

MOBIUS Council Meeting

Minutes

December 11, 2009, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Peach Tree Catering and Banquet Center, Columbia, Missouri

Members Present:

Julie Andresen (via UStream)	Hannibal-LaGrange College
Shirley Baker	Washington University
Candice Baldwin (via UStream)	Metropolitan Community College-Longview
Sharon Bostick (via UStream)	UMKC
Janet Caruthers	Columbia College
Richard Coughlin	Truman State University
Valerie Darst	Moberly Area Community College
Stephanie DeClue	William Jewell College
Mollie Dinwiddie	University of Central Missouri
Cynthia Dudenhoffer	Central Methodist University
Erlene Dudley	William Woods University
Robert Frizzell	Northwest Missouri State University
Angela Gerling	Westminster College
Laurie Hathman (via UStream)	Rockhurst University
Gordon Johnston (via UStream)	Three Rivers Community College
Becky Kiel (via UStream)	Cottey College
Craig Kubic	Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Mary Largent	Crowder College
Liz MacDonald (via UStream)	Lindenwood University
Sharon McCaslin	Fontbonne University
Corky McCormack	Ozarks Technical Community College
Wendy McGrane	Missouri Southern State University
Susan Morrisroe	Missouri State Library
Barbara Noble (via UStream)	Harris-Stowe University
Sheila Ouellette (via UStream)	St. Louis Community College
James Pakala	Covenant Theological Seminary
Brian Reeves	Mineral Area College
Laura Rein (via UStream)	Webster University Eden Theological Seminary
Marilyn Rodgers (via UStream)	University of Missouri- St. Louis
William Rodgers	Missouri River Regional Library
Kathy Schlump	East Central College
Joel Shedlofsky	Logan College of Chiropractic
Andy Stewart (via UStream)	Missouri University of Science & Technology
Fran Stumpf	Linn State Technical College
Stephanie Tolson	St. Charles Community College
Sharon Upchurch	Culver-Stockton College
Edward Walton	Southwest Baptist University

Proxies Present:

Fran Stumpf for B. Doug Blansit	Kirkville College of Osteopathic Medicine
James Cogswell for Sharon Bostick	University of Missouri – Kansas City
Ann Riley for Jim Cogswell	University of Missouri-Columbia
Renee Brummett (via UStream) for Regina Cooper	Springfield-Greene Public Library
Laurie Hathman (via UStream) for Kathleen Finegan	Avila University

Mary Largent for Nan Hadley	Forest Institute
Jim Pakala for Nitsa Hindeleh	Missouri Baptist University
Wendy McGrane for Phyllis Holzenberg	Drury University
Susan Morrisroe for Corrie Hutchinson	Stephens College
David Adams for Neosha Mackey	Missouri State University
Bob Frizzell for Julia Schneider	Missouri Western State University
Jim Pakala for Andrew Sopko	Kenrick-Glennon Theological Seminary
Dave Cassens (via UStream) for Gail Staines	St. Louis University
Inas El-Sayed for Liz Wilson	Lincoln University
Lisa Pritchard (via UStream) for Lisa Wolfe	Jefferson College

Guests Present:

Donna Bacon	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Maegan Bragg	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Adrienne Detwiler	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Janine Gordon	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Christopher Gould	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Jessica Hammond	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Justin Hopkins	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Jennifer Parsons	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Scott Peterson	MOBIUS Consortium Office

- I. The meeting was called to order a little after 10:00 a.m. by Erlene Dudley.
- II. Erlene announced the proxies that had not been recognized prior to the meeting.
- III. Erlene called for an adoption of the agenda. Fran Stumpf moved to adopt the agenda as written. Angela Gerling seconded. The motion passed.
- IV. Erlene called for approval of the minutes of the September 25, 2009, Council Meeting. There were two corrections mentioned. Joel Shedlofsky moved to accept the minutes with corrections and Mollie Dinwiddie seconded. The minutes were accepted as corrected.
- V. Information Items
 - Emerging Technologies Sub Task Force Update — Shirley Baker - Shirley distributed two reports regarding the sub task force's recent trips to Oregon and Michigan. Members of the sub task force traveled to Eugene, OR in October to meet with Orbis Cascade staff and investigate their transition from Innovative's INN-Reach to OCLC's WorldCat Navigator. The purpose of the Lansing, MI trip in November was to meet with Michigan Library Consortium (MLC) staff to learn about their use of Innovative's Direct Consortial Borrowing (DCB) product and how MLC is using Evergreen. DCB appears to be working quite well to allow non-Innovative systems to participate in Michigan's INN-Reach union catalog. The sub task force will schedule a conference call to discuss the next steps.
 - Academic Search Elite/Business Source Premier (ASE/BSP) update — Donna Bacon - Donna sent out information prior to the meeting regarding the 2010-2011 quote for ASE/BSP from EBSCO. The price has increased about 2%. Council members will need to complete a webform stating whether the library will be purchasing ASE/BSP next year by February 1, 2010. If there is a significant decrease in participants, Donna will need to ask EBSCO for another quote.
 - Encore Pilot Project — Donna Bacon - Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, William Woods University, St. Charles Community College, and Columbia College will be participating in this project. Since III is hosting Encore on their servers, MCO staff has had to do very little to set-up. III will have all four Encores running in January. An Encore team member from III will be visiting each school to do training. Each institution will decide how and when to debut Encore to their users.

- Annual Conference Update — Donna Bacon – The conference cannot be announced until documents are finalized at the University of Missouri. There will be an extension for conference presentation submissions to January 21, 2010. The conference dates are June 15-17, 2010 due to scheduling conflicts with the hotel, but we are hopeful to move the conference back to the first week of June in the future. There is a new conference website: mobiusconference.org. Jim Pakala offered a public commendation to Erin Leach for her leadership as chair of the MOBIUS Annual Conference Planning Advisory Committee this year.

VI. New Business

- KCMLIN/MOBIUS Discussion — Erlene Dudley - Susan Burton, KCMLIN Executive Director, approached MOBIUS with a proposal to combine courier services. KCMLIN's board approved a new pricing structure in early October. Erlene and Donna Bacon recently met with Susan to discuss pricing. It will cost \$1300 more per MOBIUS library per year to have a single courier system throughout Missouri. While there are benefits to having a single courier system operating in Missouri, this increase may be too much to ask our member institutions to pay at this time. There might be other opportunities in the future. KCMLIN is currently working on a project called COKAMO that would expand the courier service to Colorado and Kansas. KCMLIN is also working on another project to expand courier service to Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico.
- Nonprofit Status — Erlene Dudley - Donna Bacon and Erlene met with Jane Closterman, University of Missouri Controller, and other University of Missouri financial staff to discuss MOBIUS's move to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization from a financial standpoint. At the November 13 Executive Committee meeting Brad Smith, Nonprofit Resources Manager, St. Charles City-County Library, made a presentation on non-profit status providing information on how to become a not for profit corporation and some of the pitfalls. The Executive Committee has begun to gather this information and has created a recommendation that hinges on the four goals outlined in the strategic plan. Those goals are: 1) expand membership opportunities (i.e. public libraries), 2) enhance access to shared information resources, 3) strengthen collaborative working relationships, and 4) strengthen MOBIUS internal capacities.

Under MOBIUS's current structure, MOBIUS is not a department of the University of Missouri (UM), but an affiliate. The original host institution agreement from 1998 is still in effect. This primary document will need to be revised if MOBIUS proceeds with becoming a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. A revised host institution agreement would change the MOBIUS-UM relationship and detail the services MOBIUS would receive from UM under the new agreement. Concerns about MOBIUS's current structure include the lack of legal standing, inability to sign contracts, requirement to follow state procurement policies, inability to acquire what has been rejected in another state bid, inability to engage in any activity in which the University has no interest or is unwilling to assume an obligation, and lack of final say in personnel decisions.

The MOBIUS Executive Committee recommends to MOBIUS Council that MOBIUS apply for status as a nonprofit corporation in the state of Missouri, acquire tax-exempt status as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation with the United States Internal Revenue Service and revise its governance documents accordingly. A discussion over the advantages and disadvantages of becoming a 501(c)(3) organization occurred as well as a discussion about how to change the recommendation's wording to more aptly reflect the many simultaneous steps which must be taken to accomplish this status change. It was noted the bylaws and other governing documents will be approved by Council. The Executive Committee would like to have this process completed by June 30, 2010.

After further discussion, Mollie Dinwiddie was recognized by the chair to propose the following recommendation: the Executive Committee be empowered to investigate and proceed as appropriate according to our current governance documents toward acquiring a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation status with the United States Internal Revenue Service.

Erlene Dudley withdrew the original recommendation. Cindy Dudenhoffer seconded the revised recommendation. Further discussion occurred. Jim Pakala called to question. The motion, as revised by Mollie Dinwiddie, was approved.

- VII. Chair's Report - Erlene Dudley — The Executive Committee is working on modifying membership fees and assessments and hopes to have a proposal to share at the February Council meeting.
- VIII. Interim Executive Director's report - Donna Bacon — Justin Hopkins' title has changed to Manager of Information Technology and Web Services. Jessica Hammond has been moved from the help desk to web services where she has taken over maintaining WebPACs and the INNReach server.
- We are keeping tight tabs on the budget and are currently working on next year's budget and the assessment and membership fee.
 - On January 20, Tim Whisenot, III representative, will be visiting the MOBIUS office to demo two III products, AirPAC and Circa. Streaming video of the demos will be available.
 - The Merlin cluster is in the middle of setting up AirPAC. They removed their RSS products and replaced them with AirPAC.
 - Amy Hommick is our III Professional Services Representative. She will be visiting January 13 - 14. Over the next year Amy will be assisting with planning, implementing new products, resolving help desk issues, training, etc. Let the MOBIUS Consortium Office (MCO) know of any training needs with which Ms. Hommick can assist. Two conference calls have been held with Ms. Hommick to go over some outstanding help desk tickets.
 - Results from the user training survey show a consensus that members want in-person, hands on training which does not require travel on their part. It was determined that regional, customized trainings would be the best solution for spring 2010. Encourage your staff to use the training discussion list. Christopher Gould is looking at site coordinator training and may possibly put the training online.
 - Janine Gordon has been responsible for a majority of the server migrations. Arthur, Archway, Swan, and INNReach servers have been migrated.
 - MCO is currently working with the University of Missouri - Columbia to get Summon up and running. Summon set up for the University of Missouri – Kansas City is complete. MCO will soon be working with the University of Central Missouri to set up Summon.
 - MERLIN is working on a WebPAC re-indexing project.
 - Justin Hopkins has been working on a new website design. He and Jessica Hammond have been working on a website usability study. The conference has its own website this year. A new version control system for the web site is being used which will allow technically skilled individuals to work with MCO in changing their webPAC.
 - Adobe Connect has been replaced with GoToMeeting for online meetings. It has been a success so far. Opinio has also been dropped in favor of Survey Monkey in an effort to save money and time.
 - Donna and Erlene Dudley are talking with the Missouri State Library staff about possible pilot projects to get Missouri public libraries participating in the MOBIUS union catalog if the library has a non-Innovative library system and to help small libraries automate with an affordable integrated library system, such as Evergreen.
- IX. Advisory Committee Reports – Reports sent prior to the Council meeting
- MOBIUS Access Advisory Committee – Tony Garrett
 - MOBIUS Annual Conference Planning Advisory Committee – Erin Leach
 - MOBIUS Catalog Design Advisory Committee – Corrie Hutchinson
 - MOBIUS Collections Management Advisory Committee – L. Hunter Kevil
- X. Other reports
- Missouri State Library – No report.
 - MOREnet – No report.
 - Missouri Department of Higher Education – No report.

- Clusters - Jim Pakala for Bridges - There is a new director at Logan Chiropractic, Chacha Hocine, formerly of Vatterott College. Eden Seminary is selling some of their buildings and land to Webster University.

XI. Announcements

- Next Executive Committee meeting January 8, 2010
- Next MOBIUS Council meeting February 26, 2010

XII. Adjourn Meeting - Stephanie Tolson moved to adjourn. Valerie Darst seconded. The meeting adjourned a little after 2:00 p.m.

Submitted by Maegan Bragg
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December 24, 2009