

MOBIUS Coordinator's Advisory Group (MCAG) Meeting
MOBIUS Consortium Office; Columbia, Missouri
March 8, 2005

Chair: Judy Fox, WashU

Minutes: David Glick, Galahad

Open

- Galahad cluster responsible for meeting minutes (per rotation)
- Introductions
- Attendees:
 - Eileen Condon, Webster University; Bridges Cluster
 - Steve Jamieson, Covenant Theological Seminary; Bridges Cluster
 - Ted Ostaszewski, Metro Community College; WILO Cluster
 - Terry Weaver, Missouri Western College; Towers Cluster
 - Judy Fox, Washington University
 - Corky McCormack, Ozarks Technical College; Swan Cluster
 - Kathy Schlump, East Central College; Archway Cluster
 - Resa Kerns, University of Missouri – Columbia; Merlin Cluster
 - Cathye Dierberg, St. Louis Community College; Archway Cluster
 - Mary Sims, Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine; Lance Cluster
 - David Glick, Southeast Missouri State University; Galahad Cluster
 - Joy Dodson, Central Methodist College; Quest Cluster
 - Gary Harris, MOBIUS Consortium Office
- Minutes from last meeting were discussed and approved

Agenda

Old Business

The reinstatement of Table of Contents Service for MOBIUS members will be considered during FY2007.

Strategic Planning documents and discussion

It was mentioned that the Strategic Planning documents were mailed out to the committee members with some individual member comments. Any comments generated today will be forwarded to the Executive Committee meeting which is this Friday.

Committee Chair, Judy Fox, mentioned that as a committee we should look at and determine potential areas of refinement and responsibility in the list of Strategic Initiatives.

As a subcommittee of MCDAC three individuals will undertake to develop standards for cataloging practices for Cooperating Partners. These individuals are: Donna Bacon, Gwen Gilpin, Kathy Nystrom.

Committee members discussed some of the Strategic Initiatives. One of these discussions was on the Development of a user-centered Catalog and its relationship to external third-party resources such as RedLightGreen.com

Someone asked why MCAG is discussing these initiatives and Judy Fox responded that she is hoping that there are some Strategic Initiatives on which MCAG can concentrate and focus.

Another strategic initiative that was discussed concerned training. Questions were raised over who should survey the members – MCAG or MCO staff and how and what do we need to know.

MCAG decided to urge MOBIUS Executive Committee to rank a survey for training purposes as a high priority. During the ensuing discussion, MCAG decided that the MCO training staff should create the survey and get MCAG to review the survey. Potential questions to include might be: What modules are you using? What are you doing with the modules that you are using?

Another strategic initiative that was discussed was the MCO Leadership, Advocacy & Support. A question was raised as to why it was mentioned that MCO was providing assistance in cataloging when that service was currently performed by MLNC. After much discussion MCAG decided to request that the MOBIUS Executive Committee clarify the meaning of the statement “assistance to cataloging” in this strategic initiative. It was felt that MOBIUS and MLNC should not be in competition with MLNC.

Another topic discussed was whether or not the MOBIUS Office has enough staff to do the things that it has discussed and that has been presented in the Strategic Initiatives. According to Gary Harris, the MCO office plans to get another trainer and fill a vacant help desk position. It was stated that the MCO office has limited resources and this should be kept in mind when making requests of the MCO staff. Alternatively, the MCO office should keep committees in mind when needing things and/or help. One suggestion put forth to assist the MCO staff was that MOBIUS members that are experts with a specific module could sign up to serve as point of first contact before the MCO training staff were contacted. Many wondered if there are other potential opportunities to assist the MCO office. It was also mentioned that the MCO Clearinghouse of information and training documentation is available on their website. MCO should encourage members to share local training documentation from the MCO Clearinghouse website.

Consortium Management Extension Package / Request Circles

Cathye Dierberg brought up the subject of Request Circles because Consortium Management Extensions will not handle what Archway is trying to do. Archway is trying to prevent requests made for items by patrons at their institutions getting materials from another institution in the

cluster. Archway is not sure if this will work or not, but they are pursuing testing the product with III.

IUG Enhancements Processes

Gary Harris spoke up about the IUG (Innovative Users Group) and INNReach Enhancements processes. For a number of years, he has tried to explain the differences between the two processes and he knows that he has not been completely successful. The IUG Enhancements process is open to all III customers that become members of IUG which costs an institution \$70 per year.

The following is the new IUG Enhancements Process schedule:

March 4, 2005: Requests submitted by this date will be considered for the 2005 ballot

April 11, 2005: Preliminary voting ballot posted on IUG web site

May 2-5, 2005: IUG 2005 in San Francisco - Enhancement/Product Forums

May 18, 2005: Ballot opens

July 8, 2005: Ballot closes

July 15, 2005: Results given to Innovative Interfaces, Inc.

Gary Harris suggested that maybe some system should be developed that would allow MOBIUS members which are also IUG members to know how other MOBIUS members are voting. If IUG voting members knew how other MOBIUS members were voting and supported the issue this would give MOBIUS members more power at the voting booth for IUG enhancements. It was decided that all MOBIUS members would be solicited for enhancements that they feel strongly about and want to see created. These members would have to make a case for this enhancement and all MOBIUS member who are also IUG voting members could determine how they want to vote.

MCAG members should provide Judy Fox a list of all cluster members who are also IUG members so that she can email the final list of all identified issues prior to the close of IUG Enhancements voting. The list should be emailed to this list of individuals on June 10, 2005.

The following schedule is what was discussed at the meeting as a schedule for the above described voting process

April 1, 2005 Request to MCAG for IUG member contacts

May 18, 2005 Note to MCAG for distribution to clusters (see draft below)

June 1, 2005 Deadline for comments to coordinators

June 6, 2005 Deadline for coordinators to get information to MCAG Chair

June 10, 2005 MCAG Chair will send comments to IUG contacts list

It was decided that individual MCAG members are responsible for encouraging IUG membership and voting within our own clusters.

INNReach Enhancements Processes

The other enhancements process is the INNReach enhancements process which only consortia using the INNReach product can vote on. Within MOBIUS, normally the individual committees discuss the potential enhancements and rank the enhancements on a priority system and this information is submitted to the MCO Staff. Since each consortium gets only one vote, Gary Harris has voted for the ranked INNReach enhancements, as determined by the MCO Staff and the MOBIUS Committees, at the IUG conference. Under the new schedule shown below, the big difference will be that there will be that the voting will not be conducted at the IUG Conference.

INN-Reach Enhancement Schedule

February 1, 2005	Begin receiving enhancement requests.
April 1, 2005	Deadline for submission of enhancement requests
May 2-4, 2005	IUG Discussion of enhancement requests
May 9, 2005	Ballot posted, votes accepted
May 20, 2005	Voting closes at 5pm EST
May 23, 2005	Results announced to INN-Reach coordinators
May 27, 2005	Enhancement priorities submitted to Innovative

Next MCAG Meeting is scheduled for July 12 at 10 am at the MOBIUS Consortium Office in Columbia, Missouri.