK local sites. Phase two of the development will be to support MOBIUS. Several MOBIUS members have experienced a change in their Directors. The Winter 2002 issue of NewsLink is due to be mailed the week of March 18th. MOBIUS conducted a management retreat at Lenoir Community Center on March 7th and 8th. Kathleen Finegan did a terrific presentation for MOBIUS at the Third Annual Academic Library Retreat.

U.S.A. Patriot Act, Steve Stoan

Steve gave a brief history explaining the need for privacy, confidentiality and the need to only obtain as much information about a patron as necessary. With the implementation of the electronic library systems in the 70's, circulation records became temporary. A brief discussion followed regarding adoption of policies and procedures to limit both the amount and retention of this type of data within our system. It was decided Council members would discuss this within their clusters. Suggested guidance and direction for local libraries developed by the American Library Association was made available.

Nominating Committee

Sarah Cron, chair of the nominating committee (other members: Gordon Johnston, Shirley Baker) reported the following slate for FY2003 MOBIUS officers: Steve Stoan, president-elect; Pal Rao, secretary; Genie McKee, independent at-large; Linda Bigelow, two-year public at-large.

Other Business

None

Annual MOBIUS Council Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held on June 5, 2002 prior to the Annual Users conference. The place has yet to be determined.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Vorce.