

Members Present:

Bilal, D. Waheedah	Missouri State Library
Cogswell, Jim	University of Missouri-Columbia
Coughlin, Richard	Truman State University
Darst, Valerie	Moberly Area Community College
Davis, Michael	Camden County Library
Deatherage, Eric	Crowder College
DeClue, Stephanie	William Jewell College
Dickman, Ellen	Logan University
Dudenhoffer, Cindy	Central Methodist University
Farrell, Lisa	East Central College
Finegan, Kathleen	Avila University
Gorrell, Renee	Goldfarb School of Nursing
Grogan, Angela	Westminster College
Hart, Kathy	Northwest Missouri State University
Hathman, Laurie	Rockhurst University
Hopkins, Melissa	Mineral Area College
Jones, Jon	Baptist Bible College
Kammer, Dan	Stephens College
McCaslin, Sharon	Fontbonne University
McCormack, Corky	Ozarks Technical Community College
McGrane, Wendy	Missouri Southern State University
McKee, Genie	Maryville University
Pakala, James	Covenant Theological Seminary
Peters, Tom	Missouri State University
Poehler, M.J.	Kansas City Art Institute
Postlethwaite, Bonnie	University of Missouri-Kansas City
Reading, Barbara	Missouri State Library
Reeder, Pamela	Missouri Valley College
Schoonover, Claudia	Missouri River Regional Library
Sidwell, Jean	A.T. Still University
Stumpf, Fran	State Technical College of MO
Sullivan, Thomas	Conception Abbey & Seminary College
Tolson, Stephanie	St. Charles Community College
Trautweiler, Courtney	Cottey College
Walton, Ed	Southwest Baptist University

Members Absent:

Aubin, Mary Ann	Kenrick-Glennon Theological Seminary
Caldarello, Beth	North Central MO College

Caruthers, Janet	Columbia College
Cassens, David	Saint Louis University
Dudley, Erlene	William Woods University
Farrar, Rinalda	Lincoln University
Ferdman, Glenn	Park University
Franklin, Michelle	State Fair Community College
Garvin, Bill	Drury University
Jaycox, Emily	MO History Museum
Jensen, Dale	Evangel University
Marney, Katie	Culver-Stockton College
Mueller, Maggi	Saint Paul School of Theology
Noble, Barbara	Harris-Stowe State University
Olmstead, Geri	Christian County Library
Sanders, Kathy	Three Rivers Community College
Shaffer, Gary	Tulsa City-County Library
Starrett, Dave	Southeast MO State University
Sullivan, Thomas	Conception Abbey and Seminary College

Proxies Present:

Jared Rinck for Candice Baldwin	Metropolitan Community College
Renee Brumett for Regina Cooper	Springfield-Greene County Library
Cynthia Dudenhoffer of CMU for Mollie Dinwiddie	University of Central MO
Stephanie Tolson of St. Charles Community for Jill Nissen	St. Louis College of Pharmacy
Genie McKee of Maryville University for Laura Rein	Webster/Eden
Jeff Huestis for Jeffrey Trzeciak	Washington University
Jim Pakala of Covenant Seminary for Nitsa Hindeleh	MO Baptist University

Online Participants:

Baldwin, Candice	Metropolitan Community College
Cavanaugh, Marianne	Saint Louis Art Museum
Condon, Eileen	Webster/Eden
Dames, Christopher	UMSL

Harder, Kenette	Midwestern Baptist
Haupt, Ben	Concordia Seminary
Holland, Doug	MO Botanical Gardens
MacDonald, Liz	Lindenwood University
Ouellette, Sheila	St. Louis Community College
Schneider, Julia	MO Western State University

Guest Present:

Jeannette Pierce	University of MO- Columbia
Becky Nichols	Avila
Denise Pakala	Covenant Theological Seminary
Kathleen Schweitzberger	UMKC
Nathan James	III

1. Call to order and introductions
 The March 6, 2015, MOBIUS Membership Meeting was called to order in the Peachtree Catering & Banquet Center in Columbia, Missouri, at 10:10 a.m. by Stephanie DeClue. Board members and representatives from new member institutions were introduced, as were new staff members at MOBIUS. Proxies were announced as listed and those attending virtually were introduced.

2. Adoption of the agenda
 Fran Stumpf moved that the agenda be adopted as distributed. Seconded. Passed.

3. Approval of minutes
 Jim Cogswell noted that on page 5 of the minutes, the term Carnegie Mellon grant should be Andrew W. Mellon grant. Jim Pakala moved that the minutes be approved with this one correction. Seconded. Passed.

4. Treasurer’s report – Wendy McGrane
 - a. Investments are still up with a total of approximately 1.2 million dollars as of January 31.
 - b. The 990 tax form was approved by the Finance Committee and submitted.
 - c. The MOBIUS office lease was renewed for five years as directed by the Board in their December board meeting.
 - d. The FY16 budget has been prepared with a 3.8% increase over the current year. The increase is largely due to one-time occasional expenses, such as replacing the MOBIUS vehicle and the probable bill for Agency software. Agency software will remove the need for users to designate a cluster when placing a hold. It will also be necessary to implement recent INNReach enhancements, including better statistics. However, it can only be added (and billed) after the display of the 856 tag is corrected. Other new expenses include a new copier and server in the MOBIUS office, and the annual purchase of new courier bags.
 - e. The cost of maintenance from Innovative held firm this year.
 - f. Wendy expressed appreciation for MOBIUS staff in helping to hold costs low.

5. Unfinished Business

- a. The Cooperative Collection Management Task Force report was presented by Tom Peters. The eTextbook topic is moving faster and farther than expected, with entire course modules being quite probable in the near future. The declining demand for print suggests that MOBIUS may need to see itself as one large collection in need of collective management. Further work on cooperative establishment of Institutional Repositories will have to be done, if we want our I.R.'s to work well together. Members were reminded that these recommendations, along with those of other committees, would be prioritized in the strategic plan discussion.
 - b. The INNReach Best Practices Task Force report was presented. The Task Force did answer the question that the combined database is a comprehensive discovery tool and should not be limited to those items which are accessible.
 - c. The Training Task Force report was presented by Fran Stumpf. A spreadsheet was prepared which enumerated other potential sources of training. A survey of the membership was conducted. The recommendation of the Task Force was that MOBIUS concentrate on Sierra training, while developing a clearing house of other training opportunities available. Partnering with other agencies is also a possibility.
 - d. The Governance Task Force report was presented by Cindy Dudenhoffer. The changes recommended in this report will require Bylaws changes at the June meeting, so the membership was asked to approve the report. Changes include: (1) institutions should be able to designate their voting representative, (2) ex officio non-voting members can be added to the Board, as needed to provide balanced representation, (3) the advisory groups will be dissolved and reformed into three committees (with representation from the board), based on expertise and content rather than simple cluster representation. This move will permit more flexibility as to size and membership of the committees, and permit more open membership in interest groups and task forces. Stephanie Tolson pointed out that vehicles for communication will have to be developed. Donna Bacon noted that while the goals of the committees have a narrower focus, the new structure is actually more broadly inclusive, because it permits input from others who are interested but not visible in the cluster structure. The Task Force moved approval of the report. It was approved.
 - e. The Strategic Planning Task Force update was presented by Laurie Hathman. The plan covers three years: 2015-18. A survey had been conducted on the goals and objectives. Stephanie Tolson suggested from the floor that the first goal (fiscal viability) should be at third place, since enhancing the user experience ought to be our primary goal. Tom Peters also requested that the fourth goal have a higher position, since integrating our new members into our culture will be important if the growth is to be successful. At this point the membership were each given colored dots to affix to charts of the goals and objectives so that the objectives could be prioritized as to which year they would be addressed in the three year plan.
6. New Business
- a. Wendy McGrane presented the FTE policy and the description of the MOBIUS data capture procedures. Stand alone systems and out of state members are not included, since this data primarily concerns individual libraries within clusters. The MOBIUS maintenance fees were shown as they have changed and developed over the years. The total amount of

- maintenance is figured in the assessments according to MOBIUS' procedures, rather than Innovative's historic idiosyncrasies.
- b. Wendy presented the chart of the FY16 Membership Assessment Fees, as distributed earlier, with a brief description of the columns and resulting numbers.
 - c. Donna Bacon announced that the IUG Scholarship Winner for this year is Laura Kromer, a technician at the Missouri State Library and a library school student. She will present a report of her experience after the conference.
7. The meeting recessed for lunch.
8. New Business (cont.)
- d. Stephanie DeClue led the update on the first year of SkyRiver operations. Four institutions have completed this exploratory project. The Kansas City Art Institute transferred from Cat Express, finding SkyRiver less useful for multi-media objects, but excellent for its integration with Sierra. Moberly Area Community College also moved from Cat Express, also finding it easy to use and comprehensive for their purposes, with the added benefit of no lockouts which had been the case with OCLC. Covenant Seminary moved from OCLC Connexion, reporting that SkyRiver was easy to use with a very high hit rate even in their specialized collection, although OCLC was a nightmare to deal with in trying to split out the costs between cataloging and interlibrary loan. William Jewell found the workflow easier and they had few unique items which needed original cataloging, but the OCLC part of the piece was also a struggle. Donna Bacon reported that Innovative will extend the discount period (40% off the OCLC bill, if you can get it from OCLC) for one more year.
 - e. Donna Bacon presented the MOBIUS conference update. It will be held from June 1-3 in Columbia. There will be 4 keynotes and 4 main tracks as was done last year: public services, technical services, emerging technologies, and leadership and management. There were more submissions for presentations than can be accommodated. There will be dine-arounds with the four presenters, with Innovative paying for the shuttles. The networking event will be a reception before the dining, rather than dessert afterwards. The Training Day will include a program on influencing others, one on user centered design, and one on content analysis with Excel. The Membership Meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. on Monday. There may be an Innovative speaker after the membership meeting.
 - f. The INNReach Circulation Policy Task Force is just starting up. They are open to input and suggestions.
 - g. The Chat Reference Task Force update was presented by Jeannette Pierce. A recommendation will be made to the Board at its April meeting. The goals are to investigate an expansion of service, possibly longer hours of service, and to share expertise, also with a possible cost savings. A survey has been conducted and less than half of the libraries in MOBIUS are doing chat reference, but 60% thought it was a good idea. Most of those doing chat reference were using Library H3lp. Demonstrations have been presented and comparisons are underway.
9. Reports
- a. Donna Bacon gave the Executive Director's report.

- She announced that Renee Brumett of Springfield-Greene County Library has been selected to the IUG Steering Committee.
 - Steve Strohl's position has evolved into being the Associate Director for Member Services, including not only implementations, but also contracts with the couriers.
 - More courier bags are being injected into the system and the issues with Colorado are being sorted out. The implementation with Tulsa has gone well. An RFP for the courier service was sent to five vendors. If 1st Choice is selected, the new contract will go into effect July 1. If a change is indicated, there may be some delay to make a smooth transition.
 - There have been discussions with the state librarian of Kansas concerning how Evergreen has been implemented and how our courier system works. They may want to develop a reciprocal courier procedure for interlibrary loans. There are also discussions being done with Illinois systems. The RAILS (northern) system is looking at a possible adoption of INN Reach, which may make a peer to peer system possible.
 - New Members: Park has joined the Kansas City cluster and will be online by April. The Explore cluster plans to be online by March 9. Altoona Public (in Iowa) has been approved as a new member. They are on Polaris and will have a new connection by summer to be our first stand-alone Polaris member. Fayetteville (Arkansas) is looking at coming in as a Polaris site, as are other Arkansas libraries. Iowa is particularly interested in courier service, as they have none of their own. Donna will be talking to the Iowa chapter of ACRL this spring. Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City is now ready to join. Ozark Christian College in Joplin, currently on TLC, has approval for migrating to Sierra and potentially joining MOBIUS. The Mesa (Arizona) campus of ATSU is now moving to Sierra and will become part of MOBIUS.
 - The Directors Symposium was held in New Orleans earlier in the week, with several MOBIUS directors in attendance. This year they combined both public and academic libraries. In addition to moving outside of San Francisco, they also brought in the new Polaris and VTLS libraries. About 150 to 200 directors were in attendance. New things which are being introduced include a web interface for Sierra (no more clients), eContent and a shared knowledge base, removing limits on the number of codes, and a new cloud architecture.
- b. Barbara Reading gave the Missouri State Librarian's report. While the REAL funds were withheld by the governor this year and did not make it into the governor's budget, the House subcommittee put full REAL funding into their bill, which is now out of committee and on the calendar. The senate has had no amendments yet. The news is encouraging, but this still could be vetoed. State aid to public libraries, other than very small ones, has not been restored. There has been some talk of trying to get the budget bill out well before the deadline, so something can be done immediately if the governor vetoes it. Cooperative discussions have been held on the revision of online resources. EBSCO and Learning Express will continue, although the cost is not yet known. The Jobs and Careers database as well as the Gale and Business insights ones will be dropped. Heritage Quest turned out to be popular across a broader spectrum of libraries than expected and will probably become a statewide resource. Barbara gave an explanation of the relationship to LSTA grant funding. The matching requirement is not at risk, but

the state maintenance of effort may be a problem, although it would not become apparent for several years, due to the complex federal funding cycle.

c. Cluster reports

- Bridges. One library had two water related issues this year, with only the loss of a few current issues of paper journals.
- Explore. This cluster will go online with requestable materials in a couple of weeks.
- LANCE. ATSU is bringing up their Mesa, AZ campus and they have a new 3-D printer.
- Merlin. Web of Science has been restarted at MU. Sierra will be implemented in mid-May. The mold problem affected 629,000 materials, of which 12% were duplicates and 87% are being remediated or replaced. Amazingly, no content was lost. The treated materials will need reprocessing and a new long-term storage solution will yet have to be found. A new library fee for MU students is being proposed with a student referendum set for next fall. UMKC is doubling its Archives space.
- Quest. Cynthia Dudenhoffer announced that CMU is constructing a new academic building on campus for the first time since the 1960s.
- SWAN. Forest Institute of Professional Psychology will be closing its doors this summer. Also, Missouri State University will close a branch this summer.

9. Adjourn Meeting

The next meeting will be June 1 at the Holiday Inn in Columbia. Stephanie Tolson announced that Webster University will be hosting an ACRL webinar next week. It was moved, seconded, and passed to adjourn at 2:10 p.m.

10. Minutes taken by Sharon McCaslin, secretary pro tem.