

MOBIUS Coordinators Advisory Group (MCAG)

Minutes of meeting held via CENTRA

March 13, 2007

Present: Richard Amelung (SLU-Law), Julie Andresen (Lance), Christopher Brite (Towers), Eileen Condon (Bridges), Jim Dutton (MCO), Judy Fox (WashU), Christopher Gould (MCO), Steve Jamieson (Bridges), Les Lynam (Quest), Judy Meseles (Merlin), Corky McCormack (Swan), Jean Parker (SLU), M.J. Poehler (Wilo), Kathy Schlump, Chair (Archway), Fran Stumpf (MCO), and Karl Suhr (Galahad)

The agenda was distributed via email, and there were no items to be added.

The minutes from the August 2006 meeting have been previously approved via email and have been posted on the MCO website.

ARTICLE REACH

Judy presented an overview of Washington University's project with 6 libraries across the U.S. (Michigan State University, University of Colorado at Boulder, University of Nebraska at Lincoln, University of Oregon, Washington State University and Wayne State University). The Center for Research Libraries will also be participating at a later date. The initial data load was 137,000 journal title records and 50% were found to be unique (held by only one library). Patrons will be able to directly request articles through the ArticleReach interface. The lending library will create a .pdf file and send it via Ariel to a III server. Then the patron will be emailed a link to retrieve the article directly. If the article is unavailable from the participating institutions an Illiad request can be created as last resort source. This project is scheduled to go live in May and run for one year, at which point the participating institutions will evaluate the viability of this project.

Judy was asked to present follow ups to the Committee as this project progresses.

SURVEY UPDATE

Eileen presented the current data gathered from the MOBIUS Software Usage Survey. At present there have been 41 validated responses. The group discussed the usefulness of the information gathered and what to do next with this information. It was decided that Eileen will continue to work with MCO to mine the survey for useful follow-ups such as current users of products to ask questions of, additional information about little used products, and collaborative purchasing. She will also create a summary of the results to present to the MOBIUS Executive Committee.

The new MIUG discussion list was brought to the committee's attention and Kathy will forward the subscription information to the committee listserv.

WHERE TO GO AS A COMMITTEE

Discussion of possible agenda items for this committee included non-print format sharing (Executive Committee has sent this to MAAC to create/review policies and procedures), new III products (Encore available only at cluster level at present), communication between committees (Kathy will seek approval from the Executive Committee to post all minutes to the users group listserv).

Committee members attending the annual IUG conference were asked to be prepared to report at the next MCAG meeting. Jim announced that we will likely see a demo of Encore at the MOBIUS Users Conference in June.

NEXT MEETING

We scheduled our next meeting via CENTRA for August 7, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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