

MOBIUS ELECTRONIC RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 16, 2007

10:00 a.m.

In Columbia

In Attendance: Sheila Ouellette (Archway), Nina Stawski (Arthur), Ellen Eliceiri (Bridges), Dan McGurk (Lance), Abbey Rimel (MCO), Fran Stumpf (MCO), Beth Fisher (MCO), Rhonda Whithaus, outgoing chair (MERLIN), Marilyn Milovich (Quest), Georgia Baugh (SLU), Kyle Windward (SWAN), Edward Walton (SWAN), Frank Baudino (Towers), Carol Antoniewicz (Washington University), Laurie Hathman (WILO),

Minutes: Carol Antoniewicz (Washington University)

I. Introduction of new members

All attendees introduced themselves. See list above.

II. Election of 207-2008 chair

Georgia Baugh from SLU and Ellen Eliceiri from Webster volunteered to be co-chairs.

III. Airing it Out

- **Archway** – Jefferson College opening a new campus; SLCC opening a new, green campus in Wildwood this fall
- **Arthur** – implementing WebPAC Pro; implementing Webbridge (still in the works); Stephens College subscribed to PsycARTICLES full-text.
- **Bridges** – has made some changes to the catalog; Webster University has added more business databases, also NAXOS classical and jazz music; videogame viewing room, to support a major in gaming); have produced a CD on training resources that is redone every year to send to their worldwide campuses; trying to add other computer games that have been requested
- **Galahad** – no one present to make a report
- **LANCE** – no news; changes in WebPAC Pro; Truman – updating library website, perhaps in January; has requested funding for Serials Solutions 360 Link
- **MERLIN** – is working on implementing single sign-on (but it won't work for MOBIUS requests - In order for MERLIN single sign-on to work at the InnReach level all other clusters would be blocked from requesting); MU has two new assistant directors who started a few weeks ago; implementing Webfeat Express August 1. All public computers require authentication; guest users have to register for limited access.
- **Quest** – is redesigning their cluster catalog; University of Central Missouri upgraded to Business Source Complete and Academic Search Complete; Missouri Valley College was awarded a grant from ALA and Nextbook for the 'Let's Talk About It' reading/discussion program.

- **Saint Louis University** – Reference is now team-based; had some unexpected end of year money, and have purchased: Eighteenth Century Collections Online, 19th Century US Newspapers, NYT and Chicago Tribune Historical, and International Directory of Company Histories (v.1-85) from GVL; SLU Medical Library has instituted a program to offer all journal literature online through subscriptions or on-demand article purchases; Digital Resources Initiatives: see <http://www.slu.edu/libraries/hsc/ondemand/digresinitiative.pdf>; integrated sign-on being implemented, hopefully by Fall; formed a task group to formulate policies for guest users.
- **SWAN** – Missouri State University Libraries received some one time and recurring materials funds from the university central administration, which helped the libraries avoid a university-wide serials cut this year. MSU recently moved Social Work Abstracts from the SilverPlatter CD-Rom platform to EBSCOhost. Social Work Abstracts was the last MSU SilverPlatter database to be hosted on a CD-Rom tower.
- **Towers** – Northwest Missouri State has received more money in selection budget so are trialing a bunch of databases; starting an audio e-book collection with NetLibrary
- **Washington University** – Head of Access position is filled; have added Making of the Modern World and Chicago Tribune Historical; are changing our proxy server this summer
- **WILO** – working on redesigning cluster catalog, which provides an incentive to change site catalogs as well; Rockhurst – library director retired; Laurie is now director; due to budget issues are switching out some databases, some online ref sources

IV. MCO Report – Fran Stumpf

a. General report

1. Have advertised Information Resource Manager position, who will handle electronic resources; hopefully get someone started in the fall.
2. The office will be getting practicum students for the fall semester
3. An RFP has been sent out for Authority Control
4. Abby is working on freshening the MCO website, which will be on a new server; there's a MOBIUS-wide task force working on that, due out mid-March.
5. New training catalog – on the website; trainings will be scheduled per semester; schedule will be announced as well as on the calendar on the website
6. MAROON is no longer available; it is no longer maintained by systems staff, as it won't run on the new version of PHP. MCO staff has a spreadsheet with all the data

from MAROON on it; could make it available on the MCO website, password protected; are trying to have that redeveloped.

Value of MAROON: MERLIN has used it to see who else had something to try to develop joint purchases; MCO staff used it to make sure a proposed deal was a good deal for the members (as the only one who could see the cost info). Use it to see what everyone else has, both on cluster level and across MOBIUS. It needs to be kept up to date to be useful. It needs to be easier to update. The data in the old version was fairly complete. Rhonda and Kyle volunteered to work with the office staff (Abby Rimel and Greg Marshall from Truman State) on a new MAROON database.

7. Electronic resources – all current vendors have been sent information on renewals, cancellations, and new orders. New this year each resource that has not been bid needs a sole source document for the requisition process. Only had interest from one institution for each of the 3 offerings from database cafeteria this round; those names were sent to the vendors.

8. MCO office has subscribed to NetLibrary Professional Collection.

9. Request for additional state funding has been submitted to equalize software among the clusters and also for search overlay software – got quote for Encore; ResearchPro and PathfinderPro software as well; the request does not specify that it has to be Innovative Interfaces software. September 7 is the next MOBIUS council meeting, with an emphasis of legislative issues and devising a method to determine what to use any new money for – develop a plan and a timeline for making that decision.

10. MOBIUS would like to work with advisory committee chairs to work on an orientation manual and in-person training for new committee members – to be held on the Tuesday morning of the MOBIUS annual conference. Each committee should keep a notebook of past documents.

11. Beth reminded us that members of the advisory committees represent clusters, not just your own institutions; please do ask your cluster mates for information before attending meetings, and report back to them afterwards.

b. Agency software implementation

Some institutions use 956 rather than 856; don't know how this would affect the agency software implementation. Shared collections, shared location – how would this be handled: a share collection code can only be mapped to one agency; would have to create local item records for each agency that actually shared the collection, which leads to long displays for the user – or suppress item from display on MOBIUS. Example of SLU agency; users assigned to home library, that the user has to know which one they belong to; there have been instances of users not knowing which one is 'theirs.' May not be as big a problem at other MOBIUS institutions,

where most will be set up as one institution/one agency. A conference call with III raised the 856 issue; will be another one this Friday. 856 fields have to remain in the bib record; question is how it is programmed to display under agency.

If MCO needs to get committee feedback: perhaps call a meeting to even multiple committees as once, via videoconference? They can handle 13 sites around the state in one Centra meeting if needed.

V. Database cafeteria program

Last year at the July meeting members suggested possible resources, trying for those that would be of interest to small, medium, and large institutions, and those not already offered by MORENET or MLNC. Members were surveyed; some people voted for things they already had and might be able to get a better deal on, rather than new-to-them resources – but there were not that many responses to the survey, despite repeated reminders. Perhaps go back to MERAC reps presenting the program offerings to each member of their cluster and bringing the results back to the committee.

Beth informed us that MCO is trying to get some ‘train the trainer’ sessions with the vendors of our electronic resources this fall, and also perhaps sessions on management reports and other services offered by the vendor. MCO would coordinate and the vendors would actually conduct the sessions.

Beth would like to revisit the vendor direct and database cafeteria programs, once the new Information Resource Manager is hired, to see if more database cafeteria offerings could be done – though that position that will be more than just handling electronic resources.

Discussion of cafeteria selection/ordering cycle. All subscriptions presently start September 1. Look at not having them all on the same start date? Also have the new person look at how trials are handled.

Beth offered the possibility of a vendor-led session about negotiating electronic resource licenses - everything that goes into it. Laurie and Ellen will work with Beth on a spring offering.

VI. Databases for FY09:

MARON data Abby has is as of July 1. MCO staff will approach Wilson about pricing structure on retrospective files for Art, Education, and Applied Science FT. ABC CLIO (Historical Abstracts and America: History and Life) will have to be renegotiated for FY09, as they are now on EBSCO – so this is work that MCO staff will have to do, but we don’t need to survey MOBIUS members about it. MCO staff may ask the two public library members if they’re interested in the finalists from the survey, to see if the issue of public library participation should be raised with the vendor.

After discussion, we decided these databases or services should be investigated by MCO staff to determine if a cafeteria database offering would be possible: Syndetics Solutions or Content Café by Baker & Taylor (cover art for materials to load into the catalog)

RefWorks (Rockhurst and Webster have it).

Communication and Mass Media Complete

CQ Researcher Online

EconLit (NOT full text – the indexing and abstracting)

Dissertations & Theses Online

Business and Company Resource Center

Rhonda will dig up last year's survey, and add a statement about focusing on saving money rather than adding new databases, except for the two services rather than content databases on this list (first two above). The survey will be sent out in August, results due in September, before our next meeting in October.

VII. Limited license resource policy

We edited the last sentence of the second paragraph, and then voted unanimously to make this a guideline rather than a policy: Guidelines for Limited License Resources. Rhonda will update the document and send it out to the list. This will then be presented to the Executive Committee as an information item. Members can share it with their clusters immediately, and it will be put on the MOBIUS website.

VIII. Art Full Text

MCO staff will ask Wilson to provide price quotes for FY09 at these levels: current users/current institutions; at least as many users as institutions; and site licenses, for both this and Education Full Text. Fran will work on this after the FY08 billing is done.

IX. Valueline

Webster University staff are incensed that the Valueline vendor backed out of their offer to the MOBIUS vendor direct program. The sales rep that made the offer left Valueline, and the company chose not to honor what the previous rep had offered. They were sent the template for vendor direct offers to make a new one but Fran has not received it back from them.

X. Schedule next meeting

Videoconference Oct. 9, 2007 (Tuesday), try for 1-4pm. WILO representative to take minutes at the October meeting.