

MOBIUS Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2005

Members present: Robert Frizzell, Stephanie Tolson, Jim Pakala, Jim Cogswell, Genie McKee, George Rickerson, Sara Parker, Steve Stoan, Joni Blake and Erlene Dudley with Linda Bigelow presiding.

Guests present: Tracy Byerly, Bill Giddings, Victoria Wacek, Liz McDonald and Bill Wibbing.

- I. Welcome and Introductions – Meeting called to order at 10:30AM.
- II. Approval of Minutes – The meeting notes from the December 3, 2004 meeting were approved electronically and are posted online at the MCO website.
- III. Reports:
 - a. MOREnet – Bill Giddings reported for Bill Mitchell. Helix and the Spring Conference are combined again this year. The routers for higher education will be upgraded soon. The MOREnet Council continues its efforts to reduce/eliminate the expected budget cuts.
 - b. Missouri State Library – Sara Parker reported. All bills relating to libraries are ready to be presented to the House. The REAL appropriation was put forth with a reduction of .5 million but was lost on a tie vote.
 - c. Missouri Department of Higher Education – Victoria Wacek reported for Robert Stein. Their greatest concern is recommended budget cuts and the pending impact.
 - d. MLNC – Tracy Byerly reported. Migration of the MARS service to Backstage Library Works is almost complete. Subscription pricing will be the only option for OCLC Resource Sharing as of July 1, 2005. Cataloging subscription pricing will be mandatory as of July 1, 2006. The redesigned Virtually Missouri website will be launched in a few months. The 2005 MLNC Scholarship information and application are available on the MLNC website.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Joni Blake. Nothing to report.
- V. Executive Director's Report – George Rickerson.
 - a. III Library Director's Symposium/III meeting. Symposium Highlights – Innovative Interfaces is implementing a new project to integrate Millennium with Blackboard. Meeting Highlights – MOBIUS will be proceeding with the purchase and implementation of the Agency software and a design for non-returnables will be in a library this summer.
 - b. MRRL Update – INN-Reach training is complete. The expected go-live date of April 1, 2005.
 - c. Ralph's position – Ralph Caruso's tenure has been extended till the end of June, 2005. It is not known at this time if the position will be filled.
 - d. Legislative Update – The House Education Appropriations Committee did not make changes to the MOBIUS CLP appropriation. The Senate

appropriations committee has requested impact statements for reductions in appropriations.

- e. FY07 Budget Request – Three possible requests for new monies include: Table of Contents service, CLP appropriation increase and statewide program for electronic information resources for academic libraries.
- f. Remote Storage Pilot Project – This project is focused on MERLIN and is not a MOBIUS project. It is proceeding with Saint Louis University.
- g. Site Visits Update – The member information database is nearly complete. Scheduling of site visits will begin the end of March, 2005.

- VI. Strategic Planning Report – Linda Bigelow. The Executive Committee reviewed the MOBIUS Strategic Initiatives draft grid dated March 5, 2005 and the MOBIUS Fine Tuning Priorities draft grid dated March 4, 2005 in an effort to address the issues identified and discuss available options.

MOBIUS Strategic Initiatives:

- a. *Define and Manage Membership Growth* – An adhoc task force will be formed by volunteers from Council members. Exceptions: Track & analyze lending/borrowing patterns and Exploring using the CLP will be assigned to the existing MAAC and MCAG committees, respectfully.
- b. *Coordinate Cooperative Relationships* – Assigned to George Rickerson.
- c. *Leverage Technologies to Improve Service and Reduce Duplication of Effort* – These efforts will be delegated to the MCAG committee.
- d. *Develop Funding Support* – These efforts are charged to the Executive Director and the Executive Committee.
- e. *Develop a User-Centered Catalog* – These efforts will be delegated to the MCAG committee.

MOBIUS Fine Tuning Priorities:

- a. *Training* – These issues are delegated to the MCO training division.
- b. *Remaining* – The remainder of the Fine Tuning Priorities will be the responsibility of the MCO.

- VII. Nominating Committee Report – Steve Stoan. The nominating committee has developed the FY2006 nominating slate for the positions ending in June:
 - Chair-Elect – Richard Coughlin, Truman State University
 - Treasurer – Wendy McGrane, Missouri Southern State University
 - 4-year Public – Mollie Dinwiddie, CMSU
 - 4-year Independent – Liz McDonald, Lindenwood University

- VIII. Conference Planning Report – Linda Bigelow.
 - a. Request for EC presentation. The Executive Committee will provide a presentation at the Annual Users conference.
 - b. New Director's Orientation. An orientation for new directors will be provided the day prior to the Annual Users conference.

- IX. Advisory Committee Updates (handouts were provided)
 - a. MAAC – The committee discussed cluster reports, load balancing, new lending procedures and delivery issues at the last meeting held October 19, 2004. Their next scheduled meeting is April 19, 2005.
 - b. MCDAC – The committee discussed the 229 Filing Indicator, INN-Reach enhancement requests, 856/956 issues, cataloging standards, id's used by

MOBIUS libraries, FAQ's and online tutorials at the last meeting held March 4, 2005.

- c. MCMAC – Liz McDonald and Bill Wibbing reported. Last summer seven libraries agreed to participate in a trial to explore the statewide approval program. The vendors were Blackwell and YBP. The trial began on September 1, 2004 and ran through January 31, 2005. Although the evaluations received were slim, Blackwell was the preferred vendor. The committee recommends the MCO move ahead with the Cooperative Collection Development Program. A motion to accept the recommendation was made by Stephanie Tolson. Seconded by Erlene Dudley. Motion passed.
 - d. MCAG – The committee met in July and September, 2004. Major topics covered were: Table of Contents enhancement, Agency Software and Output Vouchers. Their next scheduled meeting was March 8, 2005.
 - e. MERAC – They have been meeting via videoconference which has worked out well, saving members time and travel costs. Highlights from their last meeting held on January 28, 2005 include: MAROON database redesign is complete and the results of a database survey of MOBIUS members regarding new selections for the Cafeteria Plan was discussed.
- X. Executive Director Performance Reviews – George Rickerson. The Executive Committee will evaluate the Executive Director and the MCO services. George has defined goals that will be sent to the Executive committee for comment.
- XI. Adjournment – A motion to adjourn was made by Genie McKee. Seconded by Jim Cogswell. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Vorce