MACPAC
MOBIUS Annual Conference Planning Advisory Committee
Report to the Executive Committee

January 18, 2007

MACPAC has been busy planning the 2008 conference. On October 15, 2007 the call for proposals and forums were sent out with a deadline for submission as December 19, 2007.

The committee met on January 11, 2008 in Columbia, MO.

Meeting highlights:

- Barbara Reading and Brandy Sanchez from the Missouri State Library were special guests. They spoke on several topics with the emphasis on the LSTA grant that helps fund the annual conference.

- 2008 conference program-

    - Tracks were created to ensure overall conference would appeal to a wide audience.

    - Submitted proposals and forums were reviewed. (31 proposals submitted - 21 selected); (7 forums submitted -7 selected)

    - Acceptance letters will be sent out on January 31, 2008. Letters of non-acceptance will follow later. We agreed to indicate that some might be asked to fill-in at a later date if there were cancellations or scheduling conflicts.

    - The conference schedule was created by filling the 40 available slots with accepted proposals and forums, vendor presentations, and MCO areas of interest.

    - The committee expressed its disappointment in how the keynote speaker selection process has been handled. It has been over three months since our recommendation for a speaker was submitted to MCO and the matter has not yet been resolved. At our meeting on January 11th Beth Fisher announced that someone from III would be the speaker. This was met with surprise and criticism. Committee members voiced their concern with having a III representative as the keynote speaker.

    - There are many details that we will continue to work on in the next several months such as publicity for the conference, the website, evaluation forms, share fair, and door prizes to name a few.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayla McHenry, Chair