The MOBIUS Council met Friday, March 15, 2002 at the Lenoir Community Center in Columbia. Council representatives and/or proxies present were:

Kathleen Finegan
Avila College

Rita Gulstad
Central Methodist College

Janet Caruthers
Columbia College

James Pakala
Covenant Theological Seminary

Barbara Schade
Crowder College

Sharon Upchurch
Culver-Stockton College

Steve Stoan
Drury University

Jennifer Dodillet
East Central College

John Gresham
Fontbonne University

Julie Andresen
Hannibal-LaGrange College

Jean Sidwell
Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine

Genie McKee
Maryville University

Craig Kubic
Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

Linda Harris
Missouri State Library

Pamela Reeder
Missouri Valley College

Valerie Darst
Moberly Area Community College

Julia Schneider
Missouri Western State College

Robert Frizzell
Northwest Missouri State University

Jeanne Langdon
Rockhurst University

Frances Benham
Saint Louis University

Carol Warrington
St. Louis Community College-Forrest Park

Stephanie Tolson
St. Louis Community College-Florissant Valley

Karen Horny
Southwest Missouri State University

Sarah Cron
Southeast Missouri State University

Edward Walton
Southwest Baptist University

Cathye Dierberg
St. Louis Community College

Arja Crampton
State Fair Community College

Joni Blake
Stephens College

Gordon Johnston
Three Rivers Community College

Richard Coughlin
Truman State University

Martha Alexander
University of Missouri-Columbia

Ted Sheldon
University of Missouri-Kansas City

Jean Eisenman
University of Missouri-Rolla

Amy Arnott
University of Missouri-St. Louis

Shirley Baker
Washington University

Laura Rein
Webster/Eden University

Erlene Dudley
William Woods University
Call to order, Secretary Position and Proxy Announcements
Valerie Darst, Chair, called the meeting to order shortly after 10 a.m. at the Lenoir Community Center. Pal Rao has agreed to fill the remaining term of the Secretary position. Valerie announced the proxies.

Approval of the Minutes
Jean Eisenman moved and Karen Horny seconded approval of the minutes of the September 21, 2001 Council meeting. Motion passed.

REPORTS AND UPDATES:

Report from MOREnet, Bill Mitchell
Bill reported on the status and concerns of proprietary institutions receiving MOREnet services. The handout describes a set of eligibility guidelines developed and recommended by CTI for participation in MOREnet. The HELIX conference is set for April 24th and 25th. MOREnet is also working to implement strategies to prioritize state traffic when the system is congested. Efforts are ongoing. The governor has recommended at flat appropriation for FY03. Although this will result in budget cuts, Bill assured it would not affect the services they provide.
Annual Conference Planning Report, Jim Pakala
The Third Annual Users conference will be held at the Ramada Inn in Jefferson City on Thursday, June 6th. Nancy Nathanson, ORBIS, was not able to commit to being our plenary speaker due to scheduling conflicts. George Machovec has agreed to be the plenary speaker. In view of several comments from last year’s evaluations, the committee has decided to have hour-long sessions. This will allow for a more in-depth presentation and discussion session. In addition to presentations, the committee has issued a call for round tables and poster sessions. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19th at Maryville University to discuss the proposals received thus far.

Report from CBHE, Nancy Devino
Although budget issues are of concern, things are progressing. There is growth in the system. A Report on Mathematics in Missouri by the Missouri K-16 Coalition is available for review on the CBHE website under Academic Affairs. CBHE’s efforts to increase Math & Science partnerships to improve education in these subjects in the Missouri school system are also progressing.

Report from Missouri State Library, Sara Parker
Rather than issuing yet another boring annual report, the State Library decided on a new format this year. Their annual report is in the format of a calendar. Sara encouraged all to assist in supporting House Bill 12. It consists of two parts—Part I is Public Library Connectivity and Part II is Electronic Licenses. LSTA is now LMSA, which is federal money. Sara strongly suggested not using federal money for electronic licenses. It would inhibit future attempts to obtain state funding for this purpose. The State Library is compiling its next five-year plan for 2003-2008 and asked for the Council’s input via a handout indicating individual library needs and goals.

Committee Reports
A. MERAC – Valerie read the recommendation of the Executive Committee to the MOBIUS Council for the ABC-CLIO databases. The recommendation was presented by the committee and approved by the Executive Committee at their February 2002 meeting. Lynn Cline provided a brief history of committee efforts and current issues of this consortium purchase. After a brief discussion, Council approved the recommendation of the Executive Committee.
B. Catalog Design – no report
C. Access Advisory – no report
D. Linda Hall Library – Ted Sheldon reported that a planning meeting was held at the Linda Hall Library of Science and Technology on February 7, 2002. The purpose of the meeting was to explore options and methods to establish a strong partnership between LHL and MOBIUS. Several issues arose which are outlined on the handout. Those present at the meeting agreed that further discussions would be necessary.
Report from Executive Director, George Rickerson
The legislative process is proceeding although no decisions have been made yet. House Bill 3 is due to be discussed on Monday, March 18, 2002. Appropriations for MOBIUS will now be through the University of Missouri instead of CBHE under the heading of Other Related Programs. This has strategic benefits, however, it advances the date decisions have to be made for the FY04 budget. Consequently, the Council was asked for their approval of the Electronic Resources to put forth to the legislature. Sarah Cron moved that the FY04 appropriations request for electronic license funding be the same as the FY03 request. Karen Horny seconded. Motion passed. George reported on the governor’s recommendations for FY03 funding and the FY04 budget projections. Due to a lack of funding, MOBIUS will not be able to implement additional new members in FY03 as planned. New members may elect to pay for their implementations costs individually. If they choose this option, MOBIUS is prepared to proceed with their implementation. MOBIUS is continuing to seek state funds to assist with these implementations. The Pickup Anywhere Enhancement module is ready for beta testing of phase one. This will begin with the participation of six OhioLINK local sites. Phase two of the development will be to support MOBIUS. Several MOBIUS members have experienced a change in their Directors. The Winter 2002 issue of NewsLink is due to be mailed the week of March 18th. MOBIUS conducted a management retreat at Lenoir Community Center on March 7th and 8th. Kathleen Finegan did a terrific presentation for MOBIUS at the Third Annual Academic Library Retreat.

U.S.A. Patriot Act, Steve Stoan
Steve gave a brief history explaining the need for privacy, confidentiality and the need to only obtain as much information about a patron as necessary. With the implementation of the electronic library systems in the 70’s, circulation records became temporary. A brief discussion followed regarding adoption of policies and procedures to limit both the amount and retention of this type of data within our system. It was decided Council members would discuss this within their clusters. Suggested guidance and direction for local libraries developed by the American Library Association was made available.

Nominating Committee
Sarah Cron, chair of the nominating committee (other members: Gordon Johnston, Shirley Baker) reported the following slate for FY2003 MOBIUS officers: Steve Stoan, president-elect; Pal Rao, secretary; Genie McKee, independent at-large; Linda Bigelow, two-year public at-large.

Other Business
None

Annual MOBIUS Council Meeting
The next Council meeting will be held on June 5, 2002 prior to the Annual Users conference. The place has yet to be determined.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Vorce.