

**MOBIUS Electronic Resources Advisory Committee (MERAC)**  
**Minutes**  
**January 9, 2002**

MERAC met at the MOBIUS Consortium Office (MCO) at 10:00 a.m.

**1. AIRING IT OUT**

The Committee welcomed two new members: Julie Andreesen from Hannibal-Lagrange representing the Lance Cluster and Joyce Meldrem (Northwest Missouri State) representing Northwest Cluster. After introductions the committee reported on recent happenings at their library or institution.

**2. OLD BUSINESS**

In our minutes from last meeting under "Educational Role for MERAC" Scarlett Swall mentioned that she would like to see where we are on this (publicized databases in campus newsletters; ensure library web pages links point to databases; use of the MOBIUS newsletter to share information; share resource guides, etc.; obtain more ABC-CLIO materials and distribute widely). Scarlett Swall asked committee members to help publicize ABC-CLIO databases in campus publications, to submit information for the e-resources link on the MCO web page, and to communicate via the committee's listserv. Lynn Cline volunteered to write an article for the next release of the MOBIUS newsletter. Axie Hindman reported that ABC-CLIO is supposed to have new promotional materials. It will be put out on the list when available.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. REPORT FROM MCO**

The Cafeteria Plan was discussed (Education FT and Applied Science and Technology FT). A trial will begin in January and run through March 31. Any of the MOBIUS institutions may use the trial, but cannot share the password on public web pages. Libraries interested must indicate whether or not they are interested in purchasing by March 1. Prices are the maximum prices an institution would pay. It's possible to pay less. This will depend upon number of eventual participants. MCO will send an order form to be returned by May 1 for those who are committed to purchase one or both the databases. Any changes in IP addresses should be communicated to Terry Austin [austint@umsystem.edu](mailto:austint@umsystem.edu) as soon as possible. Per Almquist made the motion to send the database cafeteria proposal forward. The motion was approved.

Axie Hindman reported on the vendor direct program. MCO gets the information, disseminates it, then individual campuses must then move on them. The committee decided that announcements that would bring about a

cost savings should be released to MOBIUS institutions. Axie and Terry will be sending out proposals (such as CQ Library and ACS journals). Information on MOBIUS electronic resources can be found on MCO's revised website "e-Resources" <http://mco.MOBIUS.missouri.edu/home/eresources/>. It provides valuable information to members. Statistics for existing e-resources are also provided under e-Resources (e.g., ABC-CLIO).

## B. ABC-CLIO

A discussion was held about the renewal of ABC-CLIO. The renewal is September 1, 2002. Notification not to renew needs to be made at least 60 days prior to September 1. The committee agreed to contact all MOBIUS libraries to identify commitment and report back to Per Almquist by January 18. The results will be communicated to the Committee. Terry Austin agreed to distribute talking points to the committee to be used during the communication on the renewal of ABC-CLIO. A straight-FTE pricing model was discussed. Price per FTE for the 2 databases is \$.68. This model would require large schools to pay a substantial amount over list price although it would save some money for small schools. Lynn Cline made a motion "move that MERAC recommend to the MOBIUS Executive Committee that ABC-CLIO for Sep. 1, 2002 through August 31, 2003, be renewed under the same conditions and pricing structure as current contract year. We request the support of the Executive Committee and ask that this item be placed on the agenda of the next MOBIUS Council meeting." (NOTE: This is our recommendation now but we want to talk to our cluster members)

Prior to the next Council, the committee needs to put together a packet to present to the Council. The packet needs to include testimonials, pathfinders, etc. Please send all of that to Axie Hindman or Terry Austin by the end of the January. The committee was also encouraged to post information to the list so that all of the MOBIUS-L can see this. The packet will go to the Executive Committee in time for the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## C. GRANTS

Scarlett Swall asked for volunteers to serve on a Grants subcommittee. Chris Butler, a grants writer from Metropolitan Community College has agreed to work with a subcommittee to seek grant funding for electronic resources. She says she usually spends three months working on a grant. There's a lot of legwork to be done by the subcommittee to get this started. Axie Hindman (MCO), Terry Austin (MCO), Joyce Meldrem (NORTHWEST), Raleigh Muns (MERLIN), and Stephanie Tolson (ARCHWAY) volunteered. The subcommittee will be notified when a date is set for the initial meeting in Kansas City. Axie reported that in her conversations with Chris, she recommended we take the 4 databases recommended to the legislature, and we rank them for interest so that we could direct our search for grants to those

areas: ABI/Inform, Lexis Nexis Academic Universe, Proquest Psych Journals, and Psych Articles. Raleigh recommended that we not rank them first, but look for grant opportunities first and rank second.

#### 4. NEXT MEETING DATED

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, 2002.

#### 5. CONCLUSION

The meeting concluded with a meeting assessment.

Attending were: Carol Antoniewicz (WASH U), Kathy Schlump (ARCHWAY), Stephanie Tolson (ARCHWAY), Per Almquist (BRIDGES), Mary Slater (QUEST), Julie Andresen (LANCE), Lorna Mitchell (ARTHUR), Scarlett Swall (WILO), Axie Hindman (MCO), Terry Austin (MCO), Joyce Meldrem (NORTHWEST), Rhonda Whithaus (MERLIN), Raleigh Muns (MERLIN), and Lynn Cline (SWAN).

Stephanie D. Tolson, Rotating Secretary  
Raleigh Muns, Recorder