

MOBIUS Advisory CommitteeCatalog Design  
Organizational Meeting October 29, 1999

I. Introductions

Southeast, Cathy Roeder, SEMO  
Southwest, Karen Letarte, SMSU  
WashU, Pat Logsdon, Wash U  
St. Louis Red, Carol Bennett, St. Louis CC  
SLR Alternate, Fran Stumpf, St. Charles CCC  
Northwest, Cathy Palmer, NWMSU  
St. Louis Teal, Mary Ann Mercante, Maryville  
Northeast, Pat Teter, Truman  
Central West, Joy Dodson, Central Methodist  
Western, Ted Ostaszewski, Metropolitan CCs  
Central East, Jim Dutton, Westminster  
MERLIN, Laura Gayle Green, UMKC

In addition to the task force members, also attending were Karl Suhr from SEMO and from the MOBIUS Consortium Office Robin Kespohl, Mark Wahrenbrock, and Gary Harris.

II. Announcements

Change in order of agenda: Review of Advisory Group Guidelines before Selection of Chair

III. Review of Agenda

IV. Demonstration and discussion of INN-Reach

Gary Harris explained and demonstrated the requesting function of INN-Reach and then explained the record structure of the INN-Reach central catalog. This included an explanation of the "Master Record" concept and an overview of the current parameters. Gary provided a handout of selections from the Innovative manual further explaining how INN-Reach decides which of multiple records will be the bibliographic record in the central catalog (i.e., Master Record). Gary also answered a number of questions on scoping. There were a number of questions about the cluster databases, which are shared among all cluster member institutions. Robin reviewed the common authority control and resolution practices of the MERLIN cluster.

V. Review of Catalog Design Advisory Committee charge

Robin read the charge from the Executive Committee

VI. Review of Advisory Group Guidelines

Robin read the guidelines from the Executive Committee. The committee will approve minutes within two weeks of each meeting and send them to a designated person in the MOBIUS Consortium Office who will post them to the web site. There will be an email

list for the Catalog Design MAC.

## VII. Selection of chair.

Pat Teter of TSU was selected by nomination and second.

## VIII Review of issues suggested for consideration by this group.

### A. Indexing

Robin demonstrated the Innovative key word searching currently and then used Kent State University, a beta test site, to demonstrate the new 'advanced searching,' based on the Alta Vista search engine.  
(<http://kentlink.kent.edu/search/>)

The Committee will need to make recommendations regarding which fields to include in the new advanced keyword index. Additionally, since the installation of the new advanced searching will involve a no-charge re-indexing of the entire MOBIUS database, this provides an opportunity to reexamine the complete indexing structure which was initially established for MOBIUS to see if there are indexes we would like to have added, dropped, or changed.

### B. Journal title versus journal scope

Robin explained the development and current use of the 229 field as a source for a journal title index. III has provided a quote to build 229 fields on each installed cluster. There would still have to be ongoing maintenance for this feature to continue to be useful. The other option is to set up a journal scope. Evergreen State College (<http://cals.evergreen.edu>) is an example of this. The scope is not as precise as the 229 index but allows for subject searching of journals. This issue will need to be examined in light of the new 'advanced searching.'

### C. Issues surrounding use of 856

Laura Gayle Green offered an explanation of the difficulty of using 856 links in the INN-Reach environment. Because of the master record concept, only one institution bibliographic 856 can show in the central catalog. Other options such as putting them in the serials checkin records create added maintenance of multiple instances of the same information.

The INN-Reach central catalog can be configured to filter out 856 tags coming from the local INNOPACs (Cluster databases). This avoids the confusion of displaying links to licensed resources that may be restricted to one library's patrons only, but it reduces access by not including links to government documents and other no-charge URLs that any patron could use.

### D. Look and feel of MOBIUS union catalog

There are many different options to modify the appearance and features of the central catalog's WebPAC. Set up of the WebPACs for individual libraries or clusters and the central catalog must both be taken into account when changing setup options as patrons will see and interact with both. As an example of another INN-Reach site, the committee looked at Prospector, the INN-Reach catalog for the Colorado Alliance. (<http://www.coalliance.org>)

## IX. Meeting schedule and next meeting

December 10th from 10:00 am to 3:00 PM at MCO  
The duty of taking minutes will rotate alphabetically by cluster name