Minutes

September 11, 1998

MOBIUS Council

The MOBIUS Council met Friday, September 11, 1998 at the MOREnet headquarters in Columbia, MO. Present were:

Rita Gulstad Central Methodist College

Dr. Pal Rao Central Missouri State University

Carolyn Jones Columbia College

Barbara Schade Crowder College

Sharon K. Upchurch Culver-Stockton College

Stephen K. Stoan Drury College

Kathy Schlump (Proxy) East Central College

David Imler Fontbonne College

Martin Knorr Harris-Stowe State College

Linda Bigelow Jefferson College

Jean Sidwell (Proxy) Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine

Elizabeth Wilson Lincoln University

Tesuk Im Linn State Technical College

Dr. Eugenia McKee Maryville University of St. Louis

Scarlett Swall Metropolitan Community College

Charles Kemp Missouri Southern College

Julia Schneider Missouri Western State College

Valerie Darst Moberly Area Community College

Dr. Patricia Van Dyke Northwest Missouri State University (ITV)

Carol Curtis Ozark Technical Community College

Joan Clarke St. Charles County Community College

Cathye Dierberg St. Louis Community College

Frances Benham St. Louis University

Arja Crampton State Fair Community College

Sarah M. Cron Southeast Missouri State University

Betty Van Blair Southwest Baptist University

Karen Horny Southwest Missouri State University

Gordon Johnston Three Rivers Community College

Richard J. Coughlin Truman State University

Dr. Martha Alexander University of Missouri-Columbia

Sandy Snell University of Missouri-St. Louis

Shirley K. Baker Washington University

Laura Rein Webster University/Eden Theological Seminary

Lorna Mitchell Westminster College

John Young William Jewell College

Erlene Rickerson William Woods University

Eldon Wallace CBHE

George Rickerson UM System

Bill Mitchell MOREnet

Sara Parker Missouri State Library

Marcia Stockham Columbia College Observer

Pam Reeder Missouri Valley College Observer

Jeanne Langdon Rockhurst College Observer

Stephanie D. Tolson St. Louis Community College Observer

Erlene Rickerson, Chair, opened the meeting asking for any additions to the agenda. There were none. Erlene announced that there were two official changes of representatives from two institutions: David Imler, Fontbonne College and Tesuk Im, Linn State Technical College.

The MOBIUS Council minutes of July 24, 1998 were presented. A correction on page 4, paragraph 4, 3rd sentence was made, changing the word by to be. Dr. Rao moved that the minutes be accepted as corrected. Liz Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MOBIUS Council meeting protocols were explained. Only official representatives from member institutions can make motions and vote. Table tents have been prepared for the official representatives to help with identification of official members and also to be used when voting.

Erlene gave an update on the Functionality List produced at the July 24, 1998 Council meeting. The Executive Committee discussed the list at its last meeting. The list will be a working document, utilized in the host site and software selection process. "Electronic Reserves" was added to the list by the Executive Committee.

Eldon Wallace and Cathye Dierberg reported on responses to the Host Site letters of interest from three institutions: Central Missouri State University, Truman State University, and University of Missouri System Office. The Executive Committee accepted these three responses at its August 31, 1998 meeting. A Task Force was appointed by Chair, Erlene Rickerson at the Executive Committee meeting, that included: Cathye Dierberg, Eldon Wallace, Paul Buchanan, Julia Schneider, Stephen Stoan and Joe Ford. The Task Force charge is as follows: a. Formulate questions for and information needed from candidates; b. Receive responses; c. Interview candidates; d. Evaluate oral and written responses/materials of candidates; and e. Submit summary and recommendation to the Executive Committee. Eldon Wallace distributed a copy of the letter, dated September 9, 1998, sent to the three host site candidates that contained a description of MOBIUS Host Site Key Issues. Each candidate is requested to provide the information described in the Key Issues document by September 25, 1998 along with other information requested in the letter. Cathye Dierberg described the timeline and process of host site selection that will be followed. The Task Force is to have a summary report of its findings along with a recommendation for the host site location to the Executive Committee by October 12, 1998. The Executive Committee will then forward the summary information and its recommendation for host site location to the Council by October 19. On October 19, either an electronic vote by Council or a meeting of Council will be conducted to finalize the selection of the host site location. The Executive Committee's recommendation and summary of the information will be on the MOBIUS Listserv five to seven days in advance of October 19.

Joan Clarke presented a review of the procurement process for the CLP software mentioning the four options previously studied by the Executive Committee and Joyce Murphy from the state Office of Purchasing: RFP process; Sole Source process; Existing Contract purchasing process; and Host Site purchasing process. After studying the various options the Executive Committee focused their attention on the last two options, purchasing off of an existing contract and Host Site purchasing, citing the following reasons: the Executive Committee is attempting to maximize on investments libraries have already made; over 60% of the statewide academic library holdings are already in an existing contract package; the necessity for a timely evaluation and selection process; the state funding cycle with the State

Legislature; ease of the conversion process using a familiar software package; and the existing contract package meets functionality requirements of the MOBIUS CLP project. Eldon Wallace reminded the Council that the choice of software is a separate issue from the host site selection. Joan concluded her presentation with the following recommendation from the Executive Committee: "The Executive Committee recommends that Innovative Interface Inc. be the preferred software provider for the common library platform program".

Lengthy discussion followed concerning the Executive Committee's recommendation. Shirley Baker, Elizabeth Wilson, Tesuk Im and other III users spoke about the lengthy evaluation process their institutions went through in choosing III and about the functionality of the system meeting MOBIUS requirements. Other issues raised during the discussion included: building upon work already done; the issues of economy and timeliness being the driving force behind the selection of the CLP software; is III technically and functionally the best software at this particular time; how will III help our clients; why is the Executive Committee recommending a "hybrid" system rather than a "client-server" system; complex technology versus client satisfaction; the need to have access to over 60% of the state's academic library collection being vital to the success of the CLP; year 2000 issues for many libraries pushes the timeliness of the CLP project; the political necessity of moving rapidly to secure the CLP software; other vendor capabilities to supply "online patron borrowing"; concern about the "process" of the investigation for CLP software; the corporate viability of Innovative Interface, Inc.; vendor dynamics importance and keeping options open until the final selection of the CLP software; and the importance of "partnering" with a vendor. After Erlene Rickerson, Chair, summarized the discussion Carolyn Jones moved that the Council accept the Executive Committee's recommendation that Innovative Interface Inc. be the preferred software package for the CLP program. Martin Knorr seconded the motion. The vote was conducted using the table tents to identify "official" representatives and the results were 27 yes votes; 0 no votes; 6 abstentions.

After a short break the election of Executive Committee members was conducted. It was decided by consensus that the terms of office for this first election only would be: one year terms run October 1, 1998 – June 30, 1999 and two year terms run October 1, 1998 – June 30, 2000. Length of terms for members-at-large will be decided by a toss of coin so that the terms would be staggered. The representatives from public two and four year institutions would be staggered and the two independent institution representatives terms would be staggered. Betty Van Blair, Chair of the Nominating Committee presented the proposed slate of officers and members-at-large with the explanation that the Nominating Committee looked at the issues of continuity, geographic representation, representatives by types of institutions, and need for new members on the Executive Committee. The slate as presented by Dr. Van Blair follows:

Chair Cathye Dierberg St. Louis Community College

Past Chair Erlene Rickerson William Woods University

Chair-elect Shirley Baker Washington University

Secretary Valerie Darst Moberly Area Community College

Treasurer Julia Schneider Missouri Western State College

Members-at-large

Public Two-year Joan Clarke St. Charles County Community

College

Public Four-year Martha Alexander University of Missouri-Columbia

Independent Steve Stoan Drury College

Independent John Young William Jewell College

Ballots were distributed by the Nominating Committee and nominations from the floor were called for. Charles Kemp moved that nominations cease. Martin Knorr seconded the motion. Charles Kemp moved that the slate be approved by acclamation. Martin Knorr seconded the motion. Motion carrried. After the coin tosses the following terms of office were decided:

Martha Alexander 1 year term

Joan Clarke 2 year term

John Young 1 year term

Steve Stoan 2 year term

Erlene Rickerson, Chair thanked the Nominating Committee for their work.

Dates for future meetings were discussed. October 19 is the reserved date for the Council to either meet or to conduct an electronic vote for the selection of the Host Site institution.

A report on the MOBIUS presentation to the Chief Academic Officers of four year, public institutions was given by Erlene Rickerson, Martha Alexander and George Rickerson. One concern voiced by each of the presenters was that the chief academic officers questioned the need for maintaining local acquisitions budget if they supported the statewide CLP project. Librarians need to make clear to administrators at their local campus that local acquisitions budgets must be maintained as well as continued support for the statewide system. The chief academic officers were also interested in additional electronic full-text resources being incorporated with the CLP project.

Martha Alexander shared information about two recently published articles on scholarly research and intellectual property rights. Anyone interested in the articles can contact Martha Alexander for the bibliographic citation.

Carol Curtis pointed out that the Governor's Conference on Education, held in December, might be a good opportunity to share information about MOBIUS.

Date, time, and place of the next meeting will be announced on the MOBIUS Council Listserv since the MOREnet meeting room is not available on the November 9th date .

A list of MOBIUS official representatives will be posted on the MOBIUS web-page.

A Table Talk discussion group on MOBIUS will be conducted at the MLA meeting in Kansas City.

The Bylaws working document will be posted on the web-page.

Martin Knorr moved that the meeting adjourn. Carolyn Jones seconded. Motion carried.

Valerie Darst, Secretary