

MOBIUS Council Meeting
 February 6, 2009, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 Peachtree Banquet Center, Columbia, MO
 Minutes

Members Present:

Julie Andersen	Hannibal-LaGrange College
Shirley Baker	Washington University
Candice Baldwin	Metropolitan Community Colleges - Longview
Chris Burns	Mineral Area Community College
James Cogswell	University of Missouri - Columbia
Richard Coughlin	Truman State University
Valerie Darst	Moberly Area Community College
Mollie Dinwiddie	University of Central Missouri
Cynthia Dudenhoffer	Central Methodist University
Erlene Dudley	William Woods University
Kathleen Finegan	Avila University
Robert Frizzell	Northwest Missouri State University
Angela Gerling	Westminster College
Nan Hadley	Forest Institute of Professional Psychology
Michaela Hansen	Linn State Technical College
Laurie Hathman	Rockhurst University
Karen Horny	Missouri State University , Meyer Library
Corrie Hutchinson	Stephens College
Gordon Johnston	Three Rivers Community College
Craig Kubic	Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Mary Largent	Crowder College
Sharon McCaslin	Fontbonne University
Wendy McGrane	Missouri Southern State University
Eugenia McKee	Maryville University of St. Louis
Susan Morrisroe	Missouri State Library
Sheila Ouellette	St. Louis Community College
James Pakala	Covenant Theological Seminary
M.J. Poehler	Kansas City Art Institute
Loretta Ponzar	Jefferson College
Pamela Reeder	Missouri Valley College
Laura Rein	Webster University/Eden Theological Seminary
Marilyn Rodgers	University of Missouri - St. Louis
William Rogers	Missouri River Regional Library
Kathy Schlump	East Central College
Julia Schneider	Missouri Western State University
Joel Shedlofsky	Logan College of Chiropractic
Andy Stewart	Missouri University of Science & Technology
Stephen Stoan	Drury University
Hugh Stocks	William Jewell College

Thomas Sullivan	Conception Abbey and Seminary College
Stephanie Tolson	St. Charles Community College
Sharon Upchurch	Culver-Stockton College
Edward Walton	Southwest Baptist University
Elizabeth Wilson	Lincoln University

Proxies Present:

James Cogswell (Sharon Bostick-University of Missouri – Kansas City)	University of Missouri - Columbia
Courtney Mlinar (Becky Kiel)	Cottey College
Paul Huffman (Liz MacDonald)	Lindenwood
Stephanie Tolson (Jill Nissen - St. Louis College of Pharmacy)	St. Charles Community College
James Pakala (Andrew Sopko)	Kenrick-Glennon Seminary
Patrick McCarthy (Gail Staines)	St. Louis University

Guests Present:

Donna Bacon	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Maegan Bragg	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Tracy Byerly	MLNC
Eileen Condon	Webster University/Eden Theological Seminary
Beth Fisher	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Tony Garrett	University of Missouri – St. Louis
Christopher Gould	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Justin Hopkins	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Gloria Maxwell	Metropolitan Community Colleges - Penn Valley
Ann Riley	University of Missouri
Rusty Tryon	Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

- I. The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Mollie Dinwiddie.
- II. Introduction of proxies and guests - Mollie mentioned the above list of proxies and guests. Marilyn Rodgers was introduced as the new interim co-director at the University of Missouri – St. Louis replacing the former director, Amy Arnott. Mollie expressed her regrets at Amy's passing. Regina Cooper from Springfield-Greene County Library was introduced as the new director replacing Annie Busch.
- III. Adoption of the agenda - Andy Stewart moved to adopt the agenda and Valerie Darst seconded. The motion passed.
- IV. Approval of September 12, 2008 minutes – Corrections were received from the floor. Karen Horny moved to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Michaela Hansen. The motion passed.
- V. Unfinished Business
 - Strategic Plan (Valerie Darst) – The Executive Committee has accepted the strategic plan. This topic was not discussed at the September 2008 Council meeting to allow adequate time

for the financial model to be discussed. Therefore, some of the strategic plan's target completion dates are somewhat fluid. The committee submits this for approval to the Council. Julia Schneider seconded the committee's motion. The motion was passed. Mollie thanked Valerie for her work on the task force.

VI. New Business

- Advisory Committee Restructuring (Mollie Dinwiddie) - It was agreed among the Executive Committee members after much discussion to charge the chair elect, Erlene Dudley, with reviewing the advisory committee role, function and operations. At the January 16th Executive Committee meeting, it was decided to proceed with the advisory committee restructuring, post the proposal on the blog and invite comments and questions from the MOBIUS family. This topic is brought to Council as a discussion item and not an action item. Erlene Dudley summarized her approach to this task and stated appreciation for the comments made on the blog. The revised policy for advisory committees is an attempt to standardize the committee charges and format, to indicate committee member responsibilities, to clarify the role of advisory committees, and to look at policies and procedures. Erlene opened the topic up for questions and discussion. Mollie commended Erlene for her creative thinking. Discussion occurred about various aspects of the proposal including whether only parts of the proposal can be implemented, the changing of committee membership categories from clusters to a different format, the number of people on the committees, and the committee nomination procedure to ensure skills and/or knowledge of members. Erlene summarized that we want to keep the membership on the advisory committees based on cluster representation, keep the advisory committees that currently exist, write a more detailed policy, and write new charges for each of the existing advisory committees. Jim Pakala offered sincere thanks for all of the hard work done by Mollie and the other leaders.

- Nominating Committee (Julia Schneider) - This year will need to replace four people on the Executive Committee: Becky Kiel, independent-at-large representative; Wendy McGrane, four year public-at-large representative; Valerie Darst, treasurer; and Erlene Dudley, chair elect (to serve a three year term). Julia read the by-laws regarding the nominating committee and asked Council to think about people whom they wish to serve on the nominating committee (two other Council members) as well as who to nominate for the Executive Committee. Julia requested to hear the Council's opinions on write-ins versus competitive slates. The nominating committee needs to be in place by mid-March at the latest to distribute nominee information by the end of April.

VII. Chair's Report (Mollie Dinwiddie) – Mollie introduced Patrick McCarthy (Gail Staines' proxy from St. Louis University) and also Bill Mitchell of MOREnet.

- Minutes – Janet Caruthers and Maegan Bragg have been working together to record the minutes and put together guidelines to get them distributed by list and not just posted on the website. Mollie clarified that there is no intention of trying to keep information from the members and the goal is to get draft minutes out as quickly as possible, which applies to Executive Committee minutes as well.

- Legislative Advocate Issue - The Executive Committee, at its November meeting, discussed the need to better educate ourselves on how to be better advocates to the legislature. Efforts have been made in the last couple years to get back some state funding, which has not been successful as of yet. Executive Committee voted to table the creation of a legislative committee at this time. However, the Executive Committee did allocate funds from reserves to hire someone to be an advocate for MOBIUS. We have approved the money, but have not expended any of that money yet.

- Status of Merger Feasibility Task Force - The report was distributed to MOBIUS members, MLNC board of directors and members and posted on the merger blog again. We are continuing discussions. The task force has had one face-to-face meeting and one teleconference since the formation. The task force will be meeting again face-to-face on February 17 to discuss an RFP to send out to potential consultants. Mollie, Erlene and Beth Fisher will be meeting with Dr. Gary Allen (Chief Information Officer for the University of Missouri system) to talk about MOBIUS' relationship with the University of Missouri as the host institution and to clarify that relationship in terms of a possible merger.
- VIII. Executive Director's Report (Beth Fisher) - Beth spoke about the 'MOBIUS means' posters created by OutFront Communications. Three sizes are available which can be customized with pictures and quotes from a specific institution.
- Beth introduced Donna Bacon as the new assistant director of information technology at MOBIUS. Donna gave a brief synopsis of her work contribution to Springfield-Greene library system and consortium. She has a long history of working with Innovative including participating in beta testing annually and developing working relationships with many of the company's representatives, vice presidents, etc. Donna stated she is looking forward to meeting with each of the members and helping MOBIUS move forward.
 - III Contract Update - The contract documentation had just reached the office. Joe Ford sent a note of greeting to the Council and wrote that the contract negotiations are progressing cordially.
 - Online Help Desk - Christopher Gould has worked closely with site coordinators and the MOBIUS Electronic Resources Advisory Committee on this long term project which has been completed. Christopher demoed the new online help desk software and gave a brief history of the project beginning in the fall of 2007 and culminating in its recent release this winter. Beth thanked Christopher for his work, his staff's work, MOREnet's participation and Justin Hopkins' assistance.
 - MOBIUS Website- Justin Hopkins demoed the new website which is currently in beta form. Justin showed the features of both the public and the member/staff sides. There are still a few pages missing content; if you find any other issues with the site, let Justin know. There are several new features on the new website including the new label maker and the Maroon database which is used by e-resource representatives to view e-resources held by other campuses. Beth mentioned that there is currently a discussion over who can view what information. Beth thanked Justin for the tremendous amount of work he did on the customized information and design of the website.
- IX. Advisory Committee Reports
- a. MAAC (Sharon Upchurch) - February 24th is the next meeting. Continuing discussion on tracking bags through the courier service. The published claim of 2-4 days for turnaround time for book delivery has been changed on the website. There is a sub-committee working on a circulation best practices FAQ page for the website and will have a report on February 24th. Current circulation training course offerings are being discussed. Improved form for bag count. There is a new version of the label maker guide. There is a sub-committee working on buying new bags.
 - b. MACPAC (Martha Allen) - No recent report. The first choice for keynote speaker has been negotiated orally and believe will see the contract soon. There have been 31 presentations selected for the 29 slots at the conference.
 - c. MCDAC (Steve Wynn) - No report.
 - d. MCMAC (Lori Mardis and Hunter Kevil) - No report.

- e. MCAG (Eileen Condon) - Last met in August, and since then worked with MCO to reduce the number of email notification for work orders. Continuing to work with MCDAC to evaluate the local URL product and attend a demo. March 5th is the next meeting and it will be online.
 - f. MERAC (Frank Baudino) - Last meeting was October 14th. Investigating things for e-resources. Feb. 10th is the next meeting.
- X. Other Reports
- a. IUG (Innovative Users Group) - Will have a meeting in May. Three University of Central Missouri staff members will be presenting at the IUG conference. The enhancements list will come out soon.
 - b. MOREnet (Bill Mitchell) - NGN project is coming soon. February 22nd is the target date for production cut over which will result in a 10 GB per second backbone for the MOREnet community. MOREnet is in the final stages of getting a contract signed to acquire local connections from our backbone to all the member sites. This will cost approximately \$12 million over the next 5 years. This will save \$3 million overall and provide about 70% more bandwidth. MOREnet was required to submit budget scenarios of 15%, 20% and 25% cuts to the Missouri House and Senate. The governor recommended flat funding plus a place holder for federal stimulus dollars for MOREnet. MOREnet has been holding vacancies. An RFP evaluation survey for public libraries was forwarded to MOBIUS, contact Jeanne Sullivan if you can participate.
 - c. Cluster Reports
 - Archway - No report.
 - Arthur - No report.
 - Bridges (Jim Pakala) – The Bridges Catalogers Committee met on February 4th to discuss these agenda items: 1) differentiation of e-books from other electronic resources, 2) genre headings, 3) search terms that yield many entries, 4) pros and cons of displaying the individual record URL on each bib record in the catalog, 5) reduction of the number of MARS reports that Bridges libraries process, 6) consideration of the College of Wooster’s robust and excellent definition of rare books, 7) MOBIUS Committee restructuring, 8) sharing of blogs and listservs monitored among us, 9) the OCLC records policy controversy, and 10) the Library of Congress resource known as CLW, Catalogers’ Learning Workshop, available online.
 - Galahad - No report.
 - Lance - No report.
 - Merlin - No report.
 - Quest - A meeting is scheduled next week in Sedalia.
 - St. Louis University - No report.
 - Missouri River Regional - On February 28th there will be a foundation fundraising event and would appreciate your support.
 - Springfield-Greene - No report.
 - Swan - No report.
 - Towers - No report.
 - Wilo - No report.
 - Washington University - No report.
- XI. Announcements - Mollie acknowledged the efforts of Beth Fisher and the MCO staff for all of the work they have been doing and thinks it is indicative of how hard they are trying to move us forward as an organization and do the work that needs done for MOBIUS. The next Executive Committee meeting is March 27th at the MCO office. The next Council meeting is

June 2nd at the annual Conference. Shirley Baker moved to adjourn and Michaela Hansen seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Submitted by Maegan Bragg