MOBIUS Council Meeting
June 2, 2004
Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, Missouri

DRAFT-To be approved in Jan 05.

The MOBIUS Council met June 2, 2004 at the Lodge of Four Seasons in Lake Ozark, Missouri. Council representatives and proxies present were:

Representatives:

Tony Garrett	Baptist Bible College
Mollie Dinwiddie	Central Missouri State University
Janet Caruthers	Columbia College
Rebecca Kiel	Cottey College
Jim Pakala	Covenant Theological Seminary
Mary Largent	Crowder College
Steve Stoan	Drury University
Jennifer Dodillet	East Central College
June Williams	Fontbonne University
Julie Andresen	Hannibal-LaGrange College
Linda Bigelow	Jefferson College
M. J. Poehler	Kansas City Art Institute
Liz MacDonald	Lindenwood University
Tezuk Im	Linn State Technical College
Jean Rose	Logan College of Chiropractic
Genie McKee	Maryville University
Linda Crabtree	Metropolitan Community Colleges
Wendy McGrane	Missouri Southern State University
Linda Harris	Missouri State Library
Pam Reeder	Missouri Valley College
Valerie Darst	Moberly Area Community College
Robert Frizzell	Northwest Missouri State University
Mike Madden	Ozarks Technical Community College
Frances Benham	Saint Louis University
Edward Walton	Southwest Baptist University
Karen Horny	Southwest Missouri State University
Stephanie Tolson	St. Charles Community College
Jill Nissen	St. Louis College of Pharmacy
Joni Blake	Stephens College
Jim Cogswell	University of Missouri – Columbia
Andy Stewart	University of Missouri – Rolla
Shirley Baker	Washington University
Laura Rein	Webster University
Angela Gerling	Westminster College
John Young	William Jewell College
Erlene Dudley	William Woods University

Proxies:

Linda Crabtree	Avila College
Julie Andresen	Culver-Stockton College
Inas El-Sayed	Lincoln University
Robert Frizzell	Missouri Western State College
Robert Frizzell	North Central Missouri College
Laurie Hathman	Rockhurst University
David Glick	Southeast Missouri State University
Sheila Ouellette	St. Louis Community College
Stephen Wynn	Truman State University
Diane Hunter	University of Missouri – Kansas City
Jim Cogswell	University of Missouri – St. Louis

Others Present:

Loretta Ponzar	Jefferson College/MAAC Chair
Margaret Booker	Missouri Library Association
Tracy Byerly	Missouri Library Network Corporation
Sara Parker	Missouri State Library
Gary L. Harris	MOBIUS Consortium Office
George Rickerson	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Jim Dutton	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Mark Wahrenbrock	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Pat Seavey	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Susan McCormack	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Terry Austin	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Fran Stumpf	St. Charles Community College/Guest

I. Call to Order – Steve Stoan called the meeting to order at 1:10PM.

II. Adoption of Agenda – Valerie Darst made a motion to adopt the agenda without changes. Julie Anderson seconded. Motion passed.

III. Approval of January 30, 2004 Minutes – Shirley Baker made a motion to approve the minutes without changes. Mike Madden seconded. Minutes approved.

IV. Election of New Officers – Laura Rein. Committee members were asked to either vote for the candidate running or write-in their choice. The slate for the 2004 election was as follows: Chair Elect: Robert Frizzell; Secretary: Eugenia McKee; Independent-at-Large Representative: Erlene Dudley; and Two Year Public-at-Large Representative: Stephanie Tolson.

V. Report from Executive Director – George Rickerson.

A. State Appropriation – The MOBIUS State Appropriation was approved with no changes. Since we have no requests for new funds, the request for FY06 will remain the same.

B. Assessments – The total assessment for FY05 reflects an overall increase of 6.45% over FY04. The budget preparation cycle for the FY06 assessments will be prepared and presented earlier. The Executive

Committee will review the proposed assessments in Fall 04 with a deadline to approve by December 04. Once approved, the assessments will be presented to MOBIUS Council in January 05.

C. De-duping Project – The project processed a total of 930,000 records. The project was very successful. MOBIUS is working with institutions to assist in resolving the remaining duplicate records.

D. Borrowing – In the current fiscal year, direct patron shows an increase of 17% over fiscal year 2003.

E. Agency Software – Sandy Westall recently met with MOBIUS staff and a few members of the Executive Committee. The purpose of the visit was to discuss Agency software. This will eliminate the need for students to identify which cluster they are located in. They will only need to identify their institution. MOBIUS will evaluate the software and determine if it will be implemented in FY06. Members are encouraged to obtain a demonstration either at the upcoming Annual Users Conference or at ALA.

F. Consortia licensing – What is the amount of savings for libraries that elect to participate in consortia licensing? Terry Austin prepared some figures that will be sent out to members next week. ABC-CLIO, for example, is a difference of over 288K between the retail cost and the MOBIUS consortia price. Academic Search Premier Upgrade reflects a consortia savings of over 80K.

Fee Structure (Assessments) – Steve Stoan. The fee structure for the fiscal year 2005 assessments reflects an increase of slightly under 5%. Valerie Darst made a motion to approve the fee structure. Karen Horny seconded. Motion passed.

VI. Report on MCO Site Visit – Mark Wahrenbrock. The main purpose of the site visits is to be in touch with and communicate with all members. Prior to coming, the Training staff will review all open calls with the MOBIUS helpdesk staff, talk to directors and talk to site coordinators. The site visit will cover all the above gathered info and a walk-through if the library is interested. A walk-through is designed to assist with streamlining and taking advantage of the items offered through the System. Also, it is to verify that all modules of the System are being used and to the fullest capacity possible. Items taken back with us might include administrative items, things that might be handled by MLNC and ways to assist other members. A tentative schedule is to visit each library at least once every two years. The official kickoff will begin on July 1st.

VII. Reports:

A. Missouri State Library – Sara Parker. Secretary of State, Matt Blunt appointed Valerie Darst to the Secretary's Council. All programs in HB12 were funded at their current level. MOREnet was the only one to receive a cut in funds. Electronic licenses were funded at their current level; however, the services could still decrease. NewsBank had to be rebid. Access to some of the newspapers will be limited or removed. HB1347 passed successfully. It revises Chapter 181. It is on the Governor's desk awaiting signature. SB1082 did not pass. SB1211 affects how institutions

will receive statues. The second part of the bill relates to library theft. The State is working towards access to publications beyond those in libraries. Access to documents will eventually be available to the public in their offices and homes. The Missouri State Library also welcomes new staff member, Nathaniel Alberts.

B. MLNC – Tracy Byerly. Recent staff changes at MLNC include: Deb Ehrstein is the new User Services Manager; Genie McKee and Margaret Conroy have been elected by the membership to the MLNC board; and Steve Stoan elected as the second members council delegate. The office remodeling is now complete. MLNC has completed five videoconferences focusing on the OCLC Group Catalog purchased by the Missouri State Library for public libraries in Missouri. MLNC has purchased a license for Centra –MOREnet's e-conferencing service. Online reference product renewals are almost done for the year. Infotrieve has released the newest version of Ariel. The upgrade has several improved stability features, a document counter and better firewall protection. The Virtually Missouri website is averaging over 200 visits per day. The metadata is now functional, allowing users to search for specific items in digitized collections around the state. The 2004 Missouri Digitization Pre-Conference and Conference was held in February. Several presentations from the conference are available on the Virtually Missouri website. The winner of the 2004 MLNC OCLC scholarship will be chosen by mid-July. The scholarship committee has 16 candidates from which to make their choice. A few recent developments at OCLC include: OCLC's new group services allow consortia to build group online union catalogs; in April, the WorldCat database was seamlessly moved to an Oracle platform; efforts are underway to migrate interlibrary loan to a new platform; Connexion Client 1.10 was released in late March; the Open WorldCat pilot is proceeding; and OCLC is offering subscription pricing for both interlibrary loan and cataloging.

C. MOREnet – Bill Mitchell. Bill was unable to attend. A report was not given.

D. Department of Higher Education -- Robert Stein. Robert was unable to attend. A report was not given.

VIII. Committee reports:

A. MAAC – Loretta Ponzar. The committee met on Feb 17th. They reviewed the lending/borrowing statistics and continued to discuss this topic. UMC's lending is down but there is still room for improvement. In an attempt to keep the number of institutions on the "Lenders of Last Resort" list to a minimum, the committee decided to raise the non-returnable ratio to 2.5 or greater. In an effort to make the list an even more effective tool, the committee continues to inform members of its existence, be sure they understand what it means and how it works. The committee is also considering SGPL as a traditional ILL lender. Their next meeting is June 15th.

B. MCDAC – Joy Dodson. No report.

C. MCMAC – Liz McDonald & Bill Wibbing. Offsite storage was examined in length at their last meeting along with statewide approval plans.
D. MERAC – Laurie Hathman. The Cafeteria program is proving to be successful. There are a total of 40 subscriptions for ABC-CLIO and 25 for Art Full-Text. Applied Science and Technologies has seven subscriptions. Also, several subscriptions have new subscribers. In addition, the Vendor Direct program continues to see new products. MERAC was charged by the Executive Committee to study ILL libraries. After looking at these collaborative projects, it was discovered that the approaches and results varied greatly among the consortiums. There were two items that were consistent among the projects, however, were success being directly related to staff volume and 2. technology is limited. Significant challenges include sharing resources and balancing the staff load. MERAC then determined that within clusters there is not a significant interest in participating in digital reference at this time. All documentation developed in their research will be on the MOBIUS website. Their next meeting is in July.
E. MCAG – Per Almquist via email to Steve Stoan. It has been a quiet year. The committee has had no new products to evaluate. They will meet in July.

IX. Cluster reports:

Archway – Jill Nissen. The Steering committee meets every two months. They discuss system information and then share that information with staff. They discuss changes in system functionalities and also assist new members with the decisions at their original cluster implementation. This assists with maintaining integrity within the Archway catalog. Through the MOBIUS de-duping project, unique titles were reduced from 23 to 16%.
Arthur – no report.
Bridges – Liz McDonald. The Directors will be meeting next Tuesday.
Galahad – no report.
Lance – no report.
Merlin – Jim Cogswell. Ted Sheldon has stepped down as Dean at UMKC. Joan Dean is the Interim Dean. They have picked up TOC records for their catalog records. They had been expecting a 9-15% cut in serials acquisitions, but monies were found resulting in no cuts.
Quest – no report.
Swan – Wendy McGrane. They are welcoming Baptist Bible College to their cluster. A few cluster purchases include a barcode scanner and an additional scat table. They recently implemented a webpage redesign. System response time has been greatly increased. Drury University is using the Featured List function. My Millennium is loaded on their test system.
Towers – Bob Frizzell. Towers had authority training last fall and Media Management training in January. They are working on setting up electronic reserves and the de-duping project.
Wilo – no report.

Wash U – Shirley Baker. They are replacing their server. Olin Library has finished its renovation. They are hoping to make improvements in workflow and responsiveness.

SPGCL – Donna could not be present today. However, Borrowing and Lending are pretty close to balanced.

X. Missouri Library Association – Margaret Booker. A membership brochure is available along with a packet. Efforts are underway to develop a candidate forum to be held the last week of October. The Missouri Bar and the Missouri Library Association have teamed together to provide librarians with training to help patrons who have legal questions. These training sessions are being offered at no cost to the libraries.

XI. Long Range Planning – Linda Bigelow. The first long-range plan developed in 2002 will expire this year. That plan focused mostly on implementation and deferred several issues to after implementation. Joe Ford's report included items needing review. A Strategic Planning process needs to be developed utilizing the Executive Committee, the Council and Committees. Members were encouraged to review the first strategic plan available on the MOBIUS website, consider the direction MOBIUS should proceed in the future and discuss these issues with their respective staff.

XII. Election Results – Steve Stoan. All candidates passed unanimously. The new Executive Committee Officers and At-Large Representatives are:

Chair Elect: Robert Frizzell
Secretary: Eugenia McKee
Independent-at-Large Representative: Erlene Dudley
Two Year Public-at-Large Representative: Stephanie Tolson

XIII. Other business – none.

XIV. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Tony Garrett. Seconded by Stephanie Tolson. Meeting adjourned at 3:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Vorce