

Present: Erlene Dudley
Joni Blake
Janet Caruthers
Angela Gerling
Linda Harris
Liz Wilson

Janet Caruthers, Chair, presented the agenda.

Decisions by E-mail

Arthur Directors approved the recommendations from Arthur Coordinators' and Public Services Committees to begin implementation of WebPac Pro. This request was referred to MCO on 4/30/07.

Unfinished Business

The Arthur Coordinators' Committee referred the following recommendations to the Arthur Directors' Committee:

1. New coordinators without prior III experience be given two years to develop skills and knowledge of the system before serving as chair of the committee
2. Coordinators will have two years between terms as chair of the committee.

After discussion, the directors acknowledge the need for III experience for the chair of the committee. Should this event occur an exception in the rotation is permissible. Should the need arise for a coordinator to have a break from serving as chair, an exception in the rotation is also permissible. Should either of these events occur, the chair of the Coordinators' Committee should bring it to the attention of the Directors' Committee and offer a solution to the rotation issue.

3. MOBIUS Concerns:

The Arthur Directors discussed a number of issues that they felt need to be brought to the attention of the MOBIUS Executive Committee.

Some of the concerns discussed were:

- 1) Lack of communications from MOBIUS Consortium Office--Examples
 - a) Many libraries were working on WebPac Pro and doing research which came out of MCO after our research had been done
 - i) Four clusters had already implemented WebPac Pro and the membership was not informed. This would have helped us make our decision to move forward.
 - b) We don't believe an annual report was issued for 2006-2007
 - c) The version of the By-Laws on the MCO web site has not been changed since 2002. We believe the By Laws have had some revisions since then.
 - d) The announcement about the decision to pursue funding for Encore did not explain why the Executive Committee was moving forward on this without input from the Council
 - e) We would like regular updates from Executive Director about what MCO is doing and projects the membership might consider.
 - f) Membership needs clarification about the split of responsibilities between LSO and MCO and where this is headed in the future.
 - g) Information for items on the agenda need to be sent in advance, so Council members can be fully informed before the Council meeting.

- 2) We believe the election of the Executive Committee should be a more open process. We would prefer to see the membership be asked to nominate directors for the positions. We would prefer there be two candidates for each position along with the possibility for a write in.
- 3) The web site is not up to date. We know a revision is planned, but the information currently posted has not been updated:
 - a) We believe revisions to the bylaws have occurred since the posting of the 2002 version
 - b) Minutes of Executive Committee are not current unless you look on the Executive Committee page. The minutes posted there can only be viewed by the members of the Executive Committee.
- 4) Strategic planning seems to have been dropped. We believe this is vital to the future of the consortium and activity needs to resume. We are uncertain of the vision for the consortium.
- 5) We feel the need for a reaffirmation by the Executive Committee and the Executive Director of the importance of the Common Library Platform to the future of MOBIUS.
- 6) We also believe there is a need for orientation for new members of the Council and the Executive Committee.
- 7) We believe that the membership needs to re-engage itself and become more active. We believe more Council meetings are necessary each fiscal year, and the Council members need to be present and active.

After a great deal of discussion we reached a majority decision on all items, but we could only reach consensus on item #2. Lincoln University agreed with item #2 but does not share the other concerns expressed here. Janet Caruthers and Angela Gerling will attend the Executive Committee meeting on Friday, May 4, 2007 and present item #2 for consideration by the Executive Committee.

Submitted by,

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