MOBIUS Council Meeting
January 28, 2005
Lenoir Community Center, Columbia, Missouri

DRAFT-To be approved in June 05.

The MOBIUS Council met January 28, 2005 at the Lenoir Community Center in Columbia, Missouri. Council representatives and proxies present were:

Representatives:

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| Richard Amelung | Saint Louis University |
| Shirley Baker | Washington University |
| Linda Bigelow | Jefferson College |
| Joni Blake | Stephens College |
| Doug Blansit | Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine |
| Chris Burns | Mineral Area College |
| Janet Caruthers | Columbia College |
| Jim Cogswell | University of Missouri-Columbia |
| Richard Coughlin | Truman State University |
| Linda Crabtree | Metropolitan Community Colleges |
| Arja Crampton | State Fair Community College |
| Sarah Cron | Southeast Missouri State University |
| Valerie Darst | Moberly Area Community College |
| Cathye Dierberg | St. Louis Community College |
| Mollie Dinwiddie | Central Missouri State University |
| Jennifer Dodillet | East Central College |
| Erlene Dudley | William Woods University |
| Kathleen Finegan | Avila University |
| Robert Frizzell | Northwest Missouri State University |
| Angela Gerling | Westminster College |
| Rita Gulstad | Central Methodist University |
| Linda Harris | Missouri State Library |
| Karen Horny | Southwest Missouri State University |
| Tesuk Im | Linn State Technical College |
| Gordon Johnston | Three Rivers Community College |
| Rebecca Kiel | Cottey College |
| Martin Knorr | Harris-Stowe State College |
| Craig Kubic | Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary |
| Jeanne Langdon | Rockhurst University |
| Mary Largent | Crowder College |
| Elizabeth MacDonald | Lindenwood University |
| Mike Madden | Ozarks Technical Community College |

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| Sharon McCaslin | Fontbonne University |
| Wendy McGrane | Missouri Southern State University |
| Eugenia McKee | Maryville University |
| Jill Nissen | St. Louis College of Pharmacy |
| James Pakala | Covenant Theological Seminary |
| MJ Poehler | Kansas City Art Institute |
| Pamela Reeder | Missouri Valley College |
| Laura Rein | Webster University |
| Julia Schneider | Missouri Western State College |
| Stephen Stoan | Drury University |
| Maggie Trish | University of Missouri-Rolla |
| Edward Walton | Southwest Baptist University |
| Elizabeth Wilson | Lincoln University |
| John Young | William Jewell College |

Proxies:

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| Lisandra Carmichael | University of Missouri- St. Louis |
| Wendy McGrane | Baptist Bible College |
| Genie McKee | Missouri Baptist University |
| Jean Rose | Logan College of Chiropractic |
| Ying Li | St. Charles Community College |

Others Present:

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| Corrie Christensen | Lindenwood University |
| Candice Baldwin | Metropolitan Community Colleges |
| Cindy Bassett | Missouri State Library |
| Tracy Byerly | MNLC |
| Gary L. Harris | MOBIUS Consortium Office |
| George Rickerson | MOBIUS Consortium Office |
| Jim Dutton | MOBIUS Consortium Office |
| Mark Wahrenbrock | MOBIUS Consortium Office |
| Fran Stumpf | MOBIUS Consortium Office |
| Jennifer Lee | MOBIUS Consortium Office |
| Terry Austin | MOBIUS Consortium Office |
| Janine Gordon | MOBIUS Consortium Office |
| Jenny Bossaller | MOBIUS Consortium Office |
| Julie Gammon | OhioLink |
| Neosha Mackey | Southwest Missouri State University |
| Bonnie Sanguinet | St. Louis Community College-Meramec |

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| Becky Helbling | St. Louis Community College-Meramec |
| Betty Freeman | St. Louis Community College-Meramec |
| Damaris Schmitt | St. Louis Community College-Meramec |
| Jan Peach | University of Missouri-St. Louis |
| Bill Wibbing | Washington University |
| Tom Schultz | William Woods University |

I. Call to Order – Linda Bigelow called the meeting to order at 10:30AM.
II. Adoption of Agenda – Marty Knorr made a motion to adopt the agenda without changes. Angela Gerling seconded. Motion passed.
III. Report from Executive Director – George Rickerson.
    i. State Appropriation – The MOBIUS State Appropriation remains unchanged.
    ii. Linking INN-Reach Systems − George Rickerson and Gary L. Harris made a visit to Colorado in November to check out the feasibility of linking different INN-Reach catalogs. It is technically doable though the benefits may not justify the cost.
    iii. MOBIUS Communication Plan − Linda Vorce has been assigned the role of coordinating communications both internally and externally. A schedule has been setup for the delivery of publications from MOBIUS to the members.
    iv. Public Library Task Force – An informal meeting was convened by Sara Parker to discuss the statewide resource sharing on the MOBIUS model.
    v. FY06 Budget Early Projection – The early projection should remain unchanged if state appropriations remain the same.
IV. Strategic Plan – Laura Rein and Shirley Baker. Adoption of the MOBIUS Strategic Plan 2005-2008. Marty Knorr made a motion to adopt the plan without changes. Jim Pakala seconded. Motion passed.
V. Reports:
    i. Missouri State Library – Linda Harris. Sara is monitoring legislation and working with the MLA Legislative Committee. There have been no specific library bills filed at this time. Sara is also monitoring the Governor's budget. The funding for the State Library has not changed from the budget prepared by our agency. Sara noted out-of-state Athletes' and Entertainers' tax money has been included in the State Library budget again. These funds had not been appropriated for libraries for several years. Last month the Reference Services staff began cataloging electronic state publications and ingesting them into our trusted repository using the OCLC Digital Archive product. The learning curve is a bit steep right now, because we are using OCLC Connexion software which is new, along with learning the OCLC Digital Archive software. We will be publishing our first Missouri State Government Publications based on electronic publications the first week of February. This publication will provided the OCLC number for cataloging information and a linked to the copy in the repository.

ii. MLNC – Tracy Byerly. MTR's have been replaced by OPUS, learn online by taking a MLNC workshop via Centra. New this spring, WorldCat Collection Analysis, CatExpress users can now contribute their original records to WorldCat by working with Sue Lewis at MLNC. Union Listing service is migrating to the Connexion Browser in August/September this year. Passport is retiring! Use of Passport for ILL and Cataloging must end by May 1, 2005. Databases galore are available from MLNC; new offers include Dictionary of National Biography from OUP and Philosophers Index on FirstSearch. Training by MLNC on Connexion is being offered in conjunction with MOBIUS MilCat training. E-books now include audio! Recorded books now available via netLibrary.

iii. MOREnet – Bill Giddings and Bill Mitchell. The MOREnet bid for tail circuit connections to all MOREnet customers is in and the evaluation is almost complete. MOREnet's External Performance Measure work with higher education institutions is nearing completion. The State Library is working with MOREnet to provide Remote Vulnerability Assessments (RVA) of selected public libraries participating in the REAL program. Online electronic resources are being rebid. The Missouri State Library administers funds for the purchase of online resources that are available to MOREnet customers. The general periodical, health and business online resources, currently EBSCOhost and the Business and Company Resource Center, are undergoing a mandatory bidding process. The current online resources listed at http://www.more.net/online/ including EBSCOhost, Gale Business and Company Resource Center and NewsBank (St. Louis Post-Dispatch and Kansas City Star) will continue to be available until June 30, 2005. The Governor's Budget proposes a 20% ($2.9M) cut to the MOREnet's core appropriation. Currently, MOREnet is working on an Impact Statement response to the proposal. MOREnet will be deliberate and focused as we work on this issue and will keep MOREnet customers informed along the way.

iv. Department of Higher Education – Victoria Wacek. Dr. Greg Fitch began as the new MDHE Commissioner on January 3, 2005. A copy of the briefing about MOBIUS submitted to Dr. Fitch was distributed at the meeting. As noted in George's note, MOBIUS was not targeted for a cut from its FY2005 appropriation unlike MOREnet which was targeted for a 20% cut. MDHE has interest in the discussion of the following items that relates to libraries. MDHE is involved in the review of academic programs, both new and existing programs. Because of this, MDHE is exploring ways to have involvement in the state's re-approval for teacher education programs (assigned to DESE by statute). There is an increasing interest by students from proprietary institutions to have their credit accepted by public institutions. In exploring the MDHE's role in these activities, questions have been raised about minimal standards that might be expected concerning access to adequate library resources. There is a tendency to assume adequate library resources if the institution has regional accreditation. MDHE intends to look at the standards used by

Higher Learning Commission as well as other accrediting agencies recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) specifically in reference to students' access to adequate libraries resources. MDHE staff would be interested in any advice MOBIUS members might have that would inform consideration of the types of indicators that should be used or minimally the types of questions that should be asked to help ensure that institutions and/or programs provide adequate access to sufficient library resources. Perhaps, a listserv could begin the conversations on this topic and invite comments from MOBIUS members.

VI. Committee reports:

i. MAAC – Elise Fisher. The committee met on Oct. 19th. Merlin is investigating interest from other clusters in asking III for an enhancement to change the request screen. At the request of Washington University the committee compiled a list of common INN-Reach processing mistakes; the intent of such a list is to keep the borrowing and lending processes running smoothly. The current loaned to borrowed ratio is 2.5:1. The INN-Reach load balancing table was changed. New Lending procedures were discussed including Pickup Anywhere. Delivery Issues discussed include the lack of reporting in August has required a new 2004 Black Bag Inventory date to be set for November 9th. Because of the lack of staffing and closings in August the committee decided to change the annual Black Bag Inventory to the 3rd Tuesday in May. A damaged items procedure has been drafted for the committee to discuss. Their next meeting is April 19th.

ii. MCDAC – Denise Pakala acting for Carol Bennett. The deduping project resulted in significantly reduced number of duplicate records in the INN-Reach catalog. An additional 912 MARC tag for the item records has been added. MCDAC requested that the MARC field 229 filing indicator be turned on for the MOBIUS Catalog, also requested was MARC field 856 subfield be suppressed in MOBIUS. There are still problems with the 856 display because there is no differentiation in the 856 field between freely available resources and resources available by subscription only. MCDAC has been, and still is, in favor of an enhancement to split these two types of electronic resources. MCDAC is considering submitting a couple of other enhancement requests for the INN-Reach catalog: 1) Automatically suppress the Request button when an item is not Requestable; 2) Give patrons the option to pre-limit a Web OPAC search to those available items. MARS Authority Control was sold by OCLC to Backstage Library Works. MCDAC discussed cataloging standards as they relate to the Cooperating Partners. MCO has no cataloging standards that the Cooperating Partners are required to agree to. We believe this is a significant oversight which needs to be addressed as more Cooperating Partners are being brought into MOBIUS. MCDAC is also concerned about the process of adding new libraries to existing clusters. Each time a new library is added to a cluster catalog, there is a great deal of cleanup

which creates a hardship on the original libraries. Their next meeting is March 4th.

iii. MCMAC – Liz McDonald & Bill Wibbing. MCMAC met Jan. 5th. Liz MacDonald and Bill Wibbing have agreed to 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 Service. As the trials conclude, we will be working with all trial participants to provide useful feedback to each vendor. The committee discussed its objectives for the upcoming year which are storage, serials cancellations and Statewide Collection Analysis. MCMAC discussed topics for possible inclusion at the User's Conference. The committee would like to arrange a joint meeting with MERAC to discuss areas that may be of mutual interest. Their next meeting is April 6th.

iv. MERAC – Mary Slater. MERAC met Oct. 13th. Meetings have been via videoconference, which has worked out well. The MAROON database was redesigned with the help of the MOBIUS programmers. MERAC conducted a Database Survey of the MOBIUS members regarding new selections for the Cafeteria Plan. Sage Full Text, receiving the most votes, will be the Database Cafeteria offer for FY06. The survey also contained a question on State Funding, Web of Science, Biosis and BioOne were selected in that order as databases for possible state funding in FY07. MERAC's final recommendation for state funding will be made this spring. Their next meeting is March 23rd.

v. MCAG – Judy Fox. MCAG met in July and September. The committee discussed the issue of table of contents enhancement. There was general agreement that adding TOC adds significant value to the catalog. MCAG recommended the purchase of the INN-Reach Agency Software. There is overwhelming support for this purchase among MOBIUS member libraries. MCAG decided that there was not enough interest in Output Vouchers to recommend its purchase. At the July meeting MCAG 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. We discussed our charge and we identified several possible projects. 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. They will meet on March 8th.

vi. Conference Planning Committee − Sheila Ouellette and Kyle Winward. The committee met Nov. 16th. The Annual Users' Conference will be held at the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake of the Ozarks. The theme for this year's conference will be ***Connecting: The Power of Collaboration***. Jerry Kline, Innovative Interfaces Inc., has agreed to be our keynote speaker. The committee has contacted the chairs of the Advisory committees for ideas on programs they would like to see presented and potential

presenters. The call for proposals will be sent out at the end of January. On Wednesday, June 7th we will be offering a Vendor Fair Day and on Friday, June 9th we will offer training workshops. The committee is in contact with MLNC, MOREnet, and MACRL in planning these workshops. Their next meeting will be on March 15th.

VII. Cluster reports: None Given

VIII. Statewide Collection Development − Julie Gammon. Julie discussed OhioLink's journey in Cooperative Collection Development.

IX. Other business – none.

X. Adjournment – Linda Bigelow adjourned the meeting at 2:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Lee