MCAG Report
MOBIUS Council Meeting – January 28, 2005
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The MOBIUS Coordinators Advisory Group met in July and September, 2004. The following major topics were covered.

Table of Contents
The MOBIUS Coordinators Advisory Group discussed the issue of table of contents enhancement. There was general agreement that adding TOC adds significant value to the catalog. We recommended to the Executive Committee that the consortium-wide TOC enrichment resume.

Agency Software
The MOBIUS Coordinators Advisory Group recommended the purchase of the InnReach Agency Software. There is overwhelming support for this purchase among the MOBIUS member libraries. This is a new product developed by Innovative which provides the system framework for recognizing distinct institutions on the same server for InnReach purposes. Within the InnReach catalog, the software will allow holdings display by library instead of by cluster. When patrons issue InnReach requests, they will be prompted for their local library instead of their cluster. MOBIUS owns the necessary licenses for the Agency software but would have to pay conversion costs. These costs have been estimated at $60,000 plus maintenance.

Output Vouchers
We decided there was not enough interest in this product to recommend its purchase.

Other Activities:

At our July 14 meeting, the MOBIUS Coordinators Advisory Group discussed the issue of standards for the MOBIUS union catalog. Specifically, we recommended that MCDAC consider standards as they relate to Cooperating Partners and to what degree standards should apply to the union catalog.

We are investigating the Consortial Management Extensions software.

In discussing our charge, we identified several possible projects for the group. The top priority was developing a survey to determine what technologies libraries are using for various services, in particular looking at products that have III equivalents. No action has been taken pending further development of priorities as part of the strategic planning process.