

MOBIUS Collection Management Advisory Committee

Meeting Notes, Thursday, 22 October, 2009.

Attending: Julie Andresen (LANCE), Lynn Cline (SWAN), Michelle Diaz (Towers), Vandy Evermon (Arthur), Theresa Flett (Archway), Jane Gillespie (SLU), Laurie Hathman (WILO), Hunter Kevil (MERLIN; chair), Lori Mardis (Towers), Liz McDonald (Bridges), Lori Mardis (Towers), Matt Olsen (Galahad), Carl Pracht (Galahad), Kate Sathi (Washington U.), Kathy Schlump (Archway), Tom Schultz (Arthur), Mary Slater (Quest), Bill Wibbing (Washington U.)

From MCO: Jennifer Parsons

The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m. by chair, Hunter Kevil.

Agenda.

- 1. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.**
- 2. Discussion of proposal to explore issuing a new book RFP.**

Hunter asked the group their thoughts on whether to continue with the option years on the current contract with YBP, or whether to begin working on a new RFP to incorporate new features and to include e-books specifically. Hunter has talked briefly with Blackwell, MyiLibrary and YBP. All can provide some measure of discounting for e-books.

Questions:

Would the possibility of moving MOBIUS out of the umbrella with the University of Missouri affect the RFP? The consensus was that it could, but that such a move would take a year or more to effect.

Would there be other major vendors for e-books? Those are the principal three, but others might want to get into the mix.

Is any site so committed to YBP that they would have serious problems making a switch? There were no strong answers to that effect.

Hunter pointed out that a new RFP could bring a better financial incentive, that smaller sites have gained from the current program, and that the program is optional for MOBIUS members.

Subsequently the group voted and agreed to move ahead with the exploration of a new RFP. The current working group for the RFP is: chair, Hunter Kevil; Lynn Cline, Theresa Flett, Jane Gillespie, Lori Mardis, Liz McDonald, and Bill Wibbing. Others interested should contact Hunter. Committee members were asked to forward the top three concerns they have with the current contract or with their current vendor.

3. Recommendations to MOBIUS Executive Committee regarding MAROON database.

MAROON is a resource available to MOBIUS members enumerating the collective database holdings of MOBIUS members. It began early in this decade, but has not generally been updated or utilized to any extent over the past three years.

There were two issues to consider: a) a draft memo to the MOBIUS Executive Committee regarding the future of MAROON; b) a draft statement of purpose for MAROON and a guide to inputting and organizing a site's data. The idea would be to include new resources and perform maintenance on the previously entered data to update and delete resources no longer licensed by a site.

The general consensus was that MAROON would be a useful resource for the consortium, but there were question on when the optimal time for updating would be and the general workload the process of updating and organizing would involve. In addition the group discussed at length possible subject categories for items to be entered into MAROON.

After discussion the group approved the memo and statement of purpose for the Executive Committee. Additionally the group decided to briefly survey the e-resource representatives at each site to ascertain more clearly issues regarding the timing of an annual cycle for updating MAROON. [Subsequently questions that arose from the survey led to the decision to table the MAROON project for the time being.]