

Minutes
MOBIUS Governance and Growth Management
January 26, 2006

Members Attendance: Richard Amelung, Shirley Baker, Jim Cogswell, Sarah Cron, Valerie Darst, Cathye Dierberg, Mollie Dinwiddie, Erlene Dudley, Liz MacDonald, Wendy McGrane, Laura Rein, Julia Schneider, Steve Stoan, Stephanie Tolson

Ex Officio, Non-Voting Members Attendance: Donna Bacon, Margaret Conroy, George Rickerson.

1. **Minutes** – The December 6, 2005 minutes were approved as revised.
2. **Discussions with St. Louis Research Libraries Consortium** – Richard and Shirley met with the directors at the 3 libraries who indicated that they were very interested in developing a partnership with Mobius as they are sharing a III system. Richard shared their list of questions and concerns about fees, technical challenges, and circulation issues. The Task Force will be recommending that Mobius pursue this partnership.
3. **Potential Partnerships Report** – A copy of the revised report was distributed with the agenda. Members had no further revisions.
4. **Mobius Policy on Admission of New Members** – Mollie led the discussion on the new draft policy. It was decided to add information on a procedure for adding an institution to a cluster. Important factors in considering cluster affiliation are being geographically close, strain on other members of the cluster, size, and mission. Applicable cluster members should be included in evaluating these factors.
5. **Benefits of Potential Partnerships** – Laura and Julia discussed their list of benefits and concerns regarding partnerships with public libraries. Comments regarding governance included that publics do not foresee any governance in Mobius, publics do not see academics as replacing their public library, and the most interested libraries tend towards being politically savvy and financially stable.
6. **Growth Issues** – Cathye discussed the list she prepared that takes into account discussions of the Task Force so far. There was some discussion on the issue regarding the continued stability of the centralized server environment. Financially, Mobius cannot afford another member pulling out of the central infrastructure. George mentioned that members who operate their own server are only supporting InnReach. Perhaps they should also provide some support to the central infrastructure. Some opposed this because these institutions paid for their systems when the others were paid for by the State. The Task Force was in

agreement that one of our recommendations should be that if an institution pulls out of the central infrastructure, they also withdraw completely from Mobius.

7. **Recommendations of the Task Force** – recommendations during the meeting included:
 - Recommend that application of new academic institutions follow a new proposed policy
 - Recommend that Mobius pursue a partnership with selected public libraries and the 3 research libraries.
 - Recommend that the governance documents be updated (per Task Force deliberations) with the Memorandum of Understanding being updated with an addendum rather than revising the original document.
 - Recommend a scenario for growth that includes costs and numbers of libraries for a specific period of time (5-7 years or 8-10 years). George will work on this for the next meeting.
 - Recommend that withdrawal from the central infrastructure include withdrawal from Mobius.
8. **Next Meeting** – February 17, 10:00 a.m. in Columbia.