MCMAC Report
MOBIUS Council Meeting – January 28, 2005
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Below are the primary issues being addressed by the MOBIUS Collection Management Advisory Committee for the current fiscal year as discussed at the January 5, 2005 meeting:

- It was agreed that Bill Wibbing and Liz MacDonald would stay on as co-chairs through the next year.

- The committee is in the process of wrapping up the Statewide Approval Plan Trials with YBP and Blackwell's Book Services. The trials officially end January 31, 2005. As the trials conclude, we will be working with all trial participants to provide useful feedback to each vendor. MCMAC is currently in the process of formulating a standardized evaluation form to be distributed to all participants. In addition to general background information, participants will be asked to evaluate the following aspects of the trials:

  - Searching capabilities of both YBP and Blackwell's interface
  - Presentation of data
  - Ability to aggregate data
  - Representation of consortial data
  - Level of customer service

  Evaluations will allow participants to rate aspects of the trials mentioned above on a scale, as well as allow them to provide comments. The information will then be gathered and presented to the Executive Council for Review.

- As part of the Statewide Approval Plan trials, Julie Gammon, from OhioLink will be speaking to MOBIUS members in St. Louis on January 27 at Washington University, and on January 28 at the Council meeting in Columbia. Ms. Gammon (Head of Acquisitions at the University of Akron) will be discussing her experiences with statewide collection development in Ohio where it has experienced widespread success. This talk has been opened up to all interested parties in MOBIUS.

- The committee discussed its objectives for the upcoming year, which are as follows:

  - Storage
  - Serial cancellations
  - Statewide Collection Analysis
    - The committee discussed available tools to perform this function including OCLC's new web-based collection analysis product. Since its meeting, the committee has been in contact with MLNC and the product manager for OCLC's new web-based collection analysis tool. As a result, there is a tentative plan to bring the product manager from OCLC to discuss the new tool as it relates to statewide collection analysis for MOBIUS at the Annual User's conference in June

- MCMAC discussed topics for possible inclusion at the User's Conference. A potential session that was mentioned was roundtable discussions between subject selectors from across the state to talk about collection development. The committee is in the process of developing a comprehensive list of all such professionals across the state.

- The committee would also like to make arrangements to have a joint meeting with MERAC to discuss areas that may be of mutual interest.