

MOBIUS Coordinators Advisory Group

January 2003 Meeting (conducted in online forum)

Members present: Per Almquist (Bridges), Cathye Dierberg (Archway), Judy Fox (WashU), David Glick (Galahad), Kenette Harder (Wilo), Resa Kerns (Merlin), Robin Kespohl (MCO Liaison), Les Lynam (Quest), Corky McCormack (Swan), Mary Sims (Lance), Jason Stirnaman (Arthur), Terry Weaver (Towers)

A traditional face-to-face meeting was supposed to occur on January 10, 2003 at the MCO office but as a result of an online vote, all committee members decided to conduct an online meeting. The result of this and other votes are reported within these minutes.

The only agenda topic was whether or not the MCAG would recommend to the MOBIUS Executive Committee the purchase of the Millennium Access Plus products known as WebBridge and MetaFind. After discussing by email whether or not we needed to meet in person, the committee decided it was not necessary because we could make this decision in an online venue.

Most cluster representatives emailed the list that their fellow cluster members felt WebBridge and MetaFind were potentially very useful and would like to eventually have access to them, but that their cost did not warrant their recommendation when the state's budget situation is considered. This issue was especially relevant since many cluster representatives stated that their clusters would prefer to have the Table of Contents feature funding reinstated before any new features were purchased.

Some discussion ensued that the committee rank in preference funding order the aforementioned products but this led the committee to question its role and whether or not it should just recommend products or consider the cost of said products as part of the recommendation process. Some cluster representatives felt that we should rank the products in order (to plan for the future) while others did not because they were concerned about the budget situation and that any current recommendation would potentially burden current funding.

MCAG also discovered that MERAC was evaluating WebBridge and other similar products to determine the features and functionality of said products. This also led to more questions about the role of MCAG and what it should be doing as a MOBIUS committee. All cluster representatives felt it important to allow MERAC to continue with evaluating WebBridge and other like products before MCAG made any recommendations.

Representatives were solicited for a volunteer to serve to record meeting minutes. David Glick (Galahad) volunteered. An online vote was later held on this appointment and a number of other topics.

Robin Kespohl and MCO received a price quote from III for all clusters for the two products WebBridge and MetaFind and posted it to the committee. The committee was asked to keep this quote confidential but suffice it to say that for all clusters these two products are very expensive.

Eventually there were two rounds of votes held in an online format. The first series of votes concerned the following motions. Three motions were made by Resa Kerns while the fourth motion was made by Mary Sims.

Motion 1: Kerns motioned: “that the Mobius Consortium not pursue funding for WebBridge and MetaFind at this time, but the issue will be revisited at a later time.”

Seconded by Per Almquist

Motion 2: Kerns motioned: “that we recommend that the Mobius Consortium find funding to reinstate the TOC service.”

Seconded by Mary Sims

Motion 3: Kerns motioned: “that we accept David Glick’s gracious offer to serve as secretary for the group for this fiscal year, to end in June 2003.”

Seconded by Mary Sims

Motion 4: Sims motioned: “that the Coordinators Advisory Group meeting scheduled for January 10 at the MOBIUS office in Columbia, instead by conducted by email.”

Seconded by Resa Kerns

The results of the four motions follow:

Motion 1: 11 Yes votes to NOT meet in Columbia on Friday, January 10, 2003

Motion 2: 11 Yes votes to elect David Glick recorder/secretary

Motion 3: 10 Yes votes, 1 no vote on WebBridge, etc.

Motion 4: 10 Yes votes, 1 no vote on finding funding to reinstate TOC.

The 1 no vote on Motions 3 & 4 came from Cathye Dierberg at Archway because she suggested that MCAG’s charge is to recommend functionality and not funding.

The vote and Cathye’s suggestion led to a great deal of discussions about the MCAG’s charge and its role in serving the Mobius Consortium and recommending products especially when discussing product costs. Some committee members put forth the suggestion that on a larger scale we should also let MERAC do its job and evaluate OpenURL products which WebBridge is one example.

As a result of a significant amount of discussion on the above vote on Motions 1 & 2, amended motions to 1 & 2 were made and subsequently voted on and passed unanimously. Those amendments to Motions 1 & 2 are listed below and were voted on via email on January 22, 2003.

Amendment to Motion 1: Sims motioned: “to amend the First Motion previously adopted (“That the Mobius Consortium not pursue funding for WebBridge and MetaFind at this time, but the issue will be revisited at a later time.”) by replacing it with a motion to table the issue of the III MAP products until further information is available.”

Seconded by Resa Kerns and the Question was called by Judy Fox.

Amendment to Motion 2: Sims motioned: “to amend the Second Motion previously adopted (“That we recommend that the Mobius Consortium find funding to reinstate the TOC service.”) by replacing it with the following:

MCAG unanimously recommends reinstatement of the Table of Contents service. All clusters are in agreement that this service is a valuable addition to the catalog content. We recommend that TOC service be a high priority in the planning for services and products”

Seconded by Judy Fox and the Question was called by Corky McCormack.

April 11, 2003 was selected as the date for the next MCAG meeting at the MCO office starting at 10 am.

Some of the questions put forth to potentially be discussed at the next MCAG meeting include:

- Discuss the charge of MCAG more fully with the MCO liaison
- What should the committee be discussing?
- What subjects/products should the committee focus on?
- What about products that have been purchased but are not being used?
- Discuss WebBridge and wait for the evaluation on OpenURL products from MERAC.
- Discuss MetaFind
- Discuss Table of Contents