MOBIUS Council Meeting
April 16th, 2003
Peachtree Banquet Center

The MOBIUS Council met April 16th, 2003 at the Peachtree Banquet Center in Columbia. Council representatives and/or proxies present were:

Representatives:

Kathleen Finegan	Avila University
Rita Gulstad	Central Methodist College
Pal Rao	Central Missouri State University
Janet Caruthers	Columbia College
Sarah Wiggins	Cottey College
James Pakala	Covenant Theological Seminary
Mary Largent	Crowder College
Sharon Kay Upchurch	Culver-Stockton College
Stephen Stoan	Drury University
Jennifer Dodillet	East Central College
John Gresham	Fontbonne University
Linda Bigelow	Jefferson College
Jean Sidwell	Kirksville College of Osteopathic Med
Liz McDonald	Lindenwood University
Tesuk Im	Linn State Technical College
Rosemary Buhr	Logan College of Chiropractic
Genie McKee	Maryville University
Linda Crabtree	Metropolitan Community Colleges
Chris Burns	Mineral Area College
Nitsa Hindeleh	Missouri Baptist University
Wendy McGrane	Missouri Southern State College
Linda Harris	Missouri State Library
Pam Reeder	Missouri Valley College
Valerie Darst	Moberly Area Community College
Julia Schneider	North Western State College
Robert Frizell	Northwest Missouri State University
Michael Madden	Ozarks Technical College
Ed Walton	Southwest Baptist University
Stephanie Tolson	St. Charles Community College
Arja Crampton	State Fair Community College
Joni Blake	Stephens College
Gordon Johnston	Three Rivers Community College
Jim Cogswell	University of Missouri – Columbia
Andy Stewart	University of Missouri – Rolla
Amy Arnott	University of Missouri – St. Louis
Laura Rein	Webster U./Eden Theol. University
Angela Gerling	Westminster College
Erlene Dudley	William Woods University

Proxies:

Sharon Upchurch	Hannibal-LaGrange College
Inas Al-Sayad	Lincoln University
Kathleen Finegan	Rockhurst University
Julia Schneider	Southeast Missouri State University
Lynn Cline	Southwest Missouri State University
Linda Bigelow	St. Louis Community College

Pat Teter	Truman State University
Judy Fox	Washington University

Others present:

Joy Dodson	CDC – Central Methodist College
Nancy Devino	Department of Higher Education
Loretta Ponzar	Jefferson College
Tracy Byerly	Missouri Library Network Corporation
Sara Parker	Missouri State Library
Gary L. Harris	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Robin Kespohl	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Mark Wahrenbrock	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Axie Hindman	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Terry Austin	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Pat Seavey	MOBIUS Consortium Office
George Rickerson	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Linda Vorce	MOBIUS Consortium Office

I. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 1:05pm by Laura Rein.

II. Adoption of Agenda – An adjustment to the agenda was needed. Under Section VII. Other reports, Gary Harris would be reporting for the Cooperative Collection Development Task Force instead of Genie McKee. Linda Bigelow made a motion to adopt the change to the agenda. Julie Schneider seconded. Motion passed.

III. Approval of Sept 16, 2002 minutes. Changes were made to the minutes. Rita Gulstad made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Valerie Darst seconded. Minutes approved.

IV. Report from Executive Director - George Rickerson

A. Budget information. MOBIUS currently has a low projected ending balance allowing for very little flexibility in the budget. The difference of spending vs. approved budget is in part a grant from the Missouri State Library for the Towers cluster implementation. The FY04 budget cannot be finalized until the state budget is approved. The FY04 salary expense will most likely decrease due to a budgeted increase of salary that will probably not occur. At current, MOBIUS is not subject to any cuts under current proposals. However, a 15% cut would result in 1% increase to MOBIUS members.

B. III Update. Innovative Interfaces' competitive position has improved significantly over FY01. Revenues, comparatively speaking are very strong. Phase Two of Release 2002 just released. Phase Three may be implemented in the fall.

C. New members update. Inquiries have declined a lot. Graceland University was denied membership. Our newest member is Ranken Technical Institute. St. Louis College of Pharmacy is currently being implemented along with St. Paul School of Theology.

V. Reports

A. Department of Higher Education – Nancy Devino. The DHE is doing their best to stay on top of the budget issues and concerns. They are advocates for both MOBIUS and MOREnet. One reason is a reduction to MOREnet would affect MOBIUS. Some institutions are working on their FY05 appropriations requests. The DHE continues to face the challenges of higher education. Part of this process is the development of the Governor's Commission on the Future of Higher Education, now in the membership development stage. The Commission is charged with examining higher education's economic impact on the state.

B. Missouri State Library – Sara Parker. Missouri has a Secretary of State Council to advise on use of funds. George Rickerson was appointed to the Council. House Bill 637 is being pursued. HB637 makes several changes to the laws governing the theft or destruction of government documents. It specifically addresses library material including

penalties, defacement of material, and mutilation. The staff of the Missouri State Library has compiled a report on the effectiveness and impact of the use of LSTA funding in Missouri. The complete report is available on their website. There are several grant opportunities available through the use of LSTA funds. The Show Me Steps to Career Development program provides financial assistance to library staff for continuing education and training opportunities when local funds cannot finance the entire cost. One of the newest grant programs is the Training and Professional Development Grant Program.

C. MLNC – Tracy Byerly. Susan Lewis unable to attend. OCLC is working on a new catalog interface called Connection with a deadline is December 31st. Gateway Export is not compatible. Reference products news: Project Muse negotiations netted a 40% discount; 4 Ejournal packages are available; Lexis-Nexis had kept their prices the same as last year and Access Science also had no increase. The Show Me the World project was featured in last month's OCLC newsletter with pictures of libraries.

D. MOREnet – George Rickerson. Bill Mitchell unable to attend. A handout was available. Topics included a Legislative update: MOREnet was not recommended by Senate Appropriations Committee staff to take any cuts for FY04; E-conference Systems: These are interactive web-based communication tools integrating video, audio and chat into a single web-based interface; Network Utility: MOREnet continues to work to ensure the network is adequate, reliable and secure for all their customers.

VI. Advisory Committee Reports

A. Access Advisory Committee – Sharon Upchurch. A handout was available. Council reviewed the MAAC Report dated April 16, 2003. Council members had no questions.

B. Electronic Resources – Lynn Cline. The Cafeteria database program is at the end of its second successful year. Information for renewals has been sent to MOBIUS representatives for FY04. Subscriptions renew in Sept. ABC-CLIO requires no action by members for renewal, however cancellation must be received by May 15th. Should the price increase be greater than 5%, members will be contacted and given the option to reconsider. MERAC has formed two subcommittees. Carol Antoniewicz chairs Open URL and Mary Slater chairs Digital Reference. From the work and subsequent reports of these two subcommittees, the MERAC committee made two recommendations to the Executive Committee. Recommendation #1: The MERAC Report be made available to membership at large through the website. Recommendation #2: Charge a task force to gauge interest in digital reference service and learn how others are dealing with grant funding. The Executive Committee approved both recommendations. The report is available on the MCO website under Governance.

C. Catalog Design – Joy Dodson. All original members have had their Table of Contents Enrichment records sent off and enhanced. A list of authority records from all 10 cluster catalogs has been gleaned and de-duped. It will be loaded into the INN-Reach catalog. The Clickable Location Codes project is finished. A note will be inserted into each government document record available via the web stating “freely available online.” The note is being added by Marcive for those libraries using that service. Catalogers have been instructed how to code records they add themselves. An ad-hoc committee has been appointed with reference representatives to update the MOBIUS web page. They will work with Hardy Pottinger of the MCO. Phase 2 upgrade completed. SSL encryption has been loaded. The MOBIUS catalog now reads, “Not Requestable” instead of “Unavailable”.

D. Coordinators – Les Lyman. Pal Rao distributed a report. Les Lyman was unable to attend. The Council reviewed the report with no questions. The MCAG is next scheduled to meet on Wednesday, May 7, 2003.

VII. Other Reports

A. Cooperative Collection Development – Gary Harris. Since its last meeting in October and release of the Preliminary Report dated March 2003, the committee has began to develop phase two. They are looking at key indicators and SCAT tables for analysis

of the collection; respecting existing cooperative agreements; and contacting other consortia about their funding and structure. The committee recommends a survey of collections be undertaken. The committee is next scheduled to meet on May 5, 2003. Their final report is due in August to the Executive Committee.

B. MOBIUS Conference Planning Committee – Jim Pakala. Registration should open April 17, 2003. Phyllis O'Connor is the guest speaker. Conference presenters include 26 members representing 11 institutions plus MOBIUS staff. Three poster sessions are new this year and will be added to the Glenwood Room activities. The Missouri State Library has provided official documentation stating they will provide funding for this year's conference.

C. Public Libraries Task Force – Steve Stoan.

i. Vote on Springfield-Greene County Library as Cooperating Partner. The task force recommends the relationship with Springfield-Green County Library function basically the same as the relationship with Washington University. Minutes from their meeting on February 13, 2003 were distributed. It was noted that the task force recommended the Visiting Patron option not be activated--only patrons with a SGCL card will be able to borrow. It was determined this relationship would not require a change to the Memorandum of Understanding since SGCL will not be a formal voting member. SGCL will pay an annual fee to MOBIUS that will be determined with the same method as Washington University. A discussion followed regarding concerns--how records will be loaded into the Union catalog, annual renewal stipulations, advantages, disadvantages, how/if this relationship will affect state funding, should all new partners be approved on an individual basis by the Council and is there a withdrawal clause in the contract. No state appropriation funds will be used to assist a Cooperating Partner relationship. A motion to accept Springfield-Greene County Library as a Cooperating Partner was made by Valerie Darst. Seconded by Ed Walton. Motion passed with 40 members approving. Zero members opposed. Two members abstained.

ii. Cooperating Partners Guidelines. The following amendments are to be added to the document: each Cooperating Partner will be subject to an annual review; each Cooperating Partner must be approved by the Council on an individual basis; and the contractual agreement must have a withdrawal clause. A motion to approve the MOBIUS Cooperating Partners Guidelines with the above stated amendments and tasks the Executive Committee to review the bylaws to reflect Cooperating Partners was made by Rita Gulstad. Seconded by Valerie Darst. Motion passed with 43 members approving. Zero members opposed. One member abstained.

D. Nominating Committee – Valerie Darst. The. Nominating committee consists of Jim Pakala, Elizabeth McDonald and Valerie Darst. A vote to approve the new representatives is scheduled to occur at the Annual Council meeting to be held June 3, 2003. Representatives are: Jim Pakala, 4 Year Private-at-Large; Jim Cogswell, 4 Year Public-at-Large; Linda Bigelow, 2 Year Public-at Large and Robert Frizzell, Treasurer

VIII. Cluster reports.

Archway – Linda Bigelow reported for Cathye Dierberg who could not be present. SLCOP has been a wonderful addition to their cluster. Cathy feels their database is in good shape. They meet every other month with very active sub committees.
Arthur – Erlene Dudley stated the cluster had nothing to report.
Bridges – John Gresham will be stepping down as director of Fontbonne University.
Galahad – Nothing to report.
Lance – Valerie Darst reported that all advisory committee members are in place.
Merlin – Nothing to report.
Quest – The cluster meets frequently. They have added NetLibrary to their records.
Swan – Cottey College has come on board. The cluster meets regularly and is currently revamping catalog pages.

Towers – Julia Schneider reported they are still in cleanup mode and heavy into authority work.

Washington University – Doing renovations.

Wilo – The cluster just implemented three new members.

IX. Other business. None

X. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn by Stephanie Tolson. Seconded by Nitsa Hindeleh. Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.