**Members Present:**

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| Laurie Hathman, President  At-Large Member | Rockhurst University |
| Eileen Condon, Vice-President/President-Elect and At-large member | Webster University |
| Valerie Darst, Past President | Retired |
| Ellen Dickman, Treasurer and At-Large Member | Logan University |
| Renee Gorrell, Secretary,  Special Libraries Representative | Goldfarb School of Nursing |
| Sally Gibson, At-Large Member (*attended online*) | Missouri Western State University |
| Katie Marney, At-Large Member | Culver-Stockton College |
| Ann Campion Riley, At-Large Member | University of Missouri-Columbia |
| Ed Walton, At-Large Member | Southwest Baptist University |
| Lea Briggs, Academic Library Representative | Northwest Missouri State University |
| Donna Bacon, Executive Director | MOBIUS |

**Members Absent:**

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| Claudia Cook, Public Library Representative | Missouri River Regional Library |
| Robin Westphal, State Librarian | Missouri State Library |

1. Call to order- Laurie Hathman, President, called the meeting to order at 9:58 am.
2. Adoption of the Agenda: Ann motioned to accept the agenda as written and Lea seconded. The motion passed.
3. Approval of Minutes: Approval of the August 9, 2019 minutes was deferred. It was determined that we were not viewing the most recent version of that draft.
4. Auditor’s Report, Hauk Kruse & Associates. Dan Lane, CFO, gave the auditor’s report. He reported that they did not see anything not in line with the previous year’s report. Total assets are up from the previous year. Ann asked how we account for the increase in assets; he replied that he will check on this and get back to us. Other points of clarification were brought up. The audit was accepted by the Board.
5. Treasurer’s Report, Ellen Dickman: Ellen has not received the financial report for the fiscal year; that was waiting for the audit to be complete. The Reserves report is the only thing ready at this time. Ellen will report on audit at the membership meeting. After some discussion, the Board decided that the Finance Committee will create a draft of a summary of the audit for the website.
6. Committee Reports
7. Circulation and Courier, Sally Gibson: The committee held a webinar regarding the adhesive labels. This group is coordinating a group purchase of these labels; there are 16 member libraries participating.
8. User Experience and Metadata, Ann Campion Riley: Ann reported that they met recently over the phone. She will share the meeting notes at the Membership meeting next week.
9. E-Resources: Donna reported for the E-resources committee. They are looking into Kanopy as a shared collection. It was discovered that many resources that members were asking for, were already offered. In addition, some members were also not aware of other MOBIUS services, such as batch loading of e-books.
10. ILS Software and Services, Ellen Dickman: This committee has not met since the last time Ellen gave a report.
11. Public Libraries, Claudia Cook: In Claudia’s absence, Donna reported that this committee has not met.
12. Old Business.
13. MSU: MSU has chosen the FOLIO platform. There was a recent news release regarding EBSCO EDS and MSU. MSU’s exact departure date from MOBIUS is unknown at this time.
14. Membership Levels: Laurie asked the Board if they want to consider different membership levels. Some board members are in favor; if some non-members want to subscribe and pay for some services, why would we not want to accept that? Donna replied that we would have to look at our financial model first. Donna also pointed out that we used to have an Associate membership; should we look at this again? There was discussion about many varying institutions; dual credit courses in high schools / colleges was given as one example. The by-laws would have to be changed. Donna told the Board that she has talked with Innovative, and explained that the model we started with in 1998 is no longer sustainable. There will be more conversations about our future. During this time, Donna also spoke about Project Reshare, an open source resource-sharing network. Donna said she brought this up at ALA while meeting with Innovative as something to watch. She also mentioned the Fulfillment Project, which was started about 12 years ago; the state of Ohio collaborated with Equinox and developed a basic ILL tool. A Canadian consortia, Bibliomation, is working with Equinox on a resources sharing project; they are working on the connector and will be talking with Innovative regarding Sierra. There are other options out there; we need to keep looking at them. There was more discussion about when and how we start the talks of varying membership levels. It was suggested we introduce this topic at the Fall Membership meeting, then plan to fully discuss it at the Spring 2020 meeting. Donna reminded the Board that this would be a complete restructure of MOBIUS. It was recommended that the Board point out the long-term fiscal health of MOBIUS and we have listened to members at the listening posts. Ann said our responsibility as a board is to consider the future and sustainability of MOBIUS. Katie recommended we come back to our mission – restate that and what would different membership levels do regarding the need to fulfill our mission. The Board agreed to bring up the topic at the upcoming membership meeting, and then at the Spring meeting there will be further discussion of re-structuring MOBIUS.
15. Task Force on Assessments: Ellen reported that this Task Force has not yet met; she questioned whether they should be looking at next year only, or now opening to other ideas. Ann asked if the 3% increase would be ok for now, as we are looking to possible changes in the future. She also asked what the Task Force would like to see the assessment model reflect – enrollment? usage? Where should MOBIUS make their revenue?
16. MOBIUS Digitization Committee: There is a proposal to look at the charge of this committee (handout). Emily Jaycox will meet with Laurie in February 2020 regarding terms of committee members. Ellen moved to approve the charge of the Digitization Standing Committee, Ann seconded. Motion passed.
17. OTN Summer Institute Scholarship application review: The Board reviewed drafts of the requirements, application, and instructions. The Board asked questions including: Who pays for the trip to the Summer Institute?  What is expected of the persons who receive this scholarship money?  Who is eligible?  What if they leave? What will the individuals’ institutions be responsible for?  MOBIUS will pay for travel to the Summer Institute. Donna agreed to take the board’s suggestions back to Christina to edit the application.
18. Listening visits, Sept 16-18, to Ozark Technical College, Southwest Baptist, Springfield-Greene, Evangel, and Drury.   Donna told the Board that they heard many of the same themes: decreases in enrollments; budget issues; resource pricing increases; worries about assessment increases; staff reductions; utilizing more student workers; day hours only; and concerns about MSU leaving. One of the libraries is getting rid of all print periodicals. The students use the databases, but are sometimes overwhelmed by all the varying platforms. The timing of the MOBIUS annual conference is a barrier for many public libraries, as it conflicts with MPLD.  There is interest in more electronic resource packages for public libraries, and a group discount on Biblioteca’s open+ (which allows for extended access after-hours). Libraries noted that they liked OverDrive, eMO, ArticleReach, the MOBIUS conference, and the ROI report. And MOBIUS is valued!
19. New Business
20. FY21 Final Budget and Assessment: Donna pointed out the handouts about the budget assessments. FY21 included no salary raises for any staff. Discussion included the $1.2 M in the contingency fund (but $80,000 is still owed to Innovative for LinkedData.) There was more discussion of budget shortfalls and the auditor’s report. Ed questioned having a higher line item for some lines if we don’t know that we will need to spend that amount? We should consider historical based budget, the average of last five years. Donna reminded the Board that the contingency fund has allowed us to offer services to members that we could not have otherwise. Ellen moved to accept the amended budget with a 2% staff salary raise, Renee seconded. Motion passed, with one abstention. Eileen moved to accept the 2020/21 assessment with a 3% flat increase. Lea seconded. Motion passed, with one abstention.
21. Open Board positions: Laurie will ask Susan Swogger of A.T. Still University to fulfill Christina Prucha’s term, as at-large member.
22. Agenda for October 18, 2019 Membership meeting: Eileen suggested we move the committee reports to the spot after the State Librarian’s report. Eileen suggested letting members know they can ask for a listening post visit. Eileen moved to accept the agenda for the October 18 Membership meeting; Lea seconded. Motion passed.
23. Executive Director’s Report: Donna told the Board that Kathryn Harnish, Senior VP of Product Strategy at Innovative will come to Columbia on December 5 to talk about Inspire Discovery. MOBIUS will have a booth at PLA in 2020, continuing to promote Evergreen. They have investigated other conferences to attend, as well. The legal team has written a contract for Evergreen services. Donna said they are revising the ROI reports; she is getting requests from members for another. Donna told the board that she submitted a sunshine request to view the other bids after MOBIUS lost the bid for Missouri Evergreen. That was refused until a contract was signed. MOBIUS is going to host ArchivesSpace, an open source tool to catalog and archive materials. Donna received an email from the Provost at State Technical College after Christina Prucha’s departure with questions about MOBIUS. Palmer College has a new director; Donna has not been able to meet with her yet. Donna just returned from the joint Iowa/Nebraska Library conference in Omaha; she was very encouraged by good conversations. She will be attending the Missouri Community College Association (MCCA) conference the first week of November. She and Steve stopped at the Joplin Public Library on the way to the Arkansas Library Conference; JPL is interested in hearing more about MOBIUS. Donna has met with a graphic artist; there may be a redesign for the front page of the MOBIUS website, to make it more of a marketing tool for prospective members.
24. State Librarian’s report: No report.
25. Other business: None.
26. Next Board meeting: December 6, 2019.
27. Adjournment: Lea moved and Eileen seconded that the meeting be adjourned; motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:33 pm.