The MLNC and MOBIUS Executive Officers met on January 7, 2009, and took the following actions:

1) Decided on the make-up of the committee that will include the following: MLNC Board Officers and two additional board members, MOBIUS Executive Committee officers, co-chairs Annie Busch and Shirley Baker, and the State Librarian in an ex officio/non-voting capacity. The two Executive Directors will serve as resource personnel for the task force. Names and positions of those serving are Shirley Baker, Washington University, co-chair; Annie Busch, retired Director of Springfield- Greene County Library System; Laura Rein, Webster University; Waller McGuire, St. Louis Public Library; Sharon McCaslin, Fontbonne University; Genie McKee, Maryville University; Mollie Dinwiddie, University of Central Missouri; Erlene Dudley, William Woods University; Julia Schneider, Missouri Western State University; Valerie Darst, Moberly Community College; Janet Caruthers, Columbia College; Bill Rodgers, Missouri River Regional Library; Karen Hicklin, Trails Regional Library; and Margaret Conroy, Missouri State Library.

2) Reviewed and discussed a draft mission statement for the task force's work. Agreed in general on the components of the draft that was to be refined by Janet Caruthers and sent to the co-chairs for distribution to the task force.

3) Brainstormed and discussed a mission statement for the merged organization agreeing upon some basic principles that will be incorporated into a draft for further review.

4) Determined a process for moving forward to select a consultant, putting together a Request for Proposals to go to the individuals recommended by each ED.

5) Reviewed financial information provided by each organization and determined that differences in how the information was reported should be standardized in order to get a very clear picture of each organization.

6) Discussed and agreed upon a process of communication that designates the current Chair/President of each organization as liaison to the respective Executive Directors. The two co-chairs of the Merger Task Force will provide ongoing information updates for the membership of each organization that will be distributed by each Executive Director.

7) Established a general meeting schedule of twice monthly meetings, some virtual, some face to face with the next face to face meeting on Feb. 17. Other meeting dates are being established.

The MLNC/MOBIUS Feasibility Task Force met via conference call on January 20, 2009, to finalize the draft RFP for consultants. Changes were made and plans for submission to potential consultants discussed. Further discussion on how to proceed with the RFP and the work of the Task Force will occur in a meeting in Columbia on February 17th.

Shirley Baker and Annie Busch, co-chairs February 2, 2009