Members Present:

Julie Andresen	Hannibal-Lagrange University
Mary Ann Aubin	Kenrick-Glennon Seminary
Shirley Baker	Washington University
Candice Baldwin (Online)	MCC Longview
Sharon Bostick	University of Missouri – Kansas City
Janet Caruthers	Columbia College
Jim Cogswell	University of Missouri-Columbia
Eileen Condon	Webster Univ. – Eden Theological Seminary
Christopher Dames	University of MO – St. Louis
Valerie Darst	Moberly Area Community College
Stephanie DeClue	William Jewell College
Mollie Dinwiddie	University of Central Missouri
Cynthia Dudenhoffer	Central Methodist University
Kathleen Finegan	Avila University
Angela Gerling	Westminster College
Robin Hargrave	State Fair Community College
Laurie Hathman	Rockhurst University
Melissa Hopkins	Mineral Area College
Corrie Hutchinson	Stephens College
Gordon Johnston	Three Rivers Community College
Jon Jones	Baptist Bible College
Becky Kiel	Cottey College
Mary Largent	Crowder College
Elizabeth McDonald (Online)	Lindenwood University
Neosha Mackey (Online)	Missouri State University
Sharon McCaslin	Fontbonne University
Corky McCormack (Online)	Ozarks Technical Community College
Wendy McGrane	Missouri Southern State University
Renee McHenry	Forest Inst. Of Professional Psychology
Genie McKee	Maryville University
Susan Morrisroe	Missouri State Library
Jerome Offord	Lincoln University
Sheila Ouelette (online)	St. Louis Community College
James Pakala	Covenant Theological Seminary
M.J. Poehler	Kansas City Art Institute
Pamela Reeder	Missouri Valley College
Helen Rigdon	Missouri River Regional Library
Kathy Schlump	East Central College
Julia Schneider	Missouri Western State University
Gail Staines	Saint Louis University
Andy Stewart	Missouri University of Science and Technology
Fran Stumpf	Linn State Technical College
Thomas Sullivan	Conception Abbey and Seminary College

Chabha Tepe	Logan College of Chiropractic
Stephanie Tolson	St. Charles Community College
Sharon Upchurch	Culver-Stockton College
Ed Walton	Southwest Baptist University
Lisa Wolfe	Jefferson College
Stephen Wynn	Truman State University

Proxies Present:

Catherine Eilers (for Logan Wright)	St. Paul School of Theology
Jim Pakala (for Nitsa Hindeleh)	Missouri Baptist University
Renee Brummett (for Regina Cooper)	Springfield Greene County Library
Jared Rinck (for Candice Baldwin)	Metropolitan Community Campus -Longview
Ann Sampson (for Br. Thomas Sullivan)	Conception Abbey and Seminary College
Susan Morrisroe (for Erlene Dudley)	William Woods University
Wendy McGrane (for Polly Boruff-Jones)	Drury University
Gordon Johnston (for Melissa Hopkins)	Mineral Area College
Jim Pakala (for Elizabeth McDonald)	Lindenwood University

Guests Present:

Donna Bacon	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Maegan Bragg	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Justin Hopkins	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Christopher Gould	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Scott Peterson	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Janine Gordon	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Jessica Hammond	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Adrienne Detwiler	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Jennifer Parsons	MOBIUS Consortium Office
Jeff Huestis	Washington University
Dan Kammer	Columbia College

I.   Call to Order
   -   Gail Staines called the meeting to order at about 10:10am.

II.   Introductions and Announcements
   -   Proxies were announced as written above. Gail introduced the new Board members, the MOBIUS Staff, and Eileen Condon, who is the new director at Eden-Webster.

III.   Adoption of the Agenda
   -   Gail called for an adoption of the meeting's agenda. Angela Gerling motioned to adopt, Andy Stewart seconded. The agenda was adopted as written.

IV.   Presentation of III Sierra

-   Donna Bacon introduced III representatives Pete Zeimet, Mary Chevreau, and Bill Easton. Mary presented on III's Sierra system, essentially an upgrade of Millennium. Sierra is still in development, but on schedule as far as its timeline is concerned. There are currently about 70 libraries already signed up as 'early development partners' that will be using Sierra within this next year. Helen Rigdon asked if stand-alone systems will be required to buy an additional server. Mary answered yes. Shirley Baker stated that the stand-alone systems are not included in the original proposal. Gail asked if servers can be virtualized, Mary answered yes, but it must be a larger server. Donna asked if the proposal would change if some clusters do not opt in. Mary answered yes. Corrie Hutchinson asked if implementing Sierra affects the III annual maintenance fee. Mary answered no. Shirley asked if all 4 stand alones came on board would the price be better.   Chabha Hocine-Tepe asked if maintenance would be the same if you use both systems, Mary answered yes. Jim Cogswell stated that the time frame is very short to have all member libraries agree to make a commitment. Gail also added that this is a large cost for services that only effects staff, and that this is data migration that we did not ask for. Mary stated that the time frame is not really negotiable and that III believes that this is an excellent option for libraries.   Wendy McGrane asked if there would be further fees to migrate when the user side is created. Mary answered no, there will be no need to migrate data for the user side interface.

V.   Discussion of Sierra Proposal and Presentation

-   III has provided a proposal for MOBIUS to consider. Donna discussed INN-appreciation points. She stated that it would be 1 ½ years before Sierra would be implemented. The price would be distributed among three years. 10 more servers will need to be purchased, the upfront cost of virtualization is far more expensive, but the money for replacing 'older' servers could go towards the ten new servers. MOBIUS has also been putting money into reserves to build it to $1.2 million and currently have $960,000 invested so we could use some of that money for Sierra. There was nothing decided at the last MOBIUS Board meeting. Springfield-Greene County Library is already a Sierra early development partner. Concerns were raised and it was suggested that we look at what other options are available. OCLC has a similar product in development. Wendy mentioned that the price is reasonable for the ten clusters but what about the stand-alone institutions? Donna said that Mary would be willing to work with the stand-alones on a possible price break. Donna talked about the fact that MU told MOBIUS on Monday that we will need to store our servers elsewhere. This was discussed and Sharon Bostick and Jim Cogswell stated that the UM Directors will work on this issue. Sharon McCaslin pointed out that if we are ever going to migrate, we would benefit from the cost savings. Jeff Huestis from WashU stated that database access and programming and development would pay for themselves. Helen Rigdon voiced concern that we have not seen a live demo and it would be very difficult to get a public library board to approve something

sight unseen. MJ Poehler asked if the developments\APIs would be shareable for those who do not have developers. Sharon McCaslin shared that the upgrades to the databases and the underpinnings of the system would be worth the change. Julie Andresen asked about the INN-Appreciation points and Donna stated that they are for the cluster, but clusters do not have to make a decision by Oct. 30. Gail asked if there is a guaranteed date of delivery and when would the first payment be due? Donna said Mary is still negotiating when the first payment would be due and roll-out would be over 2nd and 3rd quarter of next year. Mollie Dinwiddie shared that this decision feels very much like the original implementation decisions and that perhaps we should take a leap of faith. Jim Pakala asked what the MOBIUS staff thinks about the move to Sierra. Donna agrees with Mollie and that she does not see any other ILS that could compete. Christopher Gould reiterated Donna's opinions. Jim Cogswell said that he has used many systems and that the database is the most important part of a system, and he is more likely to agree if we could be guaranteed that we will have a better, portable database. Justin Hopkins stated he hopes this is the case, but you cannot see the system as of yet. Cynthia Dudenhoffer reiterated that the total cost can be integrated into the budget with minimal increases in membership assessment. Angela Gerling shared that we should use the consortium to leverage for the stand-alones. Sharon McCaslin moved that we accept the proposal with continued Board negotiation, Valerie Darst seconded. 44 yay, 6 nays, 1 abstention. Motion carried.

VI.   Approval of the minutes of June 7th, 2011
- Gail asked for approval of the June 7th, 2011 Membership Meeting minutes. There were minor editorial changes recommended. Stephanie Tolson made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected and Sharon McCaslin seconded the motion. The June 7, 2011 minutes were approved as corrected.

VII.   Information Items
a. Report of the President of the Board – Gail Staines: MOBIUS is on excellent financial footing. Thanks to the finance committee, Corrie Hutchinson, and Donna and staff. Also, the Board recognizes that there are always ways to improve communications. So, in response to members' requests to improve communications between the membership and the MOBIUS office, the Board has revised the advisory group policy. MOBIUS members that are not on an advisory group, but would like to attend meetings are welcome to as an observer. Also, any MOBIUS member not serving on an advisory group is welcome to subscribe to an Advisory Group listserv as a reader (but will not be able to post). To subscribe to a listserv, email Justin@mobiusconsortium.org and he will subscribe you to the list you specify.
b. Treasurer's Report – Corrie Hutchinson: The finance committee completed the investment policy and the Board approved it at the end of July. With that in place, we are investing with Commerce Bank and have made a small amount thus far. The policy was written with a conservative idea in mind. Secondly, MOBIUS had its' first audit from an outside accounting firm and we received an unqualified opinion (this is very good). GKC, the

accounting firm hired for the audit, met with the Board and the report is being kept on file at the MOBIUS office. The issues that were brought up are mostly things that can be fixed and steps are being taken to do so. It's also important to note that as a non-profit, 90% of the money we expend goes directly back to the membership (another good sign). It was a smooth audit and GKC was very easy to work with. MOBIUS has hired GKC to work with us on our bookkeeping from month to month. The finance committee is working on a capitalization policy and also a risk management policy.

c. Executive Director's Report – Donna Bacon: The MOBIUS staff travels a lot and decided, with the board's approval last month, to purchase a vehicle. This year MOBIUS purchased glasses to give away at our booth at MLA and each membership/council member receives one today as well in appreciation for all you do for the consortia and the MOBIUS office. We also designed a magnet to give away and there is a new URL on it. This URL is for the union catalog. We also have a new map to replace the 'bubble map.' The new map has QR codes on it for each institution.

Christian and Camden Counties are going live November 21, 2011. They are not officially members yet, but will be by the next membership meeting. Mid-Continent, KCPL and the DCB project is still rolling along. The St. Louis Research Consortium thinks that they will have the money to become members after this coming January. This includes the Goldfarb School of Nursing and the St. Louis Art Museum. The other two institutions in that consortium are still working on it, but are not sure they will have the money by this January.

The MO Public Automation Task Force put out an RFI to MOBIUS and others and asked for information about Innovative and Evergreen. There was not enough information in the RFI and the group needed to go back and talk about what they needed and that they needed a governance system. There is a small group that is really interested in open source. They've asked Donna to come visit with them on October 12 for a meeting to talk about what it would take to form their own consortium and put a governance structure in place.

Evangel, Assemblies of God, and Central Bible are all merging. AG is the only MOBIUS member currently. The last Donna heard was that the libraries still did not understand what this merger means for them. They have a two year turn around for the schools to merge.

Margaret Conroy is not here, but she asked Donna to promote Carl Wingo's session at MLA regarding the library automation landscape. They asked Donna to speak about what's going on with MOBIUS as well.

The QuickBooks interface was emailed to everyone to give you access to your account with MOBIUS.

Justin and Jessica have been working on a mobile catalog. Airpac is not the most affordable option and we think we have a solution for this. This should come out in the next couple of weeks and will not cost the membership anything.

VIII. Strategic Planning Task Force Update and Activity – Valerie Darst, VP/Pres.-Elect and Task Force Chair- Valerie introduced all the members of the SPTF. So far, the task force has had

one meeting. They are on a short time line. Some of the same goals are included from the current strategic plan. Donna is visiting all of the clusters this fall and part of her visit agenda she is talking about strategic planning and is relaying any information obtained from these visits for Valerie to use for the strategic plan. Today's goal is to divide up table by table by goal, discuss the overall goal, and come up with examples of activities for the strategic planning committee to look at as we move through the process. Also, the financial plan needs to tie into the strategic plan.

- Goal 1 ideas: look at the assessment model again, keeping in mind small libraries that can't afford the current price model and for those libraries that pay too much currently.
- look at new revenue streams
- consider crossing state lines
- look at expanding/extending services to non-members that support the MOBIUS mission
- look at membership categories
- Goal 2 ideas: look at loaning A.V. equipment
- cooperative collection development
- offsite storage
- expanding e-resources, e-books and consortial licensing for the group
- Goal 3 ideas: collaborative relationships within the consortium
- having events to raise money for MOBIUS and bringing library staff together for networking
- collaborating with other MO library organizations, asking them to sponsor things at the MOBIUS conference, sending MOBIUS representatives to other conferences, avoid actively competing with other state-wide library organizations
- Goal 4 ideas: looking for grant money for specific projects allowing us to develop models for other consortia to use (possibly charging for this)
- working with chamber of commerce to work with local business to connect with public libraries and help some of the small libraries to help get a foot in the door
- recommending institutions to Donna to talk to them over the value of MOBIUS
- Goal 5 ideas: encouraged MOBIUS office to keep up the good work
- There is a need for training for new member institutions and directors (not just site coordinators)
- MOBIUS office could help develop core competencies for each library
- encourage the MOIBUS staff to continue in growth and innovation by going to training and conferences
- Goal 6 ideas: there continues to be a need for tech support and training;
- we should look at the cost effectiveness of outsourcing versus hiring for someone in house for maintenance operations. Two examples regarding outsourcing are e-resources and business operations.
- are there things MOBIUS staff does for members that they would like to pass off to clusters, etc. Also, are there things that as members at the institutions we are doing that we would like to have MOBIUS staff doing.
- Goal 7 ideas: hiring to make sure we have enough IT and Webpac staff; ensuring that when new staff are hired they are technically adept

- MOBIUS could form a new task force for new technologies as in previous years
- MOBIUS needs to become more vendor independent
- more sharing of resources and clusters and libraries; the group talked about APIs and sharing more Webpac skills and developments.

Valerie asked the group as a whole if there are any holes in the current list of goals. Jim Pakala mentioned that the place and role of clusters has come up recently and that this might be something to be addressed. Sharon McCaslin mentioned the topic the 'future of the book' as another possible talking point.

IX.   Advisory Group Reports- Jim Cogswell explained the incident that occurred a few weeks ago at Ellis Library. A fire was set and the suspect turned himself in shortly after. The clean-up continues as several areas, particularly the offices on the main level, which have significant water damage due to the sprinklers. No one was injured and there was minimal loss of collections. However, there was some loss to MOBIUS members, as the fire was set in the inter library loan area. Any books from member libraries that were damaged will be replaced. Jim thanked the membership for their support and encouragement during this time. This is the benefit that comes from this sort of organization.

   a. MAAC – MOBIUS Access Advisory Group-NA
   b. MACPAC – MOBIUS Annual Conference Planning Group-NA
   c. MCDAC – MOBIUS Catalog Design Advisory Group-NA
   d. MCMAC – MOBIUS Collection Management Advisory Group- going to recommend to the board that MOBIUS should continue the database cafeteria program and expand it. The minutes from their last meeting will be posted soon.

X.   Other Reports
   a. Missouri State Library – State Librarian Margaret Conroy-NA
   b. Clusters:
   - Archway-St Louis Community College is now subscribing to Encore Synergy. Bridges and Archway are hosting a combined cluster meeting with Donna at East Central College on October 14th.
   - Arthur –NA
   - Bridges –Mary Ann Aubin is the new library director at Kenrick-Glennon and Eileen Condon is the new acting director at Webster. Also, Jim was happy to report that the re-indexing project cost less than $2500.
   - Galahad—NA
   - LANCE—NA
   - MERLIN –UMKC was feature in Library Journal recently.
   - Missouri River Regional Library—NA
   - Quest – Met this summer. Webpac redesign form index is installed. Also, Central MO University has started loaning bikes and helmets on campus via the library.
   - SWAN—NA

- Saint Louis University- There are four job openings at the library currently. Also, SLU has put together an ILS task force to look at other ILS systems throughout the coming year or so.
- Springfield-Greene County Library—NA
- Towers—NA
- WILO –Currently redesigning the cluster Webpac. Wilo has not been happy with their cluster name, so they voted and the new cluster name will be Kansas City.
- Washington University—NA

XI.   Announcements
        Next MOBIUS Board meeting: October 28, 2011
        Next MOBIUS Membership meeting: March 9, 2012

XII.   Adjournment
        • The meeting adjourned at about 3:00pm

Submitted by Cynthia Dudenhoffer, MOBIUS Board Secretary, Feb. 29th, 2012.