

MOBIUS Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2006

Members present: Genie McKee, Erlene Dudley, Linda Bigelow, Liz MacDonald, Mollie Dinwiddie, Wendy McGrane, George Rickerson and Richard Coughlin with Robert Frizzell presiding.

Guests present: Tracy Byerly, Bill Giddings, Mark Wahrenbrock and Cathye Dierberg.

- I. Welcome and Introductions – Meeting called to order at 10:00AM.
- II. Approval of Minutes – The meeting notes from the January 13, 2006 meeting were reviewed and approved. A motion was made to accept the meeting notes as written by Linda Bigelow. Seconded by Wendy McGrane. Motion approved.
- III. Reports:
 - a. MOREnet – Bill Giddings reported. MOREnet’s funding appears to be stable. Funding for the REAL project and MOREnet’s core are in tact.
 - b. Missouri Department of Higher Education – No report.
 - c. Missouri State Library – No report.
 - d. MLNC – Tracy Byerly reported. A grant-funded workshop is being offered in April. OCLC updates were recorded using CENTRA. MLNC will begin working with ProQuest. MLNC Board elections are underway. MLNC membership categories have changed. Membership dues are being updated.
- IV. Executive Director’s Report – George Rickerson. In his new role, George has been given the title of Associate Vice President for Information Technology-AITS. The search for a Vice President for Information Technology is not definite. The process of approving a courier for MOBIUS is taking longer than expected. The SLU migration work is going forward. Work is underway for the acquisition of new servers.
- V. FY06 Budget Report – George Rickerson. The end-of-year projection for FY06 is estimated at \$213,000. This is approximately \$60,000 higher than originally planned due to the savings recognized by obtaining a grant for authority control services.
- VI. Treasurer’s Report – Wendy McGrane. An inquiry revealed that MOBIUS has never been audited. It was suggested that MOBIUS be audited by the University of Missouri’s auditors, Price Waterhouse & Cooper. Wendy McGrane made a motion to put MOBIUS in their 3-year cycle and to request an audit be performed assuming there is no cost associated with the services. George Rickerson is confirming the cost issue. Motion seconded by Linda Bigelow. Motion carried.
- VII. Training Task Force – Mark Wahrenbrock. The task force discussed and developed a user survey with the assistance of the Assessment Resource Center. Preliminary results are on the MOBIUS web site. Mark suggested (1) to keep task force alive in some form and (2) to develop a proposal for Members-As-Resources, a process to sanction and support staff from member libraries that would voluntarily identify themselves as subject area experts.
- VIII. Annual Conference Planning Report – Tony Garrett. Report submitted electronically. The committee is waiting for responses to proposal requests. Susan Singleton is the

- guest speaker. The committee is scheduled to meet the end of March to review proposals received. The Executive Committee also discussed several ideas for presentations. These ideas will be passed on to the planning committee to assist in their efforts.
- IX. Nominating Committee Report – Linda Bigelow. The slate for this year as decided upon unanimously by the committee is: 2-year Public at Large, Tesuk Im; Independent at Large, Sharon McCaslin; Secretary, Sharon Bostick; and Chair-Elect, Julia Schneider. The committee further agreed that the Chair-elect position should be an individual with experience serving on the Executive Committee. The slate will be sent to the Council the first of May. Council will be asked to vote via ballot allowing for write-ins at their bi-annual meeting in June.
- X. Task Force on Governance and Growth Management – Cathy Dierberg. A working draft was submitted to the Executive Committee for their review. The task force is pursuing efforts on several charges.
- XI. ABC-CLIO Pricing model – Kurt Kopp and Terry Austin. Last fall a subcommittee of MERAC was formed to prepare a usage-based model for ABC-CLIO. This cost model resulted in an increase of over 600% for some participants. The MERAC committee asked the subcommittee to develop some hybrid models. Of the several hybrid models, MERAC selected the 50% usage/50% FTE model. A survey was then sent out to all ABC-CLIO subscribers asking whether they would renew under the original plan and/or the new model. When the results were tabulated, MERAC voted to recommend the original model to the Executive Committee by a vote of 8 to 3. This is the same pricing model as used in the past and includes an 8% increase from ABC-CLIO and a 1.6% administrative fee for LSO. By keeping the administrative fee so low it will not be necessary to redistribute the shortfall caused by several members not renewing. A motion was made to accept the committee recommendation by Linda Bigelow. Seconded by Richard Coughlin. Motion carried.
- XII. Advisory Committee Reports
- a. MOBIUS Access Advisory Committee (MAAC) – no report.
 - b. MOBIUS Catalog Design Advisory Committee (MCDAC) – no report.
 - c. MOBIUS Collection Management Advisory Committee (MCMAC) – Liz MacDonald. Responses received from the proposal for a statewide book vendor include: YBP Services, Blackwell's Book Services and Emery-Pratt. The committee will meet next week to evaluate the responses received.
 - d. MOBIUS Coordinators' Advisory Group (MCAG) – Eileen Condon. Report submitted electronically. The group is meeting on March 7, 2006. A subcommittee has been working on creating a survey to determine what software MOBIUS libraries are using to enhance library service. A draft report will be reviewed at the upcoming meeting. Additionally, the group plans to discuss the possibility of using the CLP to share non-print materials, the IUG enhancement process and whether to try to coordinate voting among MOBIUS libraries.
 - e. MOBIUS Electronic Resources Advisory Committee – provided earlier by Kurt Kopp as the ABC-CLIO pricing model report.
- XIII. Search Committee Report – Bob Frizzell. The committee has met twice in Columbia. During their first meeting, discussions included procedures, developing a written job description and determining how best to proceed. The committee decided they also

- needed to meet with the UM President. A subcommittee met with President Floyd in February. The position has been posted with applications already received. The committee will meet next week to review the applications received thus far. The committee is hopeful to have someone in place within the next few months.
- XIV. Evaluation of Executive Director – Bob Frizzell. The evaluation of the Executive Director is an annual task. Bob will send an evaluation form to the elected members of the Executive Committee. Bob Frizzell and George Rickerson will review and aggregated report and forward to UM President Floyd.
- XV. Adjournment – The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for May 5, 2006. The meeting was adjourned without a motion at 2:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Vorce