

Notes from Coordinators' Meeting, December 4, 2000

Present: Georgia Baskett, Corinne Caputo, Catherine Craven, Inas El-Sayed, Marcia Stockham, Jim Dutton

1. Gary Harris spoke with us briefly about pros and cons of the proposed beta test of Phase 4 of Mil Circ. After discussion, the consensus was not to participate in this test. We all agreed that it would be interesting to do, and quite possibly a positive experience, but the negative aspects outweighed the benefits. Reasons for the decision include: We had originally expressed interest in testing the Media Booking, but the test actually is for MilCirc and INN-Reach with only a few features of the booking module to be tested; many of the new MilCirc features are those that we may or may not use; timing of the testing period is between semesters which may not allow for real day-to-day testing or scenarios; support is provided solely through one III staff member - the regular help desk and the MCO help desk would not be able to help with bugs; we do not know how many other sites will be beta testing and relying on that person for support as well; one site did not want to participate, but III strongly urged us to do this as a group; extra work would be involved to document problems and to test the functions that we don't normally use. Marcia will notify Amy Apel of our decision.

2. Choice of pickup locations was discussed again. Inas reminded the directors that Lincoln had agreed they would be willing to have this function turned on within Arthur starting in January 2001. However, Liz Wilson was not available to give the final authorization at the time of the meeting. Marcia will send a message to the directors asking for the authorization to have MCO turn on the function.

3. The recommendations made so far by the Public Services Committee have either been completed, or sent to Innovative as an enhancement request. Jim showed a "quick search box" that has been developed for use in the WILO cluster. It can be seen at wilo.missouri.edu. Catherine will share this idea with the committee. She also reported that the committee shared handouts and other materials, is starting to talk about promoting services, and would like to hear ideas or suggestions from everyone.

4. Following up on last month's discussion of "recalls" and information from the help desk, we decided to do a test on the "recall through reserves" functionality. The manual is rather unclear as to which patron types are deemed valid in order to use this function. Jim will set up a test and let us know how it works. The consensus was to turn it on if it works, and those who wanted to use it could. Most sites will probably still use personal phone calls to recall items that are truly needed for reserves.

5. Lynne Edgar has added the additional texts and reasons for canceling holds that we requested. We will also ask her to add the ability to insert notes or "free text" as one of the options when canceling an INNreach hold.

6. There is a question as to whether we can "recheck" a book to the same or different patron after it has been checked in and set to "in transit". Judy Fox states that at this time, the MOBIUS books should be sent back and re-requested, but the Access Advisory Committee will look at the policy. In the cluster, the system does allow this to happen with no blocks or problems, providing there are no holds on the book. The coordinators see no problem with allowing this procedure in Arthur to save time for patrons and staff, and to save wear and tear on the books. However, since it is Arthur policy, Marcia will contact the directors for a decision.

7. New additions and modifications to the SCAT tables are completed. Inas will change some of Lincoln's original numbers in the D's and PNs. While Georgia was proofreading she found some discrepancies in the LC schedules and passed around a sheet of proposed changes. Each site will check their schedules (especially K) and let Georgia know if the changes are to be made. We agreed that once this table is finalized, changes would only be made once a year (after fiscal end) with everyone's approval.

8. Marcia reminded everyone to submit the IUG enhancements ballots by the deadline December 20.

9. Possible dates for Authority Control training were discussed. The group preferred waiting until after mid-January for the one day training session. Robin will send us possible dates for consideration.

10. Inas reminded us that LU is still using pcode2, so we should not make changes to these codes until Lincoln is finished with them.

11. Jim showed us authority control records and we talked about the display of the table of contents. Marcia will notify the help desk about the problems we see in the display (page number showing in browse list after title in title search, and name is displaying both formatted and unformatted).

12. Georgia will attend the Mobius Catalog Design Committee meeting in Inas' place on December 8.

13. The next meeting will be held February 5, 2001 at the MCO.