Report to MOBIUS Council from MCAG

MCAG last met in August 2005. At that time, Eileen Condon was elected as the new chair.

Recent MCAG projects include:

* Discussion and recommendation on the purchase of the III EDIFACT product. EDIFACT will be required to continue electronic ordering after January 2007. MCAG members polled their clusters and determined that libraries in about half of the clusters use electronic ordering. For this reason, MCAG sent a recommendation to the Executive Committee asking MOBIUS to purchase EDIFACT for the consortium. MOBIUS has decided to purchase EDIFACT in FY07, and will do so after the budget year begins on July 1, 2006.

* MCAG has discussed creating a survey of what software MOBIUS libraries are using, and at the last meeting created a subcommittee to work on the survey. Since then the MOBIUS training task force has discussed creating a survey which may have significant overlap with MCAG's proposed survey. MCAG is working with the training task force to determine whether two surveys are needed.

* MCAG has discussed the possibility of using the CLP to share articles within the consortium, and will compile information and discuss further at future meetings.

* In Spring 2005, MCAG piloted a project to help member libraries coordinate voting on IUG enhancements. Response was not strong, so we discussed ways to improve the process for the 2006 enhancements cycle.

The next MCAG meeting is scheduled for March 2006.

--Report submitted by Eileen Condon, MCAG Chair, 1/24/2006.