

## **MOBIUS Coordinators Advisory Group (MCAG)**

Minutes of meeting held via CENTRA

August 8, 2006

Present: Richard Amelung (SLU), Chris Brite (Towers), Scott Britton (WU), Eileen Condon, Chair (Bridges), Jim Dutton (MCO), Gordon Johnston (Galahad), Les Lynam (Quest), Corky McCormack (Swan), Jean Parker (SLU), M.J. Poehler (WILO), Kathy Schlump (Archway), Pat Seavey (Arthur), Mary Sims (Lance), Fran Stumpf (MCO), Kirsten Young-Abotsi (Archway)

Eileen brought the meeting to order.

In accordance with the published agenda, we addressed the following topics:

### **Survey**

The survey appears to have been sufficiently discussed and is ready to be sent out. It still needs to be put into a format that will allow for easy distribution and data collection. Webster is going to use the Survey Monkey software for this purpose. Scott indicated that WU has used this software in the past and was happy with it.

### **IUG Enhancement Process**

The group discussed the possibility of better coordinating identification of enhancements that the MOBIUS group feels are most critical for the group as a whole. There was little support for anything more formalized than what currently happens. In the past, various efforts have been undertaken: within clusters; emails to MOBIUS users in general (no response); some MOBIUS committees discuss (limited to INN Reach enhancements). As it stands now, most clusters wait until MCO sends out how it will vote. Then the clusters discuss among themselves how MCO's actions might alter how they vote. M.J. suggested that we just let things stand as they are since there has been little support for anything more formal. Jim said that MCO would try to send out their list earlier so as to facilitate local voting. Eileen suggested we continue to use MOBIUS-USERS-L to encourage IUG membership and voting.

### **[Loan of non-print media and non-returnable resources]**

This item occurs on the MOBIUS strategic plan and was referred to MCAG for development. The committee decided that there are two questions here that should be addressed separately, viz. loan on non-returnables (ArticleReach) and loan of media (e.g., videos, DVDs, etc.).

### **ArticleReach**

There has been some investigation into this new product under development at III. It may be too early at this point to pursue as the software is still reportedly in beta. The other complication is that, in order for this software to function properly, all the sites need to be running the Agency software. Currently, only Saint Louis University and MRRL have this product. Gary Harris is investigating how to secure funding for MOBIUS. It was suggested that III be asked to do a demo next spring/summer, perhaps in conjunction with the MOBIUS Users' Conference.

### **Non-print Resource Sharing**

Each committee member provided information concerning to what extent loan of non-print media (i.e., videos, DVDs, music CDs, etc.) was taking place in each cluster. The results were very uneven with some clusters not loaning any to other libraries, some loaning among themselves, and others loaning but with restrictions as to patron type or else on a case-by-case basis. Several issues surfaced as to present hurdles to a resolution of these challenges: cost of replacements; difficulty in securing the loaned materials' return; inability to replace a particular DVD that is lost if it is part of a 10 DVD set; some wanting to use other libraries' DVDs but unwilling to loan their own; unevenness in licensing agreements that preclude sharing outside of the institution.

The committee decided to send this issue back to the Executive Committee with these issues and ask for clarification.

### **MOBIUS Website Update**

Jim gave us a tour of some of the features on the MOBIUS website. He asked that each cluster and library review the MOBIUS webpages to ensure their accuracy.

### **Election of new chair**

Since we've been experiencing some difficulty in securing a new chair, it was decided that we would rotate the chairmanship of the committee among the clusters alphabetically. Kathy Schlump agreed to serve as chair for 2006/2007. Eileen was thanked for her dedication and leadership.

### **MCO Update**

Jim provided an update on MCO activities. The new Executive Director, Beth Fischer, started on Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>. She has expressed interest in making site visits to all the members' libraries during the next 12 months.

Although Release 2006 is available, III has asked that large consortia such as ours wait until others have loaded the software to determine if there are any problems.

MCO will be upgrading 7 clusters with new servers in 2006. Some will not be able to run the new release at all until their CPUs have been upgraded.

**Next meeting**

We scheduled our next meeting for Tues., Mar. 13, 2007.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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