Item 3

Minutes
MOBIUS Council
February 26, 1999

The MOBIUS Council met Friday, February 26, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. at MOREnet in Columbia, Mo. Cathye Dierberg, Chair, called the meeting to order. Present were:

Kathleen Finegan	Avila
Rita Gulstad	Central Methodist College
Pal Rao	Central Missouri State University
Carolyn M. Jones	Columbia College
Per Almquist (Proxy)	Covenant Theological
Barbara Schade	Crowder College
Sharon Upchurch	Culver-Stockton College
Steve Stoan	Drury College
Kathy Schlemp	East Central College
David Imler	Fontbonne College
Julie A. Dothager	Hannibal-LaGrange College
Martin Knorr	Harris-Stowe State College
Linda Bigelow	Jefferson College
Andrew Sopko	Kenrick-Glennon Seminary
Larry Onsager	Kirksville College of Osteo. Med.
Elizabeth Wilson	Lincoln University
David R. Williams	Lindenwood University
Tesuk Im	Linn State Technical College
Rosemary E. Buhr	Logan College of Chir. Medicine
Eugenia McKee	Maryville University of St. Louis
Scarlett Swall	Metropolitan Community Colleges
Chris Burns	Mineral Area Community College
Nitsa Hindeleh	Missouri Baptist College
Charles H. Kemp	Missouri Southern State College
Julia Schneider	Missouri Western State College
Valerie Darst	Moberly Area Community College
Robert Shields	North Central Missouri College
Patricia Van Dyke	Northwest Missouri State College
Carol Curtis	Ozark Technical Comm. College
Joan Clarke	St. Charles County Comm. College
Cathye Dierberg	St. Louis Community College
Frances Benham	St. Louis University
Jackie Hinshaw	Stephens College
Arja Crampton	State Fair Community College
Sarah L. Cron	Southeast Missouri State University
Betty Van Blair	Southwest Baptist University
Karen Horny	Southwest Missouri State University
Gordon Johnson	Three Rivers Community College

Richard J. Coughlin	Truman State University
Martha Alexander	University of Missouri—Columbia
Jean Eisenman	University of Missouri—Rolla
Sandy Snell	University of Missouri—St. Louis
Shirley K. Baker	Washington University
Laura Rein	Webster University/Eden Theo. Sem.
John Young	William Jewell College
Eldon Wallace	CBHE
Barbara Reading	Missouri State Library

Observers:

Susan Singleton	MNLC
Stephanie Tolson	St. Louis Community College
Ann C. Riley	St. Louis Community College
Jean Rose	Logan
Robin Kespohl	MOBIUS
Mark Wahrenbrock	MOBIUS
Carol Warrington	St. Louis Community College

The agenda was adopted with an item 2A added for approval of the Council Minutes of November 24, 1998.

The minutes of the November 24, 1998 were reviewed. Martin Knorr moved that the minutes be approved as presented. Carolyn Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

George Rickerson introduced two MOBIUS staff members, Robin Kespohl and Mark Wahrenbrock.

Eldon Wallace presented a legislative update on activities concerning MOBIUS. The FY 2000 MOBIUS appropriation request of $3.4 million is moving through both the House and Senate budget committees with few questions or discussion. The re-appropriation of the FY 1999 will be sought in the Legislature. For a full list of members of the House and Senate Budget Committee members check out the Missouri State Government web page.

Eldon Wallace and Barbara Reading each gave information on the status of the $1 million request for additional electronic databases through the Missouri State Library budget. This funding request is in jeopardy at this point in time. Both urged librarians to contact their presidents and legislative members to urge consideration of this request that would help all library patrons in Missouri. The additional $1 million request is part of the Governor's Executive Budget request of $1.76 million for electronic databases, found on page 12-11, item 43 on the request.

Steve Stoan presented an historical review of the development of the MOBIUS Union Catalog within both the MIRACL and MPALA organizations. The remaining cost of $258,016 for the MIRACL union catalog will be picked up by MOBIUS since the

MIRACL libraries agreed to turn over that system to MOBIUS to be the MOBI US union catalog.

Cathye Dierberg reviewed the Duties of the Executive Director document (Attachment A to the agenda). This document has been reviewed and approved by the Host Site Selection Task Force, the MOBIUS Executive Committee and UM's Vice Chancellor for Information Technology. It will be appended to the Host Site Agreement.

Cathye Dierberg presented the process for selecting a Nominating Committee for Executive Committee members. Erlene Rickerson, as past Chair, will head this Committee. Council members interested in participating should contact Cathye or Erlene.

Joan Clarke reviewed the work of the Delivery System Task Force that has Robin Kespohl, Sara Parker, Charles Kemp, Eldon Wallace, and Joan as members. The goal of the Task Force is to have a delivery system in place as soon as possible so that libraries can participate in the delivery system even before they become active on the common library platform system. Joan reviewed various delivery system options being considered as well as already existing contracts that might be open to MOBIUS.

Julia Schneider, Chair of the Budget Policy Task Force reviewed the work of her committee and the membership of that committee which includes George Rickerson, Eldon Wallace, Joan Clarke, John Young, and Julia. The Task Force is working on a budgetary process, policies, and timeline for activities that must be coordinated with the budgeting process of CBHE and the State Legislature.

They MOBIUS Bylaws was presented by Valerie Darst. The Bylaws Committee is composed of Rita Gulstad, Frances Benham, Elizabeth Wilson, and Valerie. Following discussion on the Bylaws, Martin Knorr moved that the Bylaws be accepted as presented. David Imler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

George Rickerson reviewed the revised list of cluster assignments for the CLP project. A copy of this list is attached to the minutes. The clusters have been approved by the MOBIUS Executive Committee through an electronic vote held February 22-24, 1999. The St. Louis region presented the biggest challenge for the cluster assignments but the staff of libraries affected worked together for an acceptable arrangement. George thanked all the people involved in working out this compromise. Martin Knorr moved that the cluster arrangements be approved as presented in the revised list. Rita Gulstad seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Service Policy Agreement between the MOBIUS Consortium Office and Members of the MOBIUS Consortium was reviewed by George Rickerson. The Executive Committee has not approved this document. Input from the full Council was desired before the document was approved. A list of holidays was distributed for clarification. Two modifications were suggested: In section 6.10 the phrase "signatories to the agreement" should be substituted for the phrase "MOBIUS Executive Committee and the MOBIUS Consortium Office". In section 5.7 the phrase "and places" should be added to

the end of the last sentence of the section. A suggestion was also made to consider the hours of the Help Desk being 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. instead of 8:00 – 5:00. Other items discussed were the signatures required on the document, the need for a mediation process, and the impact of the proposed delivery system on the document. David Imler moved that the Executive Committee, taking all comments and suggestions by the Council into account, finalize and approve the agreement. Carolyn Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

After a short lunch break, the Council meeting resumed. Dates for the next Council meeting were discussed with April 30 being selected as the primary date and May 21 as the backup date.

George Rickerson gave a Consortium Office update that included:

The MOBIUS web site has been updated and will be linked to the MOBIUS Union Catalog;

The MOREnet Conference will be held March 18-19, 1999 with participation by the MOBIUS office staff and MOBIUS officers in the conference programming;

It is projected that MOBIUS offices will be renovated and ready for occupation in mid March;

A schedule for cluster site visits was distributed along with a proposed agenda for the meetings;

A revised proposal is being prepared by Innovative Interfaces, Inc. (III) to cover the final cluster arrangement and other changes that arose from the original proposal. When received it will be reviewed and evaluated by George Rickerson, Ralph Caruso, and Joe Ford;

George distributed a handout that describes the optimum desktop machine for the CLP software and explained some of the issues described in the handout. He also responded to a question about the use of dumb terminals and why these are not good options; and

George hopes to have a proposed implementation plan for the CLP project by the March 12 meeting of the MOBIUS Executive Committee. The plan will include elements of implementation and cluster order for initial implementation locations.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Darst
MOBIUS Secretary