# Minutes of the MOBIUS Electronic Resources Committee Meeting

January 11, 2022, 10:00AM CST, Online/Zoom

**Members Present**

* Bryan Carson, Chair, Missouri Valley College
* Rhonda Whithaus, Vice-Chair, University of Missouri – Columbia
* Brandy Brady, Northwest Missouri State University
* Theresa Flett, St. Charles Community College Library
* Christina Virden, MOBIUS Organizer, MOBIUS

**Members Absent**

* Eric Deatherage, Board Representative, Crowder College
* Megan Phifer-Davis, St. Louis County Library
* Ellen Cline, Missouri University of Science and Technology
* Donna Bacon, Ex-Officio, MOBIUS

1. Call to order and introductions – The meeting was called to order at 10:05am.
2. Adoption of the agenda – The agenda was adopted without changes. Rhonda moved. Theresa seconded and none were opposed.
3. Approval of minutes – The minutes were approved without changes. Rhonda moved. Theresa seconded and none were opposed.
4. Information Updates

* MOBIUS update – Christina provided an update on activities at the MOBIUS office. A new e-resources newsletter is being developed with the first issue planned for early February. She is in discussion with Swank on an offering that could potentially include ILL rights for feature film. A Spring offer is being planned with Films on Demand along with platform training and other Spring offerings are being investigated.

1. Unfinished Business

* SCOSS – Christina informed the committee that the proposal to fund Sherpa Romeo though the SCOSS scheme was accepted by the board and that she is working with the MOBIUS Office Manager and SCOSS to make the donation. Once the donation is made a formal announcement of it and the committees work on this initiative can be announced.
* Develop plan for completing a resource to help members stay updated on platform issues and outages. - Rhonda shared a spreadsheet that she has put together for tracking this information. Some suggestions were made for highlighting each vendors preferred method for sharing information and making the sheet clearer. It was also suggested that a form be created to help keep this information up to date.

1. New Business

* Discussion of Board proposal that we consider a formal request for annual funding amount for similar projects to the SCOSS project. What kinds of criteria should we use to decide whether to support an open access initiative? – There was much discussion of the board’s request and time was spent barnstorming appropriate criteria. Christina will summarize and share in a Google Doc to help get the writing process for the proposal started.

1. Should MOBIUS support the MIT Press Open Access Initiative? From Inside Higher Education <<https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2021/12/14/mit-press-plans-release-much-spring-slate-open-access>> - There was much discussion of the initiative and the best way to go about exploring this. It was decided that there is not enough information now to make any kind of recommendation to the Board and that more investigation was needed. Christina will contact MIT press to gather more info on how they work with consortia, costs, and use that to determine member interest.

Adjourn Meeting – The meeting was adjourned close to 11:00am