

## **MOBIUS Collection Management Advisory Committee.**

### **Meeting Notes, Monday, 29 June, 2009.**

**Attending:** Julie Andresen (LANCE), Lynn Cline (SWAN), Vandy Evermon (Arthur Alternate), Theresa Flett (Archway), Jane Gillespie (SLU), Laurie Hathman (WILO), Hunter Kevil (MERLIN; co-chair), Lori Mardis (Towers), Carl Pracht (Galahad), Kathy Schlump (Archway Alternate), Tom Schultz (Arthur)

**From MCO:** Donna Bacon, primary liaison; Jennifer Parsons, alternate liaison; Beth Fisher, Executive Director.

**Not attending:** Bob Black (SWAN Alternate), Michelle Diaz (Towers Alternate), Assako Holyoke (SLU Alternate), Craig Kubic (WILO Alternate), Liz McDonald (Bridges Alternate), Dan McGurk (LANCE Alternate), Raleigh Muns (MERLIN Alternate), Scott Norwood (Quest), Matthew Olsen (Galahad Alternate), Peggy Ridlen (Bridges), Lisa Sampley (Springfield-Greene), Katherine Sathi (Wash U Alternate), Mary Slater (Quest Alternate), Bill Wibbing (Wash U).

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 by 2008-2009 co-chair, Lori Mardis.

**Review of Committee charge and orientation.** Executive Director Beth Fisher and liaisons Donna Bacon and Jennifer parsons reviewed the committee charge, overall advisory committee policies, and various procedures, particularly how to utilize the MOBIUS web site in executing committee business.

**Charge:** The MOBIUS Collection Management Advisory Committee is responsible for member/user oversight of the cooperative acquisition, management, and sharing of resources added to the MOBIUS Union Catalog. This includes, but is not limited to the following:

1. Explores opportunities for collaboration in the areas of collection development and collection management for all types of library materials for member libraries.
2. Investigates current practices and innovative efforts by other consortia and vendors to promote cooperative acquisition, management, and sharing of member collections.
3. Develops ways to utilize existing mechanisms to survey and compare member collections.
4. Proposes and engages in special projects affecting collection development and management in consultation with the MOBIUS Consortium Office.
5. Evaluates and recommends new system features affecting member collection development and management.

In addition, the differences between sub-committees (ongoing issues) and task forces (specific ad hoc purposes) were reviewed. Beth and Donna also reviewed the Committee binders which were distributed at the committee orientation at the MOBIUS Conference. New Members who were at

the conference should have received both the binder and ANY new material. New members not at orientation were sent binders through the delivery service, and previous members who were not at orientation received updated content for their binders.

Beth also reviewed the contents of the Collection Management tab, including the cafeteria plan menu and reminded committee members of the availability of title lists for both the new state-wide Gale resources and the EBSCO resources that were formerly available along with those in *Academic Search Elite* and *Business Source Premier*.

**Co-chairs.** Hunter Kevil indicated an interest in continuing as a co-chair for 2009-2010. Raleigh Muns of UMSL (Merlin) had also indicated an interest in being a co-chair. However, there was some question regarding co-chairs from the same cluster. There were no additional recommendations for another co-chair, so the issue was temporarily tabled.

**Possible eBook and pBook RFI.** The MOBIUS Executive Committee meets on 17 July. If a proposal were to be sent forward for that group's consideration for the meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>, it would need to be in by the 10<sup>th</sup>. Any committee proposal needs to go forward to the Executive Committee for approval prior to any concrete action.

The current YBP program has been renewed for an option year in 2009-2010. A question before the committee was to consider whether to seek a new RFI that would incorporate eBooks with a pBook plan. General discussion was that vendors might be more open to such a combination than they were a few years ago, and are technically in a better position to do so in profiling as well as in arraying edition information.

One key to a successful program would be how a shared discount might work for a certain level of e-copies purchased by consortium members. Subsequent discussion involved:

- a. the degree to which MOBIUS members are entering the eBook market in a significant way outside of reference materials.
- b. In what manner eBooks could be indicated as available (e.g. strictly through a vendor portal or through the catalog, both, or other combinations?)
- c. The previous question raised the possibility of a program in which MOBIUS libraries would all have access to a shared collection, though there was also some thought that such a program would not necessarily be possible initially.

Hunter suggested that perhaps initial a scaled-down program might be useful with techniques for tracking usage that could then be utilized to develop a discount schedule. He also asked for additional volunteers to a sub-committee of Bill Wibbing, Liz MacDonald, Hunter, and Lori

Mardis. Theresa Flett, Jane Gillespie, and Lynn Cline subsequently volunteered to also work with this group.

**Selectors Lists Updates.** The current list was updated roughly a year and a half ago by Stephanie Tolson.

Beth asked to the committee to consider three questions regarding the list:

- a. How will it be updated?
- b. Will it be used?
- c. Review the categories.

There was discussion of the value and purpose of the list, particularly of keeping it up to date, and the degree to which specialization came into play. Individuals at modest sized institutions typically are involved in selecting across a broad array of disciplines vs. large institutions where specialists are more likely to be present. The general consensus was that the list served a positive purpose and could provide good contacts for individuals in like disciplines. Lori will coordinate with the committee on an updating procedure.

**Niche Collections.** This issue grew out of a sub-committee of the Executive Committee regarding strategic planning. There is a sense that there are a large number of unique collections among MOBIUS members that could be identified to make them more accessible to potential users. Questions raised during discussion included:

- a. How to identify such collections – through a survey?
- b. How to place parameters or limiting categories on what constitutes a niche collection?
- c. Perhaps focus on ones that are in MOBIUS libraries but are not currently in the catalog?
- d. How would individuals subsequently be made aware of such collections?

There was additional discussion on what might constitute a good first step on this issue, and whether setting up a working document might help. The issue will be further explored at a subsequent meeting.

**Limited License Resources Policy.** This will go back to the Executive Committee for additional review at the July meeting.

**Other.** Beth reviewed further developments on the MOREnet-Gale contract and subsequent MOBIUS arrangement for EBSCO's Academic Search Elite and Business Source Premier, including upcoming training workshops and a review of the EBSCO program. A task force will be put together to work late in the summer to review three issues:

- a. Matters of content
- b. Matters of functionality
- c. Impact on those who previously had cancelled titles because of their availability ion EBSCO.

**Future meetings.** The general consensus was to hold further meetings for 2009-2010 in August, November, February, and May. The August meeting will be Thursday, 6 August at 1:30 p.m. via Adobe Connect.