

## **Minutes MCMAC meeting, January 5, 2005**

### **Introductions**

The meeting convened at a little after 10:00. New committee members were introduced. They are: Pat Banner, NE Missouri State, and Pat Willingham, SE Missouri State. A card for committee member Tesuk Im was signed by all members, in sympathy for the loss of her husband. Liz MacDonald and Bill Wibbing have graciously consented to stay on as committee co-chairs.

### **Statewide Approval Plan**

Julie Gammon, University of Akron, will be speaking at Wash. U and at the MOBIUS council meeting about the OHIOLINK experience with statewide collection development. Their experiences will provide a useful perspective for MOBIUS. The council meeting will be held at the Lenoir Community Center in Columbia on Friday, January 28th, at 10:30 a.m.

The approval plan trials are officially over on January 31st, 2005. According to the vendors, the participating libraries have had difficulty finding time to work with the process. Feelings among participants appear to be mixed between Blackwell & YBP. Some participating libraries voiced difficulties in receiving orders from Blackwell. BNA has been having software problems; hence the difficulty in order fulfillment.

The committee agreed that it would be useful to develop evaluation criteria about these systems to provide input for a possible RFP through MOBIUS. A possible III enhancement was put forth, i.e., to see in MILACQ what other institutions have on order or have received. Craig wondered whether the trial might be extended. The general consensus was that an extension might not be efficacious.

A questionnaire for the trial participants should be prepared, and a single report condensed from the responses of all the participants. We agreed that the report should be framed as an e-mail template, and discussion ensued on the form of the questionnaire. Some points which might be included are:

1. What was [your institution's] level of participation?
2. What was your expectation of the trials?
3. Opinion on software capabilities, search heuristics, and reporting.
4. Aggregating and consortial data.
5. Potential impact.
6. Customer service.
7. Impact on workflow.

The questions should be ready by the end of the trial, and should be distributed by the first week of February.

It was decided to hold discussion of cooperative storage until the next meeting. Merlin collection manual has certain established parameters.

### **Other Business**

Meetings for 2005 have been tentatively set:  
MCO, April 6th; June 8th, 3 p.m., at the users group conference. A fourth meeting will be scheduled at the conference, probably in September.

Send out a request for topics for the users' conference.  
Gather a list of collection development and subject specialists within your cluster. E-mail results to Liz Macdonald.

OCLC has a new, web-based, WorldCat collection analysis tool. Liz will contact Tracy Byerly at MLNC for further information.

Anne expressed a concern about bib records for microfilm collections. How would UMI react if schools tagged their holding symbols to a record someone else purchased?

The problem of serial cancellations needs to be discussed.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be April 6th at MCO.