

Bridges Directors Meeting

Friday November 17

Lindenwood University

Present: Laura Rein & John Gresham(co-chairs), Jim Pakala, , Andrew Sopko, Shawn Strecker, Rosemary Buhr, Genie McKee, Nitsa Hindeleh, Linda Orzel (sitting in for Marty), Per Almquist (chair, Site Coordinators committee) Melissa Balvadi (chair, web design subcommittee) and Anne Booker (stopped in to give her report)

1. Laura Rein discussed the circulation policy spreadsheet. A modified spreadsheet will be sent out to site coordinators.
2. Melissa Belvadi gave a report on the Webpac Design Subcommittee. The committee agreed on some basic design principles and outlined some basic questions that will need answering before proceeding further. Discussion followed. It was determined that some of the questions (such as which indexes) will be answered through the process of implementation and that we will answer those questions as they come up. There is a webpac prototype available at <http://www.fidnet.com/~fredmck/bridgesmbcdemo/> (thanks to Fred McKinney, Mo. Baptist)
3. Per Almquist gave a report on the site coordinator's meeting. The committee discussed webpac issues, circulation policies, the III getting started manual, logos, and issues related to using proxy servers with III. Discussion followed. Regarding circulation policies, the question of special patrons use of MOBIUS came up. Laura Rein agreed to find out what current MOBIUS policy is. Regarding the III Getting Started Manual, Per informed us that this is available online but requires a password from the MCO helpdesk for access. Melissa has also made this available online for the cluster. Regarding proxy server issues, MOBIUS does not recommend the III proxy server (WAM) product. Questions were raised over the possibility of purchasing the III API product for use with the EZProxy server. (This would enable the Ezproxy server to query the III patron database to authorize user access.) The cost of this product and possibility of MOBIUS paying for it remain unanswered. The site coordinators hope to meet following the initial meeting between MOBIUS staff and Bridges directors and site coordinators.
4. John Gresham reported for the logo design sub-committee. Certain logos have been resubmitted to the graphics design class, based on feedback from the cluster, but we will not see results until January. John agreed to re-post the link to the logos web page (created by Eileen Condon) to elicit additional comments on the designs submitted by Per.
5. Anne Booker reported (with short notice) on the MOBIUS electronic resources advisory committee. That committee is gathering data on which online products MOBIUS members currently subscribe to, which products we might like to subscribe to, and which publishers do not give consortial discounts. MOBIUS is (or will be?) asking for state funding for databases.
6. Jim Pakala reported on the recent MERC meeting. (MERC is the new name for MoreNet's higher education consortium). The speaker Kayla Stroup (sp?) was advocating greater inter-institutional cooperation and collaboration in delivery of distance education. Projects discussed at MERC included Missouri

Learners Network, Distributed Learning Workshop and MOBIUS. The role of C.T.I in making recommendations to CBHE was noted. MoreNet announced that they will be hooked up with Internet II in 2001. The Morenet sponsored HELIX conference will be at Tan-Tar-A March 22-23.

7. Shawn Strecker reported on the MOBIUS long range planning retreat. She noted that the hot topic of discussion was the question of expanding MOBIUS membership beyond academic libraries.

8. The meeting adjourned to a delicious lunch provided by Lindenwood University.

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