

Minutes
MOBIUS Governance and Growth Management
March 31, 2006

Members Attendance: Richard Amelung, Jim Cogswell, Sarah Cron, Valerie Darst, Cathye Dierberg, Mollie Dinwiddie, Wendy McGrane, Julia Schneider, Steve Stoan, Stephanie Tolson

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

1. **Minutes** – The January 26, 2006 minutes were approved as revised.
2. **Updates on MGGM activities** – Cathye reported that she gave updates to the MOBIUS Council on January 27 and the MOBIUS Executive Committee on March 3. One member attending the Council meeting submitted a recommendation regarding different levels of membership. After some discussion on needs in this area and duplication by other Missouri networks, it was the consensus of the members that this could be looked at sometime in the future rather as part of our charge.
3. **Revisit Signatories for *Memorandum of Understanding*** – The committee reviewed Shirley's comments proposing that the directors sign the addendum to the *MOU*. It was noted that several directors do not have authority to sign any agreement on behalf of their institution. It was also noted that no one foresees any problem with the need to have the presidents sign the addendum. The addendum will be designed to bring the *MOU* up-to-date in a most positive manner.
4. **DCB Scenario** – George reported on Innovative's Direct Consortial Borrowing interface. The detailed report discussed several issues including limited functionality as a Millennium interface; non-compatibility with an InnReach system that utilizes Pickup Anywhere; and the pricing associated with a project involving public libraries. George's report is attached to these minutes.
5. **Final Report** – The committee reviewed the draft of the final report. Various revisions were made in existing sections and several recommendations were tempered in light of the DCB information. The *Policy on Admission of New Members* as drafted by Mollie was approved. Suggestions were made for the list of recommendations to the Executive Committee. George will write a version of his DCB scenario for incorporation into the report. Steve will assist Cathye in rewriting sections of the report. The rewrite will be distributed to members and then forwarded to the Executive Committee.

March 23, 2006

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: MOBIUS Governance & Growth Management Task Force

FROM: George Rickerson

SUBJECT: Pertaining to a public library initiative

I agreed to prepare a scenario for the incorporation of some number of Missouri public libraries into the Common Library Platform System. This memorandum and the accompanying documents present both factual information and some speculations and opinions with respect to such a project. All of this information will be used as a basis for a discussion during the next meeting of the Task Force on March 31. At that time I will, with the assistance of a few PowerPoint slides, introduce this report and discuss some details that might not be apparent from the documents alone.

This scenario takes the following as givens:

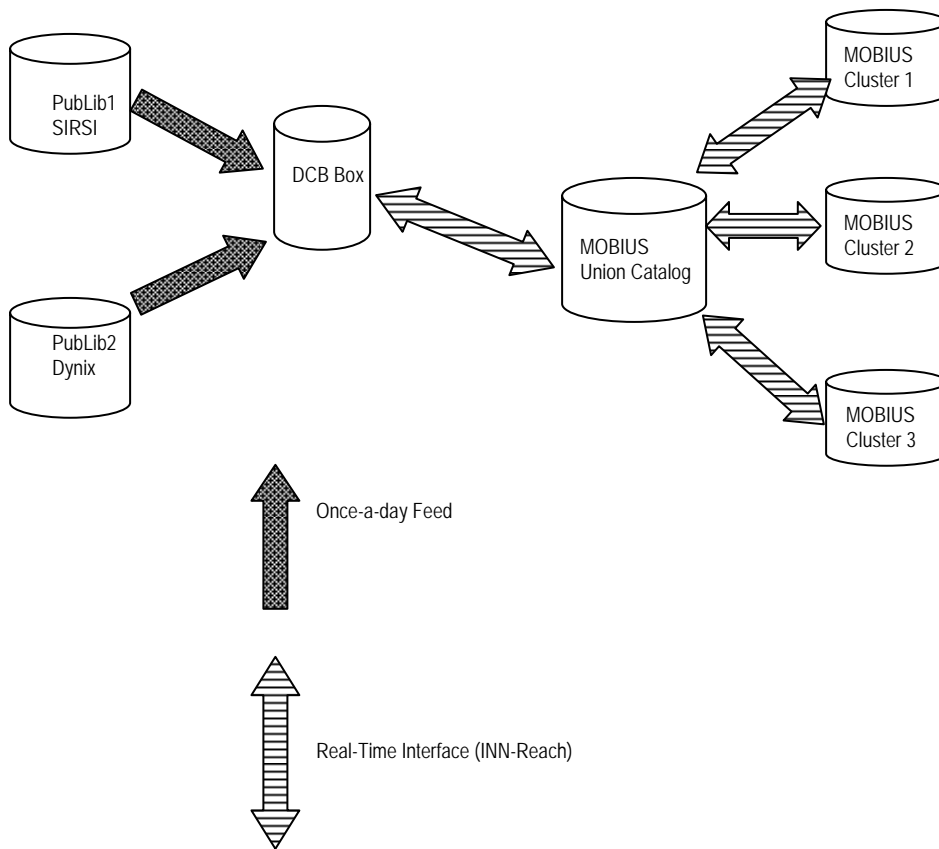
- The public libraries involved are those that indicated in the MGGM survey that they are “very” interested in participating in the CLP;
- The technological solution for integrating these libraries into the CLP is III’s Direct Consortial Borrowing (DCB) interface;
- It is unlikely that any will elect to give up whatever local ILS they use in favor of a Millennium system.

Finally, I must reveal, based on information learned during our visit to III’s offices on March 16, that for MOBIUS this discussion can only be theoretical at this point. III’s DCB interface is not compatible with Pickup Anywhere and cannot be used in an INN-Reach system that utilizes Pickup Anywhere. Unless and until III develops a Pickup Anywhere-compatible DCB solution, we have no technical basis upon which to proceed with public libraries in Missouri that are not using Millennium.

Cc: MOBIUS Consortium Office Management Team

Direct Consortial Borrowing Workflow

III's Direct Consortial Borrowing interface utilizes a limited-function Millennium system (referred to herein as the DCB box) to serve as the gateway, if you will, between the non-Millennium systems participating in an INN-Reach system and the INN-Reach union catalog. The following diagram illustrates the relationships among the systems involved in a DCB/INN-Reach environment and how data flows among them.



The DCB Box houses a database of bibliographic, item and patron records loaded daily from the non-Millennium systems connected to it. The DCB Box uses normal INN-Reach messaging to communicate with the INN-Reach union catalog. Non-Millennium library staff use a special limited-function client on the DCB Box to perform INN-Reach transactions. Note that there is no flow of data from the DCB Box to the non-Millennium systems. When lending a book, the staff first check it out on their own system, then process it on the DCB Box using the limited-function Millennium client.

DCB Project Costs

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Summary Costs	Year 0	Year 1	Year 2	Year ..
Implementation costs	\$ 110,975	\$ 494,500	\$ -	\$ -
Ongoing support costs	\$ -	\$ 172,685	\$ 535,665	\$ 535,665
Training costs	\$ 5,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Other costs	\$ 35,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
Total costs	\$ 150,975	\$ 704,185	\$ 550,165	\$ 550,165

Cost Detail	Branches	Year 0	Year 1	Year 2	Year ..
Mid-Continent Public Library	30	\$ 65,950	\$ 139,330	\$ 139,330	\$ 139,330
Daniel Boone Regional Library	3	\$ 45,025	\$ 33,355	\$ 33,355	\$ 33,355
Brentwood Public Library	1	\$ -	\$ 43,475	\$ 25,505	\$ 25,505
Cape Girardeau Public Library	1	\$ -	\$ 43,475	\$ 25,505	\$ 25,505
Kirkwood Public Library	1	\$ -	\$ 43,475	\$ 25,505	\$ 25,505
University City Public Library	1	\$ -	\$ 43,475	\$ 25,505	\$ 25,505
Boonslick Regional Library	4	\$ -	\$ 45,800	\$ 37,280	\$ 37,280
Poplar Bluff Public Library	1	\$ -	\$ 43,475	\$ 25,505	\$ 25,505
St. Clair County Library	11	\$ -	\$ 51,225	\$ 64,755	\$ 64,755
Grundy Co. Jewett Norris	1	\$ -	\$ 43,475	\$ 25,505	\$ 25,505
Shelbina Carnegie Public Library	1	\$ -	\$ 43,475	\$ 25,505	\$ 25,505
Cass County Public Library	6	\$ -	\$ 47,350	\$ 45,130	\$ 45,130
Little Dixie Regional Libraries	4	\$ -	\$ 45,800	\$ 37,280	\$ 37,280
Subtotal		\$ 110,975	\$ 667,185	\$ 535,665	\$ 535,665
Training costs		\$ 5,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
DCB Server		\$ 35,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
Total		\$ 150,975	\$ 704,185	\$ 550,165	\$ 550,165

INN-Reach (one-time)	\$24,000
INN-Reach annual	\$2,880
DCB annual/library	\$18,700
Each location annual	\$775

Notes to costs:

1. The Year 1 costs for MCPL and DBRL and the Year 2- costs for the other libraries include a MOBIUS assessment of \$3,150 per branch.
2. The DCB software is priced on a subscription model, which is different from III's typical pricing model.
3. Nothing in the layout of the information above is intended to imply anything about how these costs would be funded.
4. There are some additional costs not shown in the above: MCO would need at least 3 additional FTE to support this system, perhaps as many as 5 FTE; and delivery costs to the new libraries are not accounted for.

Miscellaneous Observations

- The costs are laid out on the basis of implementing MCPL and DBRL in the first year of the project and all other libraries in the second year. We do not know enough about the implementation process at this point to know whether that kind of schedule is feasible.
- One DCB box will accommodate a virtually unlimited number of libraries.
- Given the very large circulation rates generated in public libraries, the workload that would result both in these public libraries and in MOBIUS libraries as a result of this project is likely to be significant, but the fact is that we really do not know for sure what would happen.
- One way to boil down the DCB solution, compared to native INN-Reach, is that it costs more and delivers less. Functionally the DCB solution is very much less satisfactory than native INN-Reach. It's probably better than nothing.
- Another way of looking at it is, the per-transaction cost of native INN-Reach is much less than the per-transaction cost of the DCB solution, but the per-transaction cost of DCB is still very significantly less than traditional ILL. In other words, the public library patrons would gain access to millions of titles that they cannot access now and at a very reasonable cost. If a library were to use the funds that DCB would cost to buy books, it would be able to buy only a few hundred to a few thousand books with this money; in the CLP the money purchases access to millions of titles.
- If MOBIUS intends to pursue this project, the first four steps are:
 - Negotiate a development deal with III to deal with the Pickup Anywhere issue;
 - Visit Michigan for a first-hand look at a functioning DCB system;
 - Develop a funding model and start looking for a source;
 - Develop and execute a marketing campaign to show the prospective libraries what a great deal this will be for them.