

Mobius Access Advisory Committee Meeting
January 25, 2000

Members Present:

Judy Fox, Chairperson	Washington University	
Elizabeth Ader	UMKC	Merlin
Joni Blake	William Woods	Arthur
Ellen Eliceiri	Eden-Webster	St. Louis-Teal
Elise Fisher	William Jewell	Western
Gary Harris	MCO	
Gordon Johnston	Three Rivers	Southeast
Linda Medaris	CMSU	Central West
Jim Mulder	MWSC	Northwest
Gaye Pate	Missouri Southern	Southwest
Loretta Ponzar	Jefferson College	Archway
Sharon Upchurch	Culver-Stockton	Northeast
Mark Wahrenbrock	MCO	
Carol Warrington	SLCC-Forest Park	Archway

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 at the Mobius Consortium Office in Columbia. The group decided to rotate the taking of minutes alphabetically by cluster name. Loretta Ponzar of Archway took the minutes for this meeting.. Committee members reintroduced themselves around the table. The minutes of the Oct. 22 meeting were approved.

Judy led a discussion of the draft of the MOBIUS ILL proposal. Elise Fisher from the Western cluster reported concerns in her cluster about the visiting patron option. Since the INN-Reach software cannot differentiate between participating and non-participating libraries, non-participating libraries would have to deny the visiting patron option on a local level. The Committee acknowledges that there are problems with this option for some libraries. For example, this option was not agreed to in the original MOBIUS agreement; some libraries might be concerned about being responsible for books their patrons borrowed from other institutions and did not return, or some institutions might feel unduly burdened by this option. The Committee decided to edit the proposal to reflect a more noncompulsory nature to this option. Elise Fisher made a motion to approve the proposal as edited along with a recommendation to the Executive Committee acknowledging that there are reservations about the visiting patron option because it is not included in the memorandum of understanding and that some libraries have concerns about the visiting patron option in general. Linda Medaris seconded. The motion carried. A copy of the revised proposal is attached.

Judy referred to earlier discussions about encouraging the use of ARIEL and perhaps seeking grants for its use. She felt that the first step toward this would be to survey the MOBIUS libraries about ARIEL and their use of it. It was the consensus of the group that Judy, who had volunteered to do so, should work on developing a survey to send out to the MOBIUS libraries.

There was a general discussion about the need for ILL workshops (traditional ILL) and some options for these workshops. The Committee decided that members should return to their clusters and determine if there was interest in having MLNC conduct more ILL workshops or for having more Best Practices workshops conducted by Mary Jackson of ARL.

Judy pointed out to the Committee that the labels of Metropolitan Community Colleges do not include Metropolitan Community College with the individual campus name and that this has caused some problems. After discussion, the Committee suggested to the MCO representatives present that the labels read, for instance, Blue River Community College % Longview Community College for each of the Metropolitan Community Colleges.

The Committee discussed the draft of the proposed statistics to be kept by MOBIUS libraries. The group decided that INN-Reach could keep the MOBIUS borrowing and lending statistics of the libraries as they became part of INN-Reach,. The ILL Borrowing and ILL Lending forms were approved with some restructuring. Judy asked the group if their clusters could begin keeping these statistics on the revised form beginning March 1 and the members seemed to feel this would be possible. Judy volunteered to compile these statistics, at least for March, April and May and to then send them on to MCO.

The Committee reviewed the existing MOBIUS circulating policies. There was agreement among the members that they would like to see the circulation limits be reexamined before ARTHUR joins INN-Reach. Judy said she would contact MCIRC. She also felt it would be good to have INN-Reach procedures appear on a MOBIUS staff page. Judy agreed to look at Washington University and Merlin's current procedures and will make them, as applicable, available to MCO to appear on a MOBIUS staff page. She asked the group to be thinking about other procedures that needed to be added to this page.

Judy asked that each library send a list of primary contacts to her for compilation. Each library should sent as many names as it feels are necessary, i.e. ILL, MOBIUS, etc. with name, role, organization, e-mail and phone to her by February 15.

The group discussed the impending entry of ARTHUR into INN-Reach. The next meeting of the MOBIUS Access Advisory Committee is scheduled for April 25. The meeting adjourned at 2:15.