DRAFT – to be approved at meeting on June 6, 2006.

MOBIUS Council Meeting
January 27, 2006
Lenoir Community Center, Columbia, Missouri

The MOBIUS Council met January 27, 2006 at the Lenoir Community Center in Columbia, Missouri. Council representatives and proxies present were:

Representatives:

Julie Andresen	Hannibal-LaGrange College
Shirley Baker	Washington University
Linda Bigelow	Jefferson College
Joni Blake	Stephens College
Chris Burns	Mineral Area College
Janet Caruthers	Columbia College
Jim Cogswell	University of Missouri-Columbia
Richard Coughlin	Truman State University
Sarah Cron	Southeast Missouri State University
Valerie Darst	Moberly Area Community College
Stephanie DeClue	State Fair Community College
Cathye Dierberg	St. Louis Community College
Mollie Dinwiddie	Central Missouri State University
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	Missouri State University
Tesuk Im	Linn State Technical College
Gordon Johnston	Three Rivers Community College
Donald Keeney	William Jewell College
Rebecca Kiel	Cottey College
Jeanne Langdon	Rockhurst University
Mary Largent	Crowder College
Elizabeth MacDonald	Lindenwood University
Mike Madden	Ozarks Technical Community College
Sharon McCaslin	Fontbonne University
Wendy McGrane	Missouri Southern State University
Connie Migliazzo	Metropolitan Community Colleges
James Pakala	Covenant Theological Seminary

MJ Poehler	Kansas City Art Institute
Julia Schneider	Missouri Western State University
Andy Stewart	University of Missouri-Rolla
Stephen Stoan	Drury University
Stephanie Tolson	St. Charles Community College
Sharon Upchurch	Culver-Stockton College
Elizabeth Wilson	Lincoln University

Proxies:

Jim Cogswell	University of Missouri-St. Louis
Kathy Schlump	East Central College
Stephen Stoan	Southwest Baptist University

Others Present:

Tracy Byerly	Missouri Library Network Corporation
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
Terry Austin	Office of Library Systems
Kurt Kopp	Office of Library Systems
Patricia Williams	SLCC – Florissant Valley
Bonnie Sanguinet	SLCC – Meramec

I. Call to Order – Robert Frizzell called the meeting to order at 10:30AM.
II. Approval of Minutes – Linda Bigelow made a motion to approve the June 7, 2005 minutes as written. Karen Horny seconded. Motion passed.
III. Report from Executive Director – George Rickerson. MOBIUS and the CLP are healthy and growing. State subsidy prospects are dim. Although there is strong legislative support, Governor Blunt is still opposing. MOREnet funding appears to be stable. The governor has recommended continuing at current level for state funding. Thus far, the Operations area has installed new servers for the Arthur, Archway and Swan clusters and also the MOBIUS Union catalog. During FY07, plans are underway to replace servers for the Bridges, Galahad, Lance, MERLIN, Quest, Towers and WILO. This is mostly due to the server requirements for the implementation of Release 2006. However, the new servers will also require less storage space at Telecom resulting in a lowering of those costs. The Training area at MOBIUS has been very busy. Training attendance has more than doubled. CENTRA training is increasing in popularity. The search for a MOBIUS Executive Director is underway.

IV. FY2007 Budget – George Rickerson. The Council reviewed the FY07 Proposed Budget as approved by the Executive Committee. The purchase of the EDIFACT software and a reserves drawdown was included.

V. Treasurer's Report – Wendy McGrane. A report was not needed. There have not been any significant changes.

VI. Executive Director Search Committee – Robert Frizzell. A search committee has been formed. Shirley Baker is the chair. The Executive Committee met on January 13, 2006 to develop a job description. The search committee will review and discuss the preliminary details of the search. The committee is being assisted by the Human Resources staff of MOREnet.

VII. Reports:

i. Missouri State Library – Linda Harris reporting for Mark Reading. Legislation items included HB12 (Budget bill) that is to be heard in subcommittee in the House on 2/1 and by the Senate on 2/21. SB 917 was introduced. It would abolish all special funds in state government and transfer the funds to General Revenue. *Keeping Up* went online on December 28, 2006. The MoDOT/Research and Development Technology (RDT) library holdings collection will be brought to the Missouri State Library. Interviews are underway for the position of State Librarian. Administration hopes to make a decision soon.

ii. MOREnet – George Rickerson reported for Bill Mitchell. The prospect for MOREnet funding looks stable. The Next Generation Network project is well underway. Because contracts for circuits are up for renewal in FY07, MOREnet is investigating whether a fiber-based network is obtainable in the state. A request for proposals will be released soon. MOREnet is projecting to have enough information by mid to late spring to make a decision.

iii. Department of Higher Education – no report.

iv. MLNC – Tracy Byerly. The WorldCat Collection Analysis is going strong. MLNC is offering several workshops during spring 2006. At the MLNC annual meeting, the by-laws were changed affecting membership categories. MLNC will also elections for four vacancies on the Board this spring.

v. Training Task Force – Mark Wahrenbrock. The Long Range Planning process called for a training task force to review training issues and develop a plan of action for the future. Mark received responses from 21 volunteers to serve on the task force. A sub-committee of those respondents formed and met last October for a brain-storming session. Results from that meeting are available on the MCO website. The task force is now working on conducting a training survey at the request of the MGGM task force. An update will be presented to the Executive Committee at their scheduled March meeting.

vi. MGGM Task Force – Cathye Dierberg. The committee has had five meetings. Their first task was reviewing the MOBIUS governing documents. The documents are in need of updating. The task force conducted a survey of public libraries in Missouri to determine if there is an interest in resource sharing. Responses indicated that there are 14 libraries that are very interested and 38 that are somewhat interested.

VIII. Committee reports:

i. MAAC – Robert Frizzell & Elise Fisher. The committee met on September 26, 2005. An MCO listserv devoted to bag distribution and other circulation issues was proposed. MCO established the list. A proposal to rotate chair duties was unanimously approved. Under the proposal, the Arthur cluster will provide the chair for next year.

ii. MCDAC – Denise Pakala. The committee formed a 3-person subcommittee to discuss the issue of cataloging standards. A review of the MOBIUS agreements revealed no standards were addressed. The subcommittee submitted a document which was approved by MCDAC and is posted on the MCDAC page of the MOBIUS website. The committee is looking into having the State Library's Digital Archives project loaded not only into the Arthur catalog but added to the other clusters as well. A Holdings Task Force has also been set up by MCDAC to look at holdings display issues. The task force has identified categories of holdings display problems in the central catalog. The task force is continuing its work and will report back to MCDAC with recommendations.

iii. MCMAC – Liz MacDonald. The committee last met on November 10, 2005. Final edits to the RFP for the Statewide Smart Buying plan were made. After submission to UM's Procurement Office, additional changes were made to the pricing page. The final document was submitted January 10, 2006 with a required response from vendors by February 15, 2006. The committee will meet late February/early March to review. The committee also discussed the status of the Statewide Collection Analysis project. If the list of participants is reduced to academic and public libraries having holdings of over 100,000, the cost would be $54,000 for one year. A cooperative grant may be obtainable. MCMAC will pursue when grant announcements are made.

iv. MCAG – Eileen Condon. The committee discussed the following issues at its last meeting in August 2005: Discussion and recommendation on the purchase of the III EDIFACT product, creating a survey of what software MOBIUS libraries are using, the possibility of using the CLP to share articles within the consortium and ways to improve the coordination of voting on IUG enhancements. The next meeting is scheduled for March 2006.

v. MERAC – Kurt Kopp. MERAC offered to the Executive Committee a list of recommended databases to include in funding requests for FY07. The list was forwarded by the Executive Committee to Sara Parker for her consideration. MERAC surveyed its cluster members for recommendations of databases to be offered through the Database Cafeteria Plan. The top four resources to pursue are: PycARTICLES, Historical New York Times, Opposing Viewpoints and CINAHL. Beginning July 1, 2006, MOBIUS will outsource the database cafeteria work to the UM Office of Library Systems. As approved by the Executive Committee, all participants will pay an administrative fee per database. Since some participants were dissatisfied with the pricing model for the ABC-CLIO database, alternative pricing models are being reviewed by a subcommittee. The MERAC committee will review their recommendations and select a preferred

model to be sent to the Executive Committee for final approval at their March meeting.

vi. Conference Planning Report – Linda Vorce. The Seventh Annual MOBIUS Users conference is set for June 6-8, 2006. The Planning Committee has issued a call for proposals with a deadline of March 3rd. The committee has confirmed Susan Singleton as our guest speaker this year. Our host site is Tan-Tar-A Resort at Lake of the Ozarks. A block of free rooms will be available this year and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Vendor Fair Day will be held during the conference instead of the day prior in an effort to increase attendance. Vendors will have the opportunity to give presentations during scheduled times. The MCO training staff in conjunction with MOREnet, MACRL and MLNC will again offer training workshops the day after the conference.

IX. Cluster reports:

i. Archway – Stephanie Tolson. The cluster will have two millennium circulation training days in July. Table of Contents has been added to their cluster catalog.

ii. Arthur – Joni Blake.

iii. Bridges – Liz MacDonald and Jim Pakala. The cluster is redesigning its webpac. A new reverse suppression code was recently added. A recent 007 field clean-up for sound recordings was recently completed. Lindenwood is using OCLC's PromptCat service to much advantage in handling the rapid growth of their book collection.

iv. Galahad – no report.

v. Lance – no report.

vi. MERLIN – Jim Cogswell. Their cluster has two new directors: Sharon Bostick and Randy Diamond. The cluster met in St. Louis in October with the new directors.

vii. Quest – Mollie Dinwiddie. They have a new director, Stephanie DeClue. The cluster met recently and discussed loaning of videos within the cluster for staff. Although MCO is purchasing EDIFACT software, Quest had purchased it prior to that agreement. The EDIFACT software is working well for them.

viii. SWAN – Wendy McGrane. Their cluster is meeting but there are not any new developments at this time.

ix. Towers – Robert Frizzell. The cluster continues to circulate audio/visual items. It seems to be working well. Cataloguers are busy doing authority control and de-duping. Their last cluster meeting was earlier this month.

x. WashU – Shirley Baker. Efforts are underway to reorganize the access division. They have also hired a digital library director.

xi. WILO – no report.

X. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned without a motion at 1:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Vorce