

MOBIUS Coordinator's Advisory Committee

March 7, 2006

Chair: Eileen Condon (*Bridges*)

Minutes: Joy Flanders (*Quest*) (Quest swapped minute-taking duties with Merlin, and Merlin will do minutes next time)

Members present: Pat Seavey (*Arthur*), Terry Weaver (*Towers*), Kirsten Young-Abots (*Archway*), Kathy Schlump (*Archway*), Resa Kerns (*Merlin*), Judy Fox (*WashU*), David Glick (*Galahad*), Steve Jamieson (*Bridges*), Eileen Condon (*Bridges*), Corky McCormack (*SWAN*), Mary Sims (*LANCE*), M.J. Poehler (*WILLO*), Joy Flanders (*Quest*), Mark Wahrenbrock (*MCO*) and Gary Harris (*MCO*.)

The **agenda** was distributed via email, and there were no items to be added.

The **minutes** have been previously approved via email. They have been posted on the MCO website.

Survey

It was decided at a previous meeting that we should survey all MOBIUS institutions about their use of III products, and other products. A preliminary draft of a survey was distributed with the agenda. This is a good place to start, and much discussion ensued. Reminders about keeping the survey within a reasonable length, how to compile the results, what to do with the results, etc. were brought up throughout the discussion. Also, we need to remember that this information, if made available online will need to be updated on a regular basis.

Joni Blake, Director at Stephens College, is working on a dissertation for the University of Nebraska that has required a telephone survey of MOBIUS institutions and their use of III products. We discussed using her results in order to skip repeating those questions on our survey, but decided not to since we also wanted to ask why people were or weren't using products.

We would like to do this survey online—like Mark did the recent training survey. Mark used a service at the University, (Assessment Research Center, part of the education college?) which helped design the survey, sent it out, then compiled the results. There is a cost for this service, Gary will check into it and provide us with information about that avenue. Further, we might be able to get a LSTA grant to pay for it.

Eileen is going to compile all the suggestions for the survey changes into a new draft and send it out via email.

Sharing Non-Print Materials

One of the MOBIUS Strategic Initiatives is that we explore using InnReach to share non-print materials. Several clusters are currently using Millennium to share non-print materials (videos, sound recordings, etc.) amongst the faculty and staff in their cluster.

Non-Returnables (traditionally ILL articles) is another issue. III is developing a new product called "Non-Returnables". This will be an "additional cost" product. Hopefully, it will be ready to preview at the IUG meeting this spring. The currently available ILL module does NOT capture FirstSearch data. So far, it has not been implemented at any MOBIUS site.

The MOBIUS initiative came from the planning retreat last year. It is proposed in the hope that the CLP will become more of a one-stop shopping place for our patrons. In order for this to happen, schools may need to change their ILL workflow.

Judy Fox presented (via email) a link to information about RAPID—a system designed by Colorado libraries which allows InnReach libraries to request books and articles from one interface. On initial investigation it seems that it would require loading information from EACH cluster catalog to that database on a regular basis. MCO is concerned about the time required for this service.

After discussion, it seemed that the consensus was to wait and view the III Non-Returnables product at the IUG conference. We want to be sure that it will integrate with Clio and Illiad. We also need to determine whether using the CLP in this manner is truly the best use of this tool.

Each representative needs to go back to their cluster with information about this. The cluster needs to know that this is a strategic initiative and we are “exploring” it. Are there parameters of implementation that need to be considered? Are there libraries that might want to opt out of this if it is implemented?

Further, we need to be sure to coordinate this discussion with MAAC, since it directly involves their area of expertise.

MCO Update

St. Louis University is pulling their records out of the MERLIN cluster and developing their own cluster catalog. This migration will begin March 27 and should be completed in May. There will be issues and contingencies to deal with during this period—especially for the St. Louis libraries.

MCO staff and the MOBIUS Council President is going to visit III for their annual “meeting.” Are there any things that we want to be brought up?—*there didn’t seem to be any.* WashU is beta-testing the new cataloging update.

The remaining 7 Alpha servers will be replaced this summer. A hardware upgrade is required before we can implement Release 2006.

The training survey is done. Results have gone to committee. They will be posted to the MCO training page. There were 785 persons surveyed, with a 59% response rate.

InnReach Enhancement process

Last year we tried to coordinate the IUG member voting. It was a bit unwieldy and didn’t seem to work well. How can we do it this year (we wanted to be sure that the MOBIUS votes were maximized by telling our IUG members about the enhancements that were a high priority for MOBIUS.)

We decided that individual libraries would inform other IUG members about enhancements that should be ranked a “1” by an email to the MOBIUS User’s List. Remember that non-members can’t see the enhancements list. MCO gets 1 vote in the enhancements process. They usually get together shortly after the list is published, conference and then vote as 1. They will send their enhancement vote to the MOBIUS User’s List also.

Should IUG member institutions get together at the IUG Conference? Gary will set up a Birds-of-a-Feather group.

Last year we tried to influence the sending of ballots. This year, after institutions notify others about their preference, it will be up to the individual institutions to vote how and when they wish.

Other Items

We should promote the use of the **MOBIUS Users'** List. There were over 700 people in the list for the training survey, but not nearly that number on the User's List. We should "advertise" the fact that there is now a Bags List and those announcements aren't part of MOBIUS User's anymore—it is believed that people unsubscribed from the list because of the frequency of those postings. Four ways to promote the use of MOBIUS User's again

- ♦ Ask the Council members to encourage their staff to subscribe
- ♦ Post a news item on the MCO news website
- ♦ Ask coordinators to encourage staff to join the list
- ♦ Send a reminder to cluster lists about the existence of MOBIUS User's List.

The **committee charges**, as recently amended, were given to the MOBIUS Council. We are waiting to learn if they have been approved. They should be posted to the MCO website once they are.

Meeting Adjourned. **Next meeting will be August 8** at 10am at the MOBIUS offices in Columbia.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Flanders