

**MOBIUS Strategic Planning Questions and Answers**  
**MCDAC Committee**  
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- What should MOBIUS do next in your area?

Require the same cataloging standards for cooperating partners that are required for members.

Encourage and support better adherence to cataloging standards for members.

Provide cataloging assistance with implementation clean up, including authority control. Possibly even provide ongoing help with authority reports for libraries unable to do their own.

Provide TOC enhancement for records again, with a retrospective addition.

Increase MCO's ability to modify catalog displays more easily by increased MOBIUS use of style sheets.

Consider creating institutional repositories so that institutions can load electronic pdf versions of theses and dissertations.

Explore future interactions with article database vendors, with the idea of being able to move seamlessly between resource tools such as the library catalog and article databases.

- What should we not be doing?

Stop adding new library databases to existing clusters, without serious consideration of the effect on that cluster's catalog. MOBIUS should think about placing new members into a brand-new cluster instead of adding them to well-established clusters. The repeated reworking of the catalog, including bibliographic and authority files, places added cost on the existing members each time a new member is added to a cluster catalog.

- What do you need that you are not getting from the MOBIUS Council, the MOBIUS Executive Committee, or the MOBIUS Office?

Database maintenance assistance for small libraries for database cleanup and authority control. Perhaps MCO needs additional staff with cataloging expertise to assist in this endeavor.

- Look at your current committee charge. Is it still relevant? Yes

What should be different? Nothing

Comment on overlap with other committees, needed frequency of meetings, and communication needs.

There hasn't been a concern with overlap with other committees. The frequency of meetings has been reduced to three times per year and this is just right. Although the communication has been good, there could be more discussion about what is being planned for the database in the way of large projects, such as the deduping project, and ongoing database changes.