

## MOBIUS Electronic Resources Advisory Committee Minutes

February 19, 2008

10:00 am – 12:00 Noon

Videoconference

In Attendance: Jill Nissen (Archway), Nina Stawski (Arthur), Ellen Eliceiri (Bridges), Jane Theissen (Bridges), Dan McGurk (Lance), Beth Fisher (MCO), Fran Stumpf (MCO), Janine Gordon (MCO), Rhonda Whithaus (MERLIN), Marilyn Milovich (Quest), Georgia Baugh (SLU), Kyle Windward (SWAN), Frank Baudino (Towers), Carol Antoniewicz (Washington University), Laurie Hathman (WILO)

Minutes: Laurie Hathman (WILO)

### I. Airing it Out

- Archway-Saint Louis College of Pharmacy is preparing for an accreditation visit next week.
- Arthur-no report
- Bridges-
  - Seminary libraries are preparing for the ATLA conference to be held in St. Louis in June 2009.
  - Webster is preparing for the HLC accreditation visit in March. They are also adding a web-enhanced component to their classes. A library science intern is currently working.
  - Fontbonne also has a library science intern. Jane Theissen and a colleague, Peggy Ridlen, have been published by ACRL.
- Lance-The cluster is using Syndetic Solutions. Truman is looking at commercial open URL resolvers after having used Melissa Belvadi's home grown resolver for a few years. They will also be advertising in the near future to fill the Head of Public Services position which will be vacated upon the retirement of a current staff member.
- MERLIN-Web of Science was cancelled and Scopus was added.
- Quest-no report
- SLU-Libraries are looking at reducing their print reference collection and enhancing their online reference collection. They have purchased collections from Wiley and Blackwell.
- SWAN-Missouri State University is also moving from print reference collections to online collections. New purchases include Gale products, Philosopher's Index and the ACM core package.
- Towers-Northwest Missouri State University has implemented Syndetic Solutions and is still working on formats. They also added the Serials Solutions 360 Resource Manager and it's working well.
- Washington University-They received additional money to spend on new databases. They stopped using the SFX open URL resolver and are now using 360 Link. They have 2 open professional positions, Engineering and Southeast Asian Studies.
- WILO-Coordination are working on the redesign of the cluster catalog since implementing WebPacPro and should be finished soon.

- II. MCO Update—Fran Stumpf is working on getting database trials set up for the spring. Orders will be due by June 1<sup>st</sup> so contacts can be sent in July and August for a September start date for subscriptions. The only contract that may need to be bid this year is Art Full Text.
- III. Database Cafeteria Timeline – A proposal was made to move up the subscription start date to either July 1 or August 1. This would allow library staff the opportunity to learn new databases and get comfortable with them before the beginning of the fall semester. A motion was made “To move up the timeline for the database cafeteria plan so that subscriptions would begin August 1<sup>st</sup> rather than September 1<sup>st</sup>.” The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Georgia Baugh will write up the motion and send the request to MCO. Fran will talk to vendors about the new subscription start date. It is likely this may not be implemented until FY10.
- IV. Syndetic Solutions—Five clusters (Archway, Lance, Quest, Towers, and Washington University) are already using various modules of the product. This is a product that must be purchased for a cluster because the URL link cannot be scoped to an individual site. MCO wanted to know if it should be offered again through the Vendor Direct program. Fran Stumpf will contact the vendor to see what they could offer this spring. The clusters who currently purchased it have worked out different ways to split the costs between the individual sites. Currently the libraries are billed directly from the vendor. MCO asked if there was interest in loading either Syndetic Solutions or Content Café on the InnReach server. If so, the directors would need to discuss payment options. Only one product can run on a server. Having such a product on the InnReach server could impact the use of the site and cluster catalogs if patrons bypass their local catalogs in order to use this feature. Several committee members indicated that they train their patrons to start searches with the local catalog, then the cluster catalog, then the union catalog. Also, the point was raised that it would not be helpful to have a different product running on the InnReach server than the one used by the clusters.
- V. MAROON Database – Loading of the files is currently the responsibility of a MOREnet staff member. Once the files are loaded Fran will notify the representatives so that we can update our records. A representative noted that the old MAROON link was still on the MERAC part of the website and that it directs to another internet site. Fran indicated she would have the website updated so that this link was removed.
- VI. Discussion of revised Cafeteria Survey(s)
  - a. Nina Stawski submitted a survey for the committee to review. She noted that it does give more pertinent information than the previous surveys but believes it may be more challenging to fill out. The committee agreed to test it’s usability with our local collection development or other groups. Further discussion will be done by email so that a final survey can be drafted at the July 2008 meeting.

- VII. Limited License Resources policy—The policy was passed by the MOBIUS Executive Committee in November. It will be presented at the MOBIUS Council meeting on February 29<sup>th</sup>. A question was raised as to who would enforce the policy since this is not stated on the document. The committee agreed that the process would be for MCO to provide usage data to MERAC. The cluster representative would take this information back to the individual site to get them to comply. The cluster representative would communicate back to MCO when the issue is resolved. The policy will be rewritten and submitted to the chair of the MOBIUS Executive Committee in time for the revised policy to be presented at the MOBIUS Council meeting.
- VIII. Orientation prior to MOBIUS Conference – MCO is proposing an orientation session for new members be held the Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 10:30am-Noon, before the MOBIUS Annual Conference. This orientation would give an overview of the consortium and committees. Participants would receive a binder of orientation information. The binder would also be provided for those who are on committees who could not attend the orientation session. The hope is that each committee's current chair could be present to assist with the orientation.
- IX. Volunteers for new Chair of MERAC beginning in July 2008—Volunteers and nominations were called for to fill the position. It was agreed that the chair should be someone with at least one year experience on the committee. Members decided to discuss this by email to give time to think about nominees.
- X. Next meeting date: Tuesday, July 15, 2008 at MCO in Columbia.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.