The MOBIUS Executive Committee held its meeting on Friday, January 5th, from 10 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. in the MOREnet building in Columbia.

An Executive Session was added to the agenda.

Approval of the minutes of the November 17th meeting was deferred until corrections are made.

Executive Director's Report
The MOBIUS Consortium Office (MCO)will begin inquiries this month about when clusters wish to turn on WebPacPro. MCO hopes to receive a grant for Agency software and should have a decision soon; an information session at the January Council meeting will cover issues involved in implementation. Washington University and University Missouri Columbia libraries have inquired about the possibility of having MOBIUS be a member of the Center for Research Libraries (CRL) and having CRL records in the MOBIUS catalog. MCO will explore fees and requirements. CRL requests five years of acquisitions budgets from MOBIUS libraries in order to quote a fee. CRL has many unique collections that have experienced greater use in the last few years due to increased cataloging; CRL is interested in increasing digitization of collections with the goal of desktop delivery. A ten member Task Force on the Financial Plan with Beth Fisher as chair was approved. A nine member Task Force on the Website with M.J. Poehler as chair was approved. A question on the membership status of Ranken Technical College arose as a result of its purchase of a new library system; Beth Fisher will contact and discuss the issue with the College's library director. Beth Fisher will visit seven libraries in the Kansas City area next week.

FY 07 Budget
MCO is caught up on review of all invoices and the University of Missouri will pay the $9,000 cost for this work. $900,000+ Innovative Interfaces, Inc. (III) invoice has been received. One thousand bags to be shipped to MOBIUS from vendor on January 19th. A request for proposal for 2,000 new high quality bags is being developed. Development on a request for proposal for authority records processing will begin this month. Beth Fisher and staff will begin work with III on a new maintenance contract, current arrangement is year-to-year renewal.

FY 08 Budget
Beth Fisher distributed a detailed FY 08 budget proposal and reviewed all operating income and expenses. She also reviewed costs/expenses for delivery stops. The Committee briefly discussed the appropriate level of budget reserves that MOBIUS may need. Before approving the FY 08 budget, the Executive Committee went into Executive Session from 11:55 to 12:15 to discuss personnel related issues. The Executive Committee approved a budget of $2,640,000 for FY 08.

Presentation by Joni Blake
Joni Blake, Library Director at Stephens College, made a presentation and led a discussion on the findings from her dissertation research on MOBIUS. Her dissertation is entitled, "An Examination of Enterprise Resource Planning Adoption at a Missouri Academic Library Consortium". The presentation, among other things, prompted an interest in re-examining the library profiles that were established when libraries joined MOBIUS. Joni will make this presentation again at the January 26th Council meeting.

Reports

- MOREnet – Executive Director Bill Mitchell reported progress on the Next Generation Network (NGN) project. Consultants from California have been advising on the project and both the MOREnet Council and the University of Missouri have approved the project plan. If implemented, the NGN plan will do a lot to control costs over a 20-year period. It is expected that the NGN will be financed 40% by the University of Missouri and the remainder by MOREnet, pending MOREnet funding from the General Assembly. MOREnet is coordinating responses to SB 121. Deadline dates are out for CALEA requirements and Bill referred institutions to the EDUCASE website for information.
- Department of Higher Education – Jeremy Kintzel, Research Associate at the department, will represent the department and new Commissioner, Dr. Robert Stein, on the MOBIUS Executive Committee. Mr. Kintzel reported that higher education issues such as MOHELA, budgets, and consolidation of need-based financial aid programs are areas of importance at this time, as well as working on other higher education issues that may come before the General Assembly.

- Missouri State Library – State Librarian Margaret Conroy reported that the State Library has filled some of its vacant position. The Secretary of State has sent a budget request of $600,000 to the Governor's Office for funding of a digitization center in the Secretary's Office. About 10-12 town hall meetings will be held throughout the state for strategic planning for the State Library and to gather input on future uses of LSTA funds. MLA Legislative Day is February 6th in Jefferson City.
- MLNC – Executive Director Tracy Byerly reported that Virtually Missouri is migrating to CONTENTdm and that libraries in Missouri can receive client software and training on CONTENTdm through the State Library. NetLibrary is offering a collection of professional library books for $150 for five years of access. Tracy reviewed selected information and statistics from the OCLC annual report and noted that OCLC's non-U.S. revenue has increased from 4% to 22% of revenue over the previous year. The next event in the MLNC Speaker Series will be in April.

Discussion of Task Forces, Committees and Discussion Groups
Financial Plan and Website task forces have been approved. The Executive Committee approved the formation of two discussion groups, one for Training moderated by Mark Wahrenbrock, and another for IUG discussions moderated by Edward Walton (Beth Fisher will contact him). The Executive Committee still needs to take action on forming a MOBIUS Legislative Committee.

Advisory Committee Reports
Committee chairs did not attend the meeting but submitted written reports which are summarized below. Committee reports will be included with the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting.

- MOBIUS Access Advisory Committee – Along with MCAG, MAAC is gathering data on interest in lending AV items in INN-Reach. A bags subcommittee has been formed to write a request for proposal. Now that Millennium Release 2006 has been installed, MAAC is reviewing policies and procedures.
- MOBIUS Annual Conference Planning Advisory Committee – Now that MACPAC is an advisory committee it is soliciting members from clusters not currently represented. The conference's name is changed from MOBIUS Users Conference to MOBIUS Annual Conference. The conference will be held June 5-7, 2007 at Tan-Tar-A Resort. The opening reception and keynote speaker will be on the evening of June 5th. Responses to call for papers were reviewed at MACPAC's January 11th meeting. Keynote speaker will be Susan Nutter of North Carolina State University. Conference theme will be: "MOBIUS 2.0: Designing Our Future". The conference will be open to non-MOBIUS members for a registration fee of $125. MACPAC has plans to expand the 2008 conference to two days and will present this plan at the January 26th MOBIUS Council meeting.
- MOBIUS Catalog Design Advisory Committee – At its July meeting MCDAC reviewed and made changes to its website, discussed changes in the Library of Congress' policies on authority control and elected Stephen Wynn chair. At its November meeting, discussed adding a limit by location to the central catalog, a feature which has since been activated; also discussed increasing the number of language limits in the central catalog and is currently investigating which languages should be added. MCDAC is creating a subcommittee, expected to convene in January, to write a request for proposal for authority control processing.
- MOBIUS Collection Management Advisory Committee – MCMAC met on November 17th. YBP introductory/training sessions are being held. MCMAC is planning sessions on the cooperative collection development and WorldCat Collection Analysis projects for the MOBIUS Annual Conference. Liz MacDonald reported that the first phase of the WorldCat Collection Analysis project is complete and that written reports and data are available on the MCMAC website. The next phase of the project will analyze collections by region.
- MOBIUS Coordinators Advisory Group – MCAG has not met since the last Executive Committee meeting but is working with MAAC on gathering information on the prospect of loaning non-print returnables.
- MOBIUS Electronic Resources Advisory Committee – MERC had nothing new to report at this time, its next meeting is in February.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Report submitted by Richard Coughlin, Chair of the MOBIUS Executive Committee, January 24, 2007.