MOBIUS Strategic Initiatives

Description	Current Status	Prerequisites
Define and Manage Membership Growth		
Initiate/participate in a statewide project designed to incorporate public libraries into a resource-sharing partnership with the MOBIUS libraries	Under the aegis of the State Library, preliminary discussions underway between some public libraries and MOBIUS	Assessment of interest in the sector; consideration of a plan with timetable; analysis of governance issues; cost estimate; source of funding
As records from cooperating partners and other non-MOBIUS member libraries are added to union catalog, review and refine cataloging standards and promulgate to all union catalog contributors	Need is understood; standards exist	Define scope and details of existing problems and work toward solutions
Review MOU, bylaws, Cooperating Partners policy with a view towards developing an effective governance model for a broader resource-sharing community	Cooperating Partners policy exists, is in effect for two institutions; this initiative is perhaps better understood as part of the first one, above	A more developed plan for the first initiative, above
Track and analyze lending/borrowing patterns to insure that all members are treated fairly and proportionally to their ability to serve the consortium	The tools to do this exist, by and large	Decisions about policy, i.e., present data to Executive Committee for discussion of possible need for action

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As resource-sharing community is expanded, explore using the CLP to facilitate sharing beyond monographs, i.e., serials and non-print media	Discussion topic, at this point	Action by Executive Committee based on discussions with Council and in committees
Explore technical feasibility and policy implications of linking the CLP to other INN-Reach systems, e.g., the Colorado Alliance	A meeting involving representatives from III, Colorado, Ohio, Oregon and Missouri is scheduled for Midwinter 2005 to discuss the concept	Must be technically feasible; may require funding of development by III; interest and commitment of organizations; solution to delivery
Coordinate Cooperative Relationships		
Support the establishment of a formal mechanism within the State Library for coordinating database licensing in Missouri for all libraries	De facto this has been done, informally	Governing bodies for MLNC, MOBIUS, MOREnet and MOSL need to formalize the informal arrangement
Actively partner with MLNC, the State Library and other entities in developing and providing services, e.g., training and conferences	This is, to a large extent, being done	Explicit direction to appropriate persons with respect to the specific results that are wanted; follow-up to guarantee results

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Leverage Technologies to Improve Service and Reduce Duplication of Effort		
Expand licensing program to include database negotiations for consortial licensing of more products currently licensed by individual members	MCO has licensing operation in place through the cafeteria plan	More information
Pursue consortial purchasing opportunities beyond information products	MCO has processes and personnel in place	Analysis of workload impact, procedural plan, assignment to committee
Eliminate duplication in the union catalog	One de-duping project has been done	Detailed assessment and plan
Explore benefits of and support for outsourcing copy cataloging	Being investigated by individual institutions	More information
Develop assessment tools and statistical information for assessment activities at the institutional level	The data is being collected	Definition of need, plan

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Enhance MCO website so that it is a more effective communications channel and clearinghouse for information	The website exists, technical capability is in place	Develop a process for getting user input; draft a design; solicit user comments on draft design
Aggressively develop cooperative collection management and development programs	The MCMAC is active; the statewide approval plan trial is in progress	Continued support from MOBIUS members; active oversight and direction from Executive Committee
Develop Funding Support		
Seek expanded state funding to help achieve the broadening of the resource-sharing community as well as the development of new services	Executive Director and Executive Committee have begun discussions; this plan is a key element for determining priorities for new funding	Completion of the planning process
Secure funding support for restoration of TOC services to MOBIUS members	TOC is currently in hiatus except for individual institutions who are paying for it for themselves	New state funding

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Develop a User-Centered Catalog		
Work with vendors in effort to integrate article access with catalog access, i.e., enhanced federated searching	Does not currently exist	Discussions with vendors on possibilities for development and deployment of tools that do what the users want
Incorporate database maintenance and authority control into the MCO services	MCO has contractor who helps with database cleanup tasks	Detailed cost analysis, plan
Establish formal program with goal of insuring that the systems we present to users have the characteristics that users want and deliver the results users need	Discussion topic	Appoint a Task force
Develop online tutorials for staff and patron use	While the IUG website has tutorials, they are not specifically tailored for the MOBIUS environment	Definition of specific needs