

MCMAC Meeting, September 8, 2005

Present: Liz MacDonald (Bridges), Craig Kubic (WILO), Genie McKee (Bridges), Stephanie Tolson (Archway), Pat Gregory (MERLIN), Pat Willingham (Galahad), Carl Wingo (MOSL), Jennifer Dodillet (Archway), Tom Schultz (Arthur), Pat Danner (Towers), Gary Harris (MCO), Tesuk Im (Lance), Linda Medaris (Quest), Anne Barker (MERLIN), Bill Wibbing (WU)

Absent: Lynn Cline (SWAN), Tony Garrett (SWAN), Rebecca Kiel (SWAN)

1. Smart Buying RFP. Gary has taken over the writing of the RFP for the “smart buying” program. He proposes a new title of “Statewide Cooperative Book Purchasing Plan for the MOBIUS Academic Library Consortium”. He’ll fine-tune the language, send it to the committee for final review, and proposes to send it out for bid by September 30, with a deadline of December 30 for opening bids. The UM Purchasing Office will handle the financial process, which may alter the dates somewhat, and MCMAC will see the required/desired qualifications. We agreed to open the bidding to all vendors.
2. Election of new co-chairs. Liz will continue as co-chair and will check with Lynn to see if he’s willing to serve as the other co-chair.
3. Changes to MCMAC Charge. Charges of all MOBIUS committees were reviewed by a taskforce headed by Judy Fox. Bill distributed copies of changed charge. Any feedback on changes should be directed to the co-chairs by September 30. (Note that Bill will be away after Sept. 23.) Discussion of potential overlap of concerns with other MOBIUS committees, notably MERAC. Need to keep an eye on minutes of other committees.
4. Priorities for the coming year. Recommendation that we get feedback from clusters on the following issues to see which are of highest priority for member institutions:
 - a. Storage issues. Note the MIRACL committee dealing with this meets at the end of September.
 - b. Last-copy retention of JSTOR titles. Pat will make MERLIN committee report on this issue available. Anne will post spreadsheet of JSTOR holdings in MOBIUS libraries and check on license provisions for ILL.
 - c. Analysis of duplication in monograph holdings. Possibility of examining circulation patterns of duplicated titles to identify areas of high/low demand. Tesuk notes purchase of duplicates to meet increased local need due to lending to MOBIUS libraries. Need to identify what data would be useful and explore efficient mechanism for collecting the data.
 - d. Inventory of uncataloged microfilm sets. Possibility of joint purchase of catalog records.
 - e. Possible revision of loan period among MOBIUS libraries. Shorter loan periods sometimes encourage duplicate purchasing.
 - f. Discussion of circulating AV materials among MOBIUS libraries. Towers and Galahad have begun circulating AV within their clusters. Recommendation that representatives from these clusters share their experience via an article in the MOBIUS newsletter and a presentation at the MOBIUS Users Conference.

5. Potential MOSL funding. Sara Parker explained the available federal funds administered through the State Library. She recommends that MCMAC apply for some of the funds that are budgeted for statewide projects as a means to funding the OCLC Collection Analysis software. Missouri receives about \$3million a year, of which about 1/3 goes to statewide projects. These funds may not be used for funding permanent positions, vehicles, books, or buildings. The application can be a brief proposal with a price-tag. The deadline for review of projects for '07 funds is December. (It was noted after Sara had left that the end of the federal fiscal year is Oct. 1 and that if we could get a proposal in by then, there might be some residual funds from this fiscal year that could be used.) Sara reviewed past work on this issue—consideration of the III SCAT tables, a possible focus on the life sciences—and indicated her interest in including public libraries in this project. There can be some flexibility built into this project. Some institution would function as home-base for the project and would receive the funds from MOSL. MLNC would negotiate the statewide license with OCLC.

In order to put the proposal together, Liz will check with Paul (of OCLC) to clarify the differences between individual and group analyses, and to see how including public libraries might alter the pricing. We should articulate specific projects and outcomes that would benefit the state primarily, and individual institutions secondarily and also check with Paul to make sure that anticipated projects are actually do-able. Stephanie Tolson proposed the following wording (taken from her email message of Sept. 12—thanks, Stephanie!)

Purpose: To acquire a statewide license for OCLC's collection analysis software, which will facilitate collection analysis of academic and public libraries in the state of Missouri and further efforts towards future collection development.

Objectives:

To collect data on the uniqueness and commonality in the library collections by title, date of publication, etc.

To assist in increased participation in shared collection development and cooperative purchasing of library materials

To allow Missouri libraries to collaborate

To provide cooperative training for the purpose of collection development

Outcomes measurement:

To develop a collection development plan for Missouri academic and/or public libraries which will reduce the acquisition of duplicate materials by 10 percent by 2009.

Other projects mentioned include:

- Establishing collection standards for program planning, accreditation, benchmarking
- Identifying unique materials for preservation or digitization

- Establishing goals for future planning.
- Identifying areas of overlap for potential weeding in order to conserve space.

6. Discussion of future meeting dates. To be resolved by email.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Barker, Sept. 12, 2005