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MOBIUS Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2007

Members Present: Julie Andresen, Shirley Baker, Janet Caruthers, Jim Cogswell, Richard Coughlin, Valerie Darst, Cathye Dierberg, Mollie Dinwiddie, Cynthia Dudenhoffer, Erlene Dudley, Kathleen Finegan, Robert Frizzell, Angela Gerling, Michaela Hansen, Carol Harper, Linda Harris, Karen Horny, Corrie Hutchinson, Gordon Johnston, Becky Kiel, Mary Largent, Michael Madden, Sharon McCaslin, Wendy McGrane, Eugenia McKee, Candice Baldwin, James Pakala, Loretta Ponzar, Pamela Reeder, Laura Rein, Kathy Schlump, Julia Schneider, Andy Stewart, Stephen Stoan, Hugh Stocks, Thomas Sullivan, Stephanie Tolson, Sharon Upchurch, Edward Walton.

Guests Present: Tracy Byerly, Eileen Condon, Margaret Conroy, Sarah Cron, Jeremy Kintzel, Caroline Oldfield, Melody Parry, Ann Riley, Jim Snider, Fran Stumpf, Paul Wagner, Mark Wahrenbrock, Tim Whisenant.

Proxy List

Sharon McCaslin for Lindenwood University
Jim Cogswell for UMSL and UMKC
Hugh Stocks for Rockhurst University
Candice Baldwin for K. C. Art Institute
Jim Pakala for Logan Chiropractic
Genie McKee for Missouri Baptist University
Julia Schneider for North Central Missouri College

I. The meeting was called to order by Julia Schneider at 10:10 AM. She welcomed members and guests. The agenda was approved with a motion by Karen Horny and a second by Hugh Stocks.

II. The Executive Committee was introduced along with Jeremy Kintzel and Margaret Conroy. New members were also introduced. Julia Schneider noted that Cathye Dierberg will be retiring at the end of the year and thanked her for her service. Cathye was one of the directors instrumental in the formation of the CLP.

III. The list of proxies was read. There was a call to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2007 meeting. Angela Gerling so moved and Stephen Stoan seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

IV. Paul Wagner, a Deputy Commissioner at the Department of Higher Education was introduced. "MOBIUS is the best example of libraries working together for a good cause." With this statement Paul talked about how this is a good time for MOBIUS to

submit a proposal for state funding. There is more revenue in the state this year and Higher Education is on the governor's "front burner". Paul also went over the legislative timeline.

V. Jim Snider, Assistant Vice President, Government Relations, University of Missouri, was introduced. He is the lobbyist for MOBIUS in the state legislature. Jim began by saying that "MOBIUS represents the best consortium in Missouri". MOBIUS represents cooperation across all sectors. Jim gave a short description of how the legislators come up with the figures for the budget. The MOBIUS request needs to be in the governor's recommendations. Due to term limits a lot of the legislators are not aware of MOBIUS or MOREnet. Jim suggested that the libraries invite their legislators to visit and show them how MOBIUS works and how it affects their constituents. A question was asked about the MOREnet appropriation. One has been submitted but Jim did not know the amount. A question was asked about the timing of MLA's Library Advocacy Day. Jim responded that the timing, February, is fine. Informal contacts can begin now.

VI. MOBIUS State of Missouri budget submission – Beth Fisher spoke to the wording of "social networking" in the Form 5 document. Discussion later in the meeting led to the formation of a committee to look at the "library" terminology in the document. Beth introduced Melody Parry and Caroline Oldfield from Outfront Communications who will be working with MOBIUS on communication issues. Beth said that there is a need to get into a cycle of regularly looking at submissions to the legislature. She will be meeting with Marianne Mills, Division of Budget and Planning, Office of Administration, State of Missouri, along with researchers from the Senate and House to facilitate this. Jim Snider suggested that MOBIUS tell the legislators the value that you are adding 'now' and then next year show them the goals that have been accomplished. There was a question on software implementation whether or not all costs were included. There was the suggestion that when making requests for new software that the ramifications on hardware and personnel at the member level be taken into account. A question was asked as to how to convey successful MOBIUS stories or anecdotes to the legislators. Jim Snider said that all legislators have interns and all interns are students. They could be advocates for MOBIUS. Linda Harris said that MOSL could help with informing the legislators as all are members of MOBIUS.

VII. Tim Whisenant who is the new MOBIUS representative from Innovative Interfaces was introduced. He gave a little background of himself and asked for questions. Tim will be making visits to the libraries in the state. The suggestion was made to have Tim visit during cluster meetings with directors present. This might cut down his travel to all 60+ MOBIUS libraries.

VIII. Eileen Condon from Webster University went over the results of the MOBIUS Coordinators Advisory Committee's survey on software that each library is using. This survey included all Innovative Interface's software products as well as third-party software.

IX. Discussion on legislative issues – Several committees were formed during the discussion of the legislative submission to the University. One committee consists of Jim Cogswell, Shirley Baker, and Becky Kiel that will look over the wording to the FY2009 Form 5 submission to remove the library jargon. Another committee was formed to work with Melody Parry of Outfront Communications to work on talking points for the legislature. That committee is made up of Sharon McCaslin, Wendy McGrane, and Mollie Dinwiddie. A third committee was created to go over ideas to submit for the FY2010 budgeting cycle. That committee is made up of Hugh Stocks, Richard Coughlin, and Erlene Dudley. The FY2010 submission is due in March 2008.

For the FY2009 Budget request, there was discussion on whether to develop an RFP or RFI to vendors for a search overlay product. It was decided to go with an RFI and to form another committee to work on the RFI. Directors have been charged to submit qualified names to Julia Schneider by Wednesday, September 12th. One member of MCAG will serve on the committee.

There was also a lot of discussion on the implementation of the Agency software. Beth gave a short history of the Agency acquisition which began in 2004. She gave an overview of the Agency conversion process, concerns of the advisory committees, problems with Pick Up Anywhere and the 856 MARC field. There is need for discussion on how to implement new software in the future.

X. Executive Directors Report – Beth went over the FY08 budget. Electronic Resource billing will be sent out in the next two weeks. September 15 through October 15 is the opportunity to adjust Innovative licenses.

Beth gave the dates for the FY09 budget.
November 9 – Executive Committee Meeting (FY2009 proposed budget and estimated assessment impact)
December 31 – Estimated FY2009 Assessment Fees sent to MOBIUS Institutions.

Melody Parry from Outfront Communications has been contracted to work on three projects for MOBIUS. This work is scheduled to begin immediately and will include an identity redesign, assistance with the MOBIUS website redesign, and general marketing/public relations projects such as newsletters, press releases and an annual report.

There was discussion on MOBIUS' 10th anniversary which will occur next year.

XI. Cluster reports –

Arthur – Has instituted spell check
Bridges – They are having a retirement party for Marty Knorr who was director of the library at Harris Stowe State University.
Quest – Turned on WebPac Pro
SWAN – Turned on WebPac Pro ; Forest Institute of Professional Psychology has become the 10th institution in the SWAN cluster.

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Wash U – Turned on WebPac Pro

XII. Advisory Committee Reports

MAAC – no report
MACPAC – no report
MCAG – no report
MCDAC – no report
MCMAC – conducted a survey of MOBIUS members on YBP use. The results will be posted on the website.
MERAC – no report

XIII. Other –

The Admission of Full Consortium Member policy vote was 43-1 in favor of accepting
The next Executive Committee meeting will be November 9, 2007
The next Council meeting will be February 1, 2008 at the Peachtree Banquet Center

XIV. Valerie Darst moved to adjourn which was seconded by Janet Caruthers.

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