

MOBIUS Access Advisory Committee
Minutes
July 23, 2002

Present: Chairperson Mary Jo Barbush-Weiss (UMR), MERLIN alt.; David Glick (SEMO), Galahad; Sharon Upchurch (Culver-Stockton), Lance; Ellen Eliceiri (Eden-Webster), Bridges; Per Almquist (Covenant), Bridges alt.; Tom Schultz (William Woods), Arthur; Doris Beeson (SLU-Pius), MERLIN; Robin Kespohl, MCO; Scott Britton (WashU), WashU; Linda Medaris (CMSU), Quest; Kay Sodowsky (Blue River CC), WILO alt.; Elise Fisher (William Jewell), WILO; and Loretta Ponzar (Jefferson), Archway alt.

INTRODUCTIONS

Since this was the first meeting of the new fiscal year, the members introduced themselves around the table.

CLUSTER REPORTS

Robin reported that Towers went live on July 9th and that it was the final cluster to do so. Robin also mentioned that there were other libraries waiting to join MOBIUS as additions to the existing clusters. She stated that MCO had recently received a letter of intent from Ranken Technical College in St. Louis.

BLACK BAGS

Mary Jo announced that the results of the recent black bag inventory left 543 bags unaccounted for. A very brief discussion of their possible whereabouts followed. The committee also discussed whether another inventory in August might be beneficial. It was decided that another inventory so soon would not really help the issue of missing bags. The group agreed to inventory bags each year on the second Monday in August. Robin will draft a procedure for this and send it to the members for their approval. She will also post the results of this year's inventory on the MAAC web page. Mary Jo also reported that there had been complaints about the black bag ties being too tight. It was suggested that the ties be passed through not only the hole in the bag, but the hole in the zipper as well and/or that a pair of clippers be used to snip the tie. Robin will revise the wording of the procedures for preparing items for shipment so that it will suggest placing the tie through both the hole in the bag and the zipper. Mary Jo also mentioned that some libraries were not putting the patron's name on the book band. She suggested that everyone remind his/her cluster to do so.

IMPLICATIONS OF PROPOSED MOBIUS CIRCULATION POLICY

Proposal number twelve stated that the lending library would make books available for MOBIUS lending as soon as they become available in the local system. Robin reminded the group of some of the recent changes in status code labels. The codes remain the same, but some of the labels have been changed. Only – (available) should be requestable. If everyone has to use the hyphen immediately, then some libraries that normally use the new book status code would not be able to do so. After discussion, the committee decided to let this issue ride until or unless problems arise with the status quo.

MERLIN suggested that the phrase “No refunds will be given after the annual lost book reconciliation” be added to the policy dealing with MOBIUS charges. The committee agreed to this change. A brief discussion of the reconciliation process followed with the emphasis on the library-to-library nature of this process.

MOBIUS BORROWING PRIVILEGES FOR RETIRED FACULTY AND STAFF

While discussing the issue of borrowing privileges for retired faculty and staff, the committee looked at the *Memorandum of Understanding*. Robin said that the Executive Board had said at its July 19th meeting that each library defines its own faculty and staff. Scott said he would work on wording a policy that would reflect this understanding and send it out to the group for its consideration.

USING MOBIUS REPORTS

Mary Jo said there was some concern that clusters were not making adequate use of the MOBIUS reports. She also emphasized that even if a record looks good in the local catalog, if it shows up on a report, there is a problem. In general, she asked that the committee members emphasize to their clusters that it is important to address the problems presented in the reports.

VISITING PATRON ID'S

A spirited discussion took place about what should be acceptable as visiting patron identification among all the clusters. It was decided that a policy be added to the proposed circulation policies that indicated that a patron must present an institutional ID and if this ID is not a picture ID, a government-issued picture ID (e.g., driver's license, state ID, military ID, passport) will also be required. This policy will appear on the circulation and ILL contact list web page and as number 14 on the list of proposed circulation policies.

After lunch, Robin spoke of the MOBIUS Coordinator's Committee, which should be holding its first meeting sometime in August. Each cluster has appointed one member to this committee. New functionality is its primary scope.

TRADITIONAL ILL AND COMPENSATION FOR NET LENDERS

Robin pointed out that some libraries are lending a lot more than they are borrowing. Mary Jo asked if it was time to start looking at compensation methods for net lenders. The group agreed that monograph lending was not the primary problem at this time. However, the ILL lending of non-returnables was creating a problem for some libraries during this time of budget tightening. It was suggested that net lenders be the libraries of last resort only. Further, net lenders would be identified as libraries that lend at least 100% more non-returnables than they borrow. A statistical analysis was run on the figures from 2001-2002 and five MOBIUS libraries were so identified. They were: Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, University of Missouri-Columbia, Logan College of Chiropractic, SLU Law, and St. Louis Community College. MAAC will request through MOBIUS Users-L that the above institutions be lenders of last resort only for non-returnables.

NEW CHAIR

Sharon Upchurch was elected the MAAC chair for 2002-03. The committee thanked Mary Jo for her service for the past year. The next two meetings were scheduled for Nov. 19th, 2002, and Mar. 18th, 2003.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20.

Respectfully submitted, Loretta Ponzar.