

**Minutes**  
**MOBIUS Governance and Growth Management**  
**December 6, 2005**

**Members Attendance:** Jim Cosgwell; Sarah Cron; Cathye Dierberg (chair); Mollie Dinwiddie; Laura Rein; Julia Schneider; Steve Stoan; Stephanie Tolson

**Ex Officio, Non-Voting Members Attendance:** Margaret Conroy; Sara Parker; George Rickerson

1. **Minutes** – The November 4, 2005 minutes were approved as revised.
2. **Potential Partnerships Report** – The Task Force discussion and approved this report with several revisions. The report is attached to these minutes.
3. **Identified Issues for Potential Partnerships** – The Task Force identified and discussed issues related to the 5 library sectors:
  - *Academic Libraries in Missouri* – Reviewed the locations of these 16 institutions and the general consensus was that it is unlikely that many will apply for membership. However, the Task Force did review the policy for the admission of new members dated 12/2/2000 and felt that some revisions were needed. Mollie will draft a revision making provision for evaluation of the institution to assure adherence to qualifications/standards and some consultation with the involved cluster plus adding charges for staff time in addition to the direct cost charges. The Task Force also discussed how a member could withdraw or be let go.
  - *K-12 Schools* – No issues identified.
  - *Special Libraries* – Issues are primarily the same as public libraries.
  - *Public Libraries* – These issues are a primary charge of the Task Force and have been identified in the review of Mobius documents and particularly the review of the Cooperating Partners document. Sara suggested that Mobius might include in the expansion planning a request for funds to the Secretary of State's Office for public library one time costs and the restoration of some public monies to assist in the maintenance of the CLP. Members supported this perspective, as it would certainly be a win-win situation for libraries and citizens alike.
  - *Consortia* – No issues identified.
4. **Great Plains Network Agreement** – George distributed the GPN Consortium Agreement as an example of a consortium set-up without a sponsor.
5. **Consortium with UM** – George followed-up on the possibility of a structure similar to GPN where Mobius members would each sign an agreement with UM with another document defining the consortium and how it functions. Due to the way Mobius functions with UM as the host institution, UM is the legal entity for Mobius and UM is the owner of all of the consortium's assets. Other incentives

for this structure include access to the infrastructure and particularly cash flow for operational payments. In his discussion with counsel, it is unlikely that UM would work with a non-profit (should Mobius decide on that alternative) that it does not control.

Again, there was some discussion regarding some institutions that might not want to sign-off on a completely new agreement and posed the possibility of achieving any changes with an amendment to the current document.

In discussing a possible structure with public libraries, the fundamental issue is whether Mobius is interested in maintaining control or sharing this control with the public libraries. Public libraries are not interested in forming a consortium among all publics but would do so solely for the purpose of a partnership with Mobius (where only participating publics would join).

Steve reviewed the original guidelines that were established for cooperating partners. Visiting patron function is disallowed; only library to library borrowing via InnReach is permissible. There is no participation in governance except the voting membership on 2 advisory committees. Each cooperating partner was set-up individually. They are not able to take advantage of buying into the electronic database licenses. It was originally thought that cataloging standards and authority control were not issues but the recent long-range planning activities brought these forward as being desired.

6. **Cooperating Partners Agreement** – The following changes were recommended for the document *Mobius Cooperating Partners* dated April 16, 2003:
  - Hardware, Software, and Resource Sharing Arrangements – change bullet 4 to indicate must *intersect* with the courier system.
  - Operational Issues – combine bullet 2 and bullet 8 regarding authorized borrowers; Change bullet 7 to indicate the CP sets the borrowing limits as long as they do not exceed the Mobius standard; bullet 9 should specify that a CP only needs 1 intersecting stop with the courier system; change bullet 12 to ...regulating INNReach activity including cataloging standards and authority control...
7. **Council Report** – The next Mobius Council meeting is January 27, 2006. Laura will give an introduction to the Task Force as part of the strategic planning outcomes. Steve will present the background and parameters established for the current Mobius cooperating partners. Cathye will discuss the deliberations of the Task Force and share information on the public library survey and the *Potential Partnerships* document.
8. **Review of Task Force Charge** – Cathye will work on documenting *Identify issues concerning membership, partnerships, relationships with other agencies, and growth*. George will work on the cost portion; Laura and Julia, the benefits portion of *Identify costs/benefits of potential partnerships and relations*.

9. **Next Meeting** – January 26, 2005, 1:00 p.m. in Columbia.