

MCDAC meeting –March 13, 2009
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Minutes -- DRAFT

Present: Donna Bacon (MCO), *Carol Bennett (Archway), Lynne BrancheBrown (Innovative), Marie Concannon (Fed Doc Liaison), Chris Dames (MERLIN-alternate), Adrienne Detwiler (MCO), *Jim Dutton (Quest-alternate), Felicity Dykas (MERLIN), Beth Fisher (MCO), Gwen Gilpin (Swan), *Dennis Goodyear (WILO), *Janine Gordon (MCO), Christopher Gould (MCO), *Corrie Hutchinson (Arthur), *Patricia Logsdon (Wash U), *Andrew McGarrell (Towers), Kathy Nystrom (Bridges), *Denise Pakala (Bridges-alternate), Scott Peterson (MCO), *Jean Rose (Archway-alternate), *Margaret Smith (SLU-alternate), *Mark Scharff (Wash U-alternate), Stephen Wynn, Chair (LANCE), *Anna Zaidman (SLU)

Absent: Pam Reeder (Quest), Michaela Willi Hooper (Galahad), Representative not yet appointed (Springfield-Greene). Galahad and Springfield-Greene were not represented at the meeting.

1) Call to order.

Stephen Wynn called the meeting to order at 2 PM.

2) MOBIUS update.

Scott Peterson noted the following MCO happenings: Donna Bacon and Jennifer Parsons have joined the MCO staff.

3) Local URL.

Lynne BrancheBrown from Innovative joined the meeting to answer our questions about “Local URL”. This product addresses our long standing concern of how to separate the free URL’s from the subscription only URL’s. This product displays URL’s that are freely available at the top of the display and those that are subscription only in the local holdings area. This is achieved by the libraries coding the local subscriptions at 956 and the freely available URL’S as 856. Some of the questions addressed were:

Q. How are URL’s that are not on the master record handled?

A. What displays in the catalog comes only from the master record. There is no consolidation from other records. We could decide to assign master records one by one, so someone can take responsibility to get the free URL’s on the record.

Q. Have others implemented this and how have they fared?

A. Ohio has implemented and did have to resolve a problem with duplicate URL’s; in some cases they had the same URL in the 856 and the 956, so those appeared twice.

Q. If there are multiple 856’s will they all display?

A. Yes.

Q. What is the relationship between Agency and Local URL?

A. The benefit of Agency is a greater flexibility to display more local URL’s. Without agency, there will still be the need to put multiple URL’s in a record. Local URL alone will not solve that problem.

Q. Where is the 956 stored?

A. Either the bib or attached record.

Q. How is the 956 displayed?

A. It is moved to the holdings level and displayed there.

Q. If the 956 is stored in local bib, would it display as, for example, LANCE, not Truman.

A. Yes.

Q. Why have both 856's and 956's?

A. This is how the system will know how to separate them. The 856's will go to the top and the 956's will go into the holdings area.

Q. How does the library make the changes?

A. Through a series of global changes.

The committee voted to ask that a demo be set up at a time separate from our regular meeting, so that we can do this sooner and so that those outside of MCDAC can also attend.

3. Changes to Catalog.

a. Index display: The problem with the index display of the analytic entries has been resolved; this involved MCO changing the briefcit display per our request.

b. Sorting by date: This is now operational in Innreach.

c. Indexes: The new indexes have been added and there have been reports of publisher keyword not working as expected; these comments have been referred to MCO.

4) Subcommittee for re-profiling authority profiles:

At the last meeting, a subcommittee was formed to re-profile for MOBIUS, with the intent of trying to decide if one profile can be used for all of the clusters. We voted to expand the charge to include updating or reaffirming a document created in December 2000; Policy on Authority Control for MOBIUS, particularly with regard to all of the clusters doing the required follow-up authority work as indicated in the authority reports generated for each cluster.

5) Task Force to redesign the Union Catalog.

The recommendation for the formation of a MOBIUS Redesign Task Force was sent to the MOBIUS Executive Committee and the idea was approved. Donna reported that the Executive Committee broadened the scope of the TF. They want the TF to look at plans to maintain and update cluster WebPACs and how this should be done in conjunction with the MOBIUS office. Previously, MCO implemented an idea to let clusters with the expertise maintain their WebPACs. MCO is revisiting this idea. It is time consuming to do the work and they want to make sure the work can get done in a timely manner. Five different clusters are awaiting updates to their WebPACs and MERLIN is working on a redesign. Donna rewrote the charge to include the expanded charge and sent it back to the Executive Committee for review and approval.

6) Request Page Instruction.

Jim related the following request from QUEST:

“One of our QUEST librarians reported a person had problem placing a request. It seems he took the instruction ‘For example, type ‘312312 ...’ and then press the TAB key’ literally and entered only the first six numbers of his ID which has nine numbers. She asked if the instruction could be changed to nine numbers. I pointed out we probably couldn't settle on a number that wouldn't cause a similar problem for someone elsewhere. I suggested we might make it something like ‘Type your FULL ID number plus your campus code.’”

The motion to make this change carried, and a request will be made with the help desk.

7) Suppressing “Request this item” button when no items are requestable.

We discussed the possibility of this and learned it is doable as a systems option. A decision was made to take this back to our clusters and report back to the Committee by April 10. If a change is agreed to, it will take place at the end of the spring semester.

8) Close. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.