

## **MOBIUS Council Minutes**

Ramada Inn  
Jefferson City, MO  
September 16, 2002

The MOBIUS Council met Monday, September 16, 2002 at the Ramada Inn in Jefferson City. Council representatives and/or proxies present were:

Pal Rao	Central Missouri State University
Jean L. Sidwell	Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine
Mike Madden	Ozarks Technical Community College
Fran Stumpf	St. Charles Community College
Jill Nissen	St. Louis College of Pharmacy
Frances Benham	Saint Louis University
Liz Wilson	Lincoln University
Lorna Mitchell	Westminster College
Julie Andresen	Hannibal-LaGrange College
Shirley Baker	Washington University
Stephen Stoen	Drury University
Valerie Darst	Moberly Area Community College
Genie McKee	Maryville University
Jennifer Dodillet	East Central College
Jim Cogswell	University of Missouri - Columbia
Ed Walton	Southwest Baptist University
Kathleen Finegan	Avila University
John Young	William Jewell College
John Gresham	Fontbonne University
Sharon Kay Upchurch	Culver-Stockton College
Ann Sampson	North Central Missouri College
Robert Frizzell	Northwest Missouri State University
Linda Harris	Missouri State Library
Scarlett Swall	Metropolitan Community Colleges
Jeanne Langdon	Rockhurst University
Ann Riley	St. Louis Community College - Meramec
Stephanie Tolson	St. Louis Community College - Florissant Valley
Cathye Dierberg	St. Louis Community College
Wendy McGrane	Missouri Southern State College
Karen Horny	Southwest Missouri State University
Andy Stewart	University of Missouri - Rolla
Linda Bigelow	Jefferson College
Joni Blake	Stephens College
Janet Caruthers	Columbia College
Arja Crampton	State Fair Community College
Chris Burns	Mineral Area College
Amy Arnott	University of Missouri - St. Louis
Sarah Wiggins	Cottey College

Mary Largent	Crowder College
James Pakala	Covenant Theological Seminary
Tesuk Im	Linn State Technical College
Rosemary Buhr	Logan College of Chiropractic

Proxies:

Tom Shultz	William Woods University
David Glick	Southeast Missouri State University

Others Present:

Susan Singleton	Missouri Library Network Corporation
MJ Poehler	Kansas City Art Institute
Nancy Devino	Coordinating Board of Higher Education
Bill Mitchell	MOREnet
George Rickerson	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Linda Vorce	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Robin Kespohl	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Gary L. Harris	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Patricia Seavey	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Axie Hindman	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Mark Wahrenbrock	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Mary Ann Mercante	Maryville University (MCDAC representative)
Linda Crabtree	Metropolitan Community Colleges - Guest

- I. Meeting called to order at 1:00pm by Laura Rein.
- II. Adoption of agenda - no additions. Motion to accept agenda by Linda Bigelow. Seconded by Valerie Darst. Motion passed.
- III. Report from Executive Committee Chair - Laura Rein requested a brief introduction of each member including his or her name and institution. Laura welcomed the new directors attending their first council meeting.
- IV. Report from Executive Director - George Rickerson
  - A. Implementation Update - Exciting to reach the milestone of the completion of the Common Library Platform project. Implementation activities still continue for new members. New member institutions include Cottey College, St. Louis College of Pharmacy, Rockhurst University, Kansas City Art Institute, MO State Library and St. Paul School of Theology. These new members should be implemented between now and next July. Note: Robin Kespohl and Axie Hindman are retiring effective December 31, 2002. They will continue on a part-time basis.
  - B. SLRLC Proposal - Handout describes proposal. The Executive Committee recommends the Council approve the collaboration stating that the SLRLC would bring unique collections to the MOBIUS Consortium. The MOBIUS Consortium Office would provide services

based on a fee that is equal to the amount assessed the smallest MOBIUS member institution for Common Library Platform services. The SLRLC would not be a member of MOBIUS. They are implementing an Innovative Interfaces, Inc. server. John Gresham made a motion with amended wording in last paragraph in regards to pickup/delivery stops. Seconded by Genie McKee. Motion passed.

- C. Budget Information - Handout. Budget is tight. There will be no room for additions in our current fiscal year. Blackwell Book Services' table of contents service has been discontinued for this fiscal year. Services will not be re-assumed until additional funds are available. The MOBIUS Consortium Office currently has one open position that will allow a small amount of flexibility within the budget. A motion to approve the FY03 budget as presented by the Executive Director was made by Pal Rao. Seconded by Shirley Baker. Motion passed.
- D. Innovative Update - George Rickerson accompanied by Laura Rein and Steve Stoen will travel to Emeryville, California to meet with representatives of Innovative Interfaces, Inc. possibly in early December.
- E. New members update. New members were recognized earlier in the Report from the Executive Committee Chair.

#### V. Committee Reports

- A. Lynn Cline reported that MERAC (MOBIUS Electronic Resources Advisory Committee) met on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July. New members are just as active. ABC-CLIO database is complete with 50 members participating. The Cafeteria plan databases have been implemented. There are 18 using Education Full Text and 10 using Applied Science Full Text. At their last meeting, the committee discussed additional databases for next fiscal year with almost 40 responses from members received. The vendor direct program has been implemented. Discussions of grants available continue. The committee is also exploring the Digital Reference idea.
- B. Access Advisory report by Sharon Upchurch. A handout was available. No questions or discussion.
- C. Mary Ann Mercante reported for the Catalog Design Committee. The committee is working to develop an online problem reporting form. The form, generated electronically, would be sent to the appropriate cluster. Project two involves location codes. It is difficult to decipher which code belongs to each institution. The authority record control project is on hold. Also temporarily suspended is the adding to URL for government documents (subscription vs. resource).
- D. Coordinators -- Chair is Les Lyman from CMSU. Robin reported the committee met and discussed the URL checker and LDR updating service.

- E. Linda Hall – George Rickerson provided a brief history. Linda Hall is a private reference library in Kansas City. The collection of hard sciences is well known worldwide. Ted Sheldon, University of Missouri-Kansas City, was approached by the director of Linda Hall to develop a collaboration. Linda Hall wants to allow MOBIUS Consortium members to borrow from their collection. They are not interested in borrowing from us. They proposed a \$9.50 per transaction cost that we found a little expensive. Discussions debated if we should load their records into our union catalog. However, with their records loaded into our system we would have no control over amount of usage. We countered with a flat rate. Their current counter is to lower their per transaction cost. A fee of \$10,000 upfront for 1,250 transactions (\$8 each). A motion was made by John Gresham to defer to the MERAC committee for further discussions. Seconded by Karen Horny. Motion passed.
  - F. Conference Planning Committee – Jim Pakala reported. The Roundtables are a new idea this year. The committee is hopeful they will be well attended and useful. As assigned by the Executive Committee, the ad-hoc committee will have their first meeting today. The ad-hoc committee has been charged with developing continuity and written guidance for next year's conference planning committee. The ad-hoc committee members are Past Chair, Steve Stoen; Current Chair, Jim Pakala; future Co-chairs Sue Gold and Mary Ann Mercante; and Ex-Officio, Linda Vorce. The committee will develop an outline of all the various tasks, timelines for completion, and who is responsible.
- VI. Cooperative Collection Development Task Force received ten volunteers. A handout with their charge, assigned by the Executive Committee, and members was available. The task force is to address management issues and to present to the Executive Committee a report in February, 2003. With feedback from Executive Committee and the MOBIUS Council, the task force will develop a plan by Aug 03.
- VII. Cluster reports
- A. Cathy Dierberg reported for Archway - East Central College was awarded a grant for databases and cataloging. Authority work is ongoing to improve their catalog. Efforts continue on a duplicate record project.
  - B. Genie McKee reported for Bridges - Covenant Theological Seminary has set up listserves. They have initiated a serials committee and are exploring a new program for serials exchange.
  - C. Kathleen Finegan reported for Wilo - Avila is now Avila University. The Metropolitan Community Colleges now have a 5<sup>th</sup> campus, the Business and Technology College.

- D. Wendy McGrane and Karen Horny reported for SWAN – Southeast Missouri State University and the Forest Institute of Professional Psychology in Springfield have signed an agreement for collaborated doctoral degree.
- VIII. Report from MLNC - Susan Singleton. Susan reported on two OCLC things. 1) Passport software access for cataloging is going away. It is changing to a web interface called Connexion. 2) OCLC Interlibrary loan enhancement--an incoming request for a journal article will automatically bring up the lender's serial holding record. MLNC has new electronic resources on their website. This fall, MLNC is putting together its own Netlibrary collection. Virtually Missouri, a Missouri digitization project, has grown tremendously. MLNC will host its annual corporate meeting on October 2, 2002.
- IX. Report from Missouri State Library given by Linda Harris. The Missouri State Library is currently in the preparation of budget documents.
- X. Report from CBHE - Nancy Devino. The Interim Commissioner will be named within the next few days. In Other events...budget is foremost. Meeting on October 10<sup>th</sup>. At or below last year's core for budget recommendations. K-16 work going on in the state. Report on achievement gap elimination. Mo learners network. Distance learning opportunities. Expanded to include K-12.
- XI. Report from MOREnet - Core appropriations has been UM related for 5 years. It has to be spent on the items identified on the forms. There are 1100 sites connected through their network. The number of sites and the usage by these sites continues to grow approximately 70% every academic year. MOREnet upgraded the network this year. An 18% withholding from core for FY02 resulted in a net of 12.3 million—a loss of 2.4 million. For FY03, core cut lost 16%. The total operating budget comes 59% from state and 41% from members and other sources. MOREnet has reduced costs by not filling ten vacancies. For FY03 an additional ten vacancies will not be filled. They have re-negotiated service contract agreements resulting in 1.4 million in savings. They have also been able to increase bandwidth without additional cost. Barring any other budget reductions, MOREnet will not have to send any additional invoices to institutions this fiscal year. These are strategies they are using to balance their budget without decreasing services provided.
- XII. Other Business
- A. MOBIUS Interlibrary Loan Lending Policy by Jim Cogswell – University of Missouri-Columbia wants to be a full cooperative member of MOBIUS. However, as the largest lender, they want to open discussion about lending fees to other MOBIUS members. We must begin to address the problem and balance the requests. A brief discussion followed regarding the problem with non-returnables. The

Access Advisory Committee will review and report back to Council with recommendations.

- B. The current MOBIUS committees are referred to as “groups” in the MOBIUS Bylaws and by “committee” in other forums. A motion was made to change “group” to “committee” by Genie McKee. Valerie Darst seconded. Motion passed.
- C. Approval of minutes – A motion was made by Shirley Baker to approve the minutes of the last Council meeting. Seconded by Scarlett Swall. Motion passed.

XIII. Meeting adjournment – Motion by Shirley Baker to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Valerie Darst. Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.