MOBIUS

Treasurer's Report
May 21, 1999

During its first year of existence, the MOBIUS Consortium received a state appropriation of $3.4 million. That same amount has been requested for the coming year, with the third year completing the original $10.2 million allocation for the MOBIUS project. Eldon Wallace is the CBHE representative to MOBIUS and the working link to state appropriations and the General Assembly. A Budget Policy Taskforce was appointed by the MOBIUS Chair to work with the Executive Director in developing budget guidelines and a timetable. Members of the Taskforce are: Julia Schneider, (who as Treasurer is Chair), Joan Clarke, John Young, Eldon Wallace, and George Rickerson.

The Taskforce has reviewed a prototype of the budget, but without "real" figures for many of the line items, there is much additional work to be done. As libraries are implemented and system fees are paid, we will have a clearer sense of what the budget will look like.

Guidelines agreed upon by the Taskforce include:

---- General flow of budget information will be from the Executive Director to the Treasurer and CBHE representative (Eldon) to the Executive Committee then to the full Council.

---- The proposed budget needs to be submitted to the Treasurer by the Executive Director by the late March or April timeframe for final approval in late May or June for the next fiscal year.

---- The MOBIUS Consortium Office will prepare quarterly budget reports that will follow the information flow outlines above.

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