Sharon Bostick - MOBIUS SECRETARY CANDIDATE STATEMENT

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I am the new Dean of University Libraries at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. I was formerly Director of Libraries at the University of Massachusetts Boston and held library positions at the University of Toledo, Wichita State University, and Oakland University (MI). I hold a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from Wayne State University, an AMLS from the University of Michigan, and a BA in English from Oakland University. I also worked as an independent consultant specializing in libraries and higher education. My research involves the study of information-seeking behavior and library anxiety.

MOBIUS is the backbone of our libraries' services and collections. I am very impressed with it, and would like to take an active part in helping it grow. I strongly believe that it is the duty of member libraries' leaders to be active participants in the governance of critical consortia such as MOBIUS.

I would bring to MOBIUS and the Executive Committee my extensive leadership experience in library consortia, including the Boston Library Consortium, the Fenway Library Consortium and the Massachusetts Conference of Chief Librarians for Public Higher Education Institutions (MCCLPHEI). I can bring a fresh perspective because I am new to Missouri. I am a strong supporter of library consortia and have given talks and written several articles on the rise of library consortia in the United States. I am eager to share my experience and participate in the work of MOBIUS.