

MCDAC meeting – November 21, 2008
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Minutes -- DRAFT

Present: Donna Bacon (Springfield-Greene), *Carol Bennett (Archway), Adrienne Detwiler (MCO-former alternate liaison), *Jim Dutton (Quest-alternate), Felicity Dykas (MERLIN), Gwen Gilpin (Swan), *Dennis Goodyear (WILO), *Janine Gordon (MCO primary liaison), Christopher Gould (MCO guest), *Corrie Hutchinson (Arthur), *Patricia Logsdon (Wash U), *Andrew McGarrell (Towers), Kathy Nystrom (Bridges), *Denise Pakala (Bridges-alternate), Scott Peterson (MCO-alternate liaison), , *Marcus Richter (Lance-alternate), Cathy Roeder (Galahad-alternate), *Jean Rose (Archway-alternate), *Margaret Smith (SLU-alternate), *Mark Scharff (Wash U-alternate), Stephen Wynn, Chair (LANCE), *Anna Zaidman (SLU)

Absent: Chris Dames (MERLIN-alternate), Pam Reeder (Quest)

1) Minutes

Motion and second to approve minutes of the July 18th meeting. Motion carried.

2) MOBIUS update

Christopher Gould noted the following MCO happenings:

- The search for the MOBIUS Assistant Director continues. They are interviewing people and hope to have news to share soon.
- They have begun the search for a MOBIUS support person. Applications are still being accepted.
- All MOBIUS sites have been updated to Release 2007 1.1. In August we were updated to Release 2007. This week the 1.1 patch was installed.
- An MLNC – MOBIUS merger is being discussed. The merger task force recommended that a feasibility task force be appointed.

3) “What’s my cluster?” pages

They seem to be working fine.

4) New indexes

The MCDAC proposal for new indexes was approved by the Executive Committee. Christopher said that he has been instructed to proceed with the purchase. He asked for a quote from Tim, our III representative, and has not heard back yet.

ACTION: It was requested and Christopher agreed to let us know what the quote is.

In an email Felicity sent list of indexes that MERLIN is adding to their catalog. Stephen inquired about a comment that the ISSN and ISBN cannot be differentiated in the 776 and the

problems this will cause. He pointed out that they appear in two different subfields. Felicity was grateful to have that pointed out. [Post-meeting note from Felicity: We use the OCLC macro to generate the 776 for books and so have been coding our records correctly. No one caught the error in the index proposal list.]

5) Sorting in WebPAC Pro

This is one of the help desk tickets related to WebPAC Pro. This will add the sort by date feature.

A vote was conducted to determine if this should be made live. Motion carried with no dissents.

ACTION: Stephen will submit a help desk ticket to make this live.

6) Local URL software from Innovative

It is thought that this software will improve display in the central catalog. Christopher was asked to investigate setting up a demonstration of the product.

Christopher said that MCAG is also interested in a demonstration so he will include MCAG and MCDAC.

ACTION: He still needs to arrange the demonstration.

7) Index display

Stephen demonstrated a problem with an index display.

Example – MOBIUS catalog

- Search for author: Sousa, John
- Choose Sousa, John Philip, 1854-1932 (922 entries)
- First ten or so entries are OK
- Then titles are out of order and some entries are repeated numerous times. E.g., “Music for wind band” appears as entry 12-13, 15-18, 22-29, etc. Some of these are unique entries. Most of them are not. This seems to be happening, because these records include added 7xx entries with |t fields. See OCLC number 60325875. The index display, displays the title from the 245.

Some catalogs have solved this problem and Washington University of St. Louis is one of them. They have opted to display the analytical title is displayed in the browse display.

Stephen described the solution in an email. We need to make a change in the briefcit.htm file. [ADD here what the solution does – does it change the display to analytic entry?]

A motion was made and seconded to implement the change. Motion carried with no dissents.

ACTION: Stephen will open a ticket to have this change made.

8) Redesign of MOBIUS catalog

Stephen noted that there may be other problems with the MOBIUS catalog.

Others offered support for this, though one cluster noted they do not have the resources to help.

A vote was held to launch a redesign of the MOBIUS catalog. Motion carried.

The option of having this done by a task force vs. a MCDAC subcommittee was discussed. A task force can include members outside MCDAC and is appointed by and reports to the Executive Committee. A subcommittee would be appointed by and report to MCDAC. While it might be preferred to have the group report to MCDAC, members agree that we need public services represented on the group and MCDAC has very few public services members.

A vote was held to decide whether to use a task force or a subcommittee. All votes cast were for a task force.

In his recommendation to the Executive Committee, Stephen can suggest members for the task force. Christopher asked that Adrienne be included in the list of potential members. Others interested in serving are Dennis, Felicity, Gwen, and Marcus.

Stephen asked that we find out if others in our clusters are interested. Our goal is to include public services persons.

A brief discussion ensued about whether to include something about looking at overlay products. As there is a separate MOBIUS task force looking at those products, there was agreement that this should not be a part of the MOBIUS redesign task force.

ACTION: Stephen will draft the recommendation and send it out for review. We should consult with our clusters and let him know what we want the task force to look at by early next week. We should also let him know of person interested in serving on the task force.

9) ToC enhancements of MERLIN records

Christopher reported that the MERLIN cluster has a contract with BNA to get ToC enhancements. The terms of the contract indicate that the records with ToC can not be submitted to MOBIUS unless that record is the master record. The contract was

Discussion:

- Implications
 - Concern with the precedent of having the MERLIN record with ToC serve as the Master Record over other considerations. The current priority list includes encoding level of the record. Others may get ToC, also.

- If these records aren't the master record and they can't be uploaded to MOBIUS at all, MERLIN holdings will not be available for display and loan via MOBIUS. This will impact users.
- In the master record priority list, if encoding levels are equal, the MERLIN or SLU record becomes the master record (because they have medical subject headings).
- If MCDAC wants the Toc and MERLIN as the Master Record, Janine will create a review file of the records with ToC and will upload them to MOBIUS as the master record.
- Carol said that sometimes Archway gets ToC. She wonders how those are handled. Christopher said he hasn't seen their contract.
- Others noted that they add ToC to their records. They hope these are not being lost. Christopher clarified that the issue is vendor-supplied records.
- Mark said that Wash U gets ToC in 970s and it is their understanding that the 970s aren't being loaded into MOBIUS. Christopher said that in the case of this contract, the entire record can't be contributed.
- Felicity said she just called the MERLIN person who negotiated the contract and that person did not interpret the contract to indicate that records could not be contributed to MOBIUS at all. Clarification is needed.
- Christopher posted the terms of use of the contract:
 - The library records containing Blackwell Fields are being provided to the Merlin Cluster with the understanding that records will be shared with all library members in the Merlin Cluster of MOBIUS. The records provided will remain within the Merlin Cluster shared cataloging systems, and will not be distributed beyond the Merlin member institutions except in cases where the record corresponds to a Master Record within the MOBIUS consortia.
 - He noted that MERLIN is interested in having the ToC start next week.

It was moved and seconded to ask MERLIN to not begin its ToC enhancements until the terms of the contract are clarified. The outside limit for the delay is two weeks. Felicity said that this is acceptable. Motion carried with no dissents.

Christopher said that he would send updates via the email discussion list.

Addendum. At the end of the meeting, Felicity reported that she had heard back from Terry Austin, MERLIN. Terry indicated that she had talked to BNA and they know we will be sending MERLIN bibliographic records and holdings to MOBIUS. They can be sent without the 970 ToC fields. Terry will get that in writing and forward it to Christopher.

10) INNREACH enhancements

INNREACH enhancement proposals are due by Jan. 9th. MCDAC has submitted proposals in the past. Stephen asked if anyone had any to suggest. None were offered. MCO said they had none at this time.

ACTION: If anyone thinks of any they should send them to the MCDAC email list.

11) Other business for the whole group

Stephen said that the last discussion item was about Backstage authority work. As Washington University and SLU don't use this service they will not stay for the discussion. He asked for other items of business.

Christopher announced that Scott is now the MCO alternate, replacing Adrienne who has other responsibilities.

12) Backstage issues

Christopher reviewed some problems with Backstage authority processing. Some clusters are seeing more blind authority records. The reason for this is that Backstage archives bibliographic headings for which they did not find a match in the LC authority file to a "brief file". During the Notification Service processing, Backstage compares the brief file, along with the copy of the cluster authority file, to LC, looking for matches. Since Backstage migrated to a new system in the spring of 2008, they have been getting an increased number of authority matches for previously unmatched bibliographic headings. The problem is that the brief file that contains these records represents up to six or seven years worth of unmatched headings. We believe that Backstage is providing authority records for bibliographic headings which have since changed or been removed from the cluster catalog.

Backstage has proposed deleting some or all of the brief file for each cluster as a possible solution to the increased number of blinds. Backstage can set up an algorithm by which any previously unmatched headings older than [number to be determined by MCDAC] years be deleted with each authority processing run. Alternatively, Backstage can delete the entire brief file.

Discussion:

Jim stated that Quest has been getting a lot of authority records for headings they don't have. They are getting names as subject for which they have no records. The last report included 3000 headings on the report; this was the second time this has happened.

Christopher said they can check with Backstage about that.

Cathy reported problems with headings, particularly geographic headings.

In response to the question about whether this was a cluster or MOBIUS decision, Christopher said that he wants to talk to MCDAC about the brief file. He noted that he doesn't know why the problems aren't happening to everyone.

The downside to deleting unmatched headings is that we won't get the heading again unless the authority record is downloaded. The issue with keeping them forever is a problem, too, in that

you remove more items than you have a benefit in waiting for an authority record to show up. Support was given for keeping the headings a certain length of time.

It was moved and seconded to remove unmatched headings from the brief file after three years. Motion carried with no dissents.

ACTION: Christopher will notify Backstage of this decision. He asked that clusters let him know if this solves the problem.

13) Re-profiling Backstage profiles

Christopher indicated that Backstage offers more options and more customization now. He asked that MCDAC look at re-profiling and at whether one profile can be set up for all MOBIUS clusters.

When asked about differences in current profiles, Christopher said that there aren't significant differences. Some clusters get different reports. A reason to not re-profile is that everyone is happy with the services they get. However, they may still want to look at the profile to review new features.

It was moved and seconded to form a subcommittee to consider the re-profiling issues. Subcommittees can only have membership from the committee; it was agreed that the subcommittee members could others in subcommittee activities in the capacity of advisors and authority experts. The motion carried with no dissent.

The subcommittee was appointed. Members are Densie, Jim, Felicity, Cathy, and Scott.

The URL for current MARS documentation is ac.bslw.com/mars/guide/.

ACTION: Subcommittee will proceed.

14) Close

Stephen asked for additional business. Felicity provided additional information on MERLIN's ToC. See addendum under number 8.

Stephen called the meeting to a close.