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This year our focus was the Agency issue. We discussed this topic in our first meeting in August and in online discussions several times in the year as per Mobius requests for our assessment during those timeframes. We had serious extensive discussions in our group of the pros and cons looking at how it behaved (or didn't behave) in the Mobius catalog. All members were requested to discuss the issues with their cluster members to get a feeling as to how others (in their cluster) felt so that we kept an open mind regarding the topic and needs of all Mobius members. We looked at the options of the 856 "behaviors" and the reasons and needs of how it was used and how the agency coding changes would impact it. We looked at problems of the multiple item creation as it related to the Mobius server. Agency made too many problems to qualify suggesting that it would be an improvement over what we had. Our final assessment was to suggest that it would be detrimental to the purpose of the Mobius catalog. It would not be an enhancement. It is still not designed for a consortium setting such as ours.

No other topics have been presented to our committee and its members outside of the Agency issue. I am very pleased to say that when the questions and issues were asked of us to evaluate, our committee took immediate action in the discussions and evaluations, bringing their members viewpoints and helping their own cluster members to understand the impacts. Our listserv was very busy during those times. Mobius was extremely helpful in answering our questions and concerns as well as talking with III as needed.

We had one official meeting in August where we met online. The listserv was used the rest of the year considering the level of distance between each of us. I feel MCAG did its job as it was asked concerning the topic of Agency software.

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