



April 11th Board Meeting Minutes

MOBIUS

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Attendance

Present:

Members: Donna Bacon, Sarah Brown, Janet Caruthers, Eileen Condon, Eric Deatherage, Maegan Gattorna, Bella Gerlich, Emily Jaycox, Kim Kietzman, Donna Monnig, David Morris, Jennifer Nutefall, Samantha Perkins, Sarah Smith, Ed Walton

Absent:

Members: Jill Mahoney

I. Call to order and introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM.

II. Adoption of the agenda

Sarah Smith motioned to adopt the agenda, and Eric Deatherage seconded. The agenda was adopted.

 [MOBIUS Board Agenda11Apr25.docx](#)

III. Approval of the February 7, 2025 Board Meeting

Bella Gerlich motioned to approve the minutes from the February 7th, 2025 board meeting, and Ed Walton seconded. The minutes were approved by vote of the Board.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer David Morris presented his report. He noted that our total assets have decreased somewhat since last year. He also noted that our investments have decreased slightly in the past month due to market fluctuations. Donna Bacon and Maegan met with Commerce Bank to learn about a program that would protect against fraudulent checks. It costs about \$100 per month, and due to our volume of checks it was recommended that we subscribe to this program.

 [February 2025 Financial Statements.pdf](#)

 [February 2025 Investment Statement.pdf](#)


 [Investment Statement March 2025.pdf](#)

V. Committee Report

VI. Bylaws – Bella

Bella Gerlich noted that the committee has developed a draft revision of the Bylaws. The attorney has some suggestions and will send a revision. The Board agreed to wait to discuss the changes until the attorney has sent these revisions. Janet Caruthers asked why the members have to meet and vote in

person when the Board does not. She asked if our attorney could provide a statute number related to this. Donna Bacon will check on this. Janet Caruthers also asked why the State Librarian is not in the list of ex officio board members.

 [Bylaws of MOBIUS \(adopted July 1 2010\)\(amended March 4 2011; Nov 2 2012; O...,2023\). BKG highlights CHANGES.doc](#)

VII. Circulation and Courier - Eileen

Eileen Condon reported that the Circulation and Courier committee met earlier in the week. At the meeting Steve Strohl provided an update on Local Locate, and noted that MOBIUS has been asking EBSCO why the update has been delayed. This update will solve a lot of issues.

The group discussed book bands and labels, and noted that some older book bands are being reused and might not match current system parameters like number of renewals. Libraries were urged to use caution when reusing book bands.

There was a question about the timeline for reconciling lost and damaged materials. The group noted that there is broad guidance in the lost and damaged replacement policy for when to reconcile. Steve Strohl noted that there is not yet enough information about how OpenRS works, particularly between disparate systems, to provide a detailed timeline.

There was a discussion about courier services provided by the state. Initially, libraries were skeptical but now they find courier valuable. The State Library currently funds two days a week of courier service, and will probably renew this, in spite of the losses of IMLS funding. Updates from the State Library included the information that Missouri's MALA courier service is funded through IMLS, and its renewal is uncertain at this point. Missouri has not received cancellation notices for IMLS funds, but the funds are currently frozen. Our State Library contacts at IMLS will be terminated as of May 4th. The group agreed that the State Library update was very valuable and asked that it be shared with the consortium as a whole.

VIII. Digitization - Emily

Emily Jaycox reported that the Digitization Committee will do a conference session. The committee continues to hold monthly Hyku open forums and the user group is active. They have changed their meeting times so that Notch8 developers can attend and answer questions. Libraries have had some questions about how much to promote Hyku, since it is not yet working quite right. There has been progress, with about half of the libraries using Hyku actively, and the other half still preparing to start using Hyku. MOBIUS will survey the libraries that are not yet actively using Hyku to learn what assistance they might need. The Digitization Committee will do a conference session.

IX. E-Resources - Sarah

Sarah Smith presented the following report:

- Committee meetings were held on February 19 and March 19, 2025
- AI workshop, "Harnessing the Power of AI in Libraries: Tools, Ethics, and Practical Applications" was held on February 12th
 - 126 people registered – 63 people attended the live event.
 - Committee members suggested that a more longform workshop on the topic might be of interest to members, as was proposed for the 2025-2026 committee to plan.
- Tasked with assessing the "[Interoperable eBooks Standards Statement](#)" towards making a recommendation to MOBIUS about signing on to it as a consortium. Some committee members expressed concerns about the lack of specificity and the potential for limited impact, while others saw value in [MOBIUS] raising awareness and encouraging individual libraries to sign.
 - The committee recommended that the Cataloging committee be tasked with reviewing the statement before the final decision is made.

- It is recommended that MOBIUS brings the statement to the attention of member libraries so that they can decide to sign the statement individually.
- An E-Resources Usage Survey was sent to members this period, with 42 responses submitted. Discussion of survey results:
 - 95% of respondents use a homegrown system for their e-resource usage data collection; not necessarily exclusively – possibly in tandem with other resources (e.g. Panorama, LibInsights, 360 COUNTER).
 - Panorama training/round table of members discussing “what works/what are its limitations” was suggested for a future virtual event to be organized. Committee members will create an outline for a summer webinar to be held.
 - 45% of respondents did not intend to configure Panorama for their libraries.
- Digital accessibility guidelines and ADA compliance for e-resources were discussed at both meetings. Mizzou Libraries were urgently tasked with addressing this need by their institution.
 - Proposal that this committee could work on developing model accessibility-compliance language to integrate into vendor contracts, as well as to provide guidance to individual MOBIUS institutions.
 - Result: 2025-2026 committee chair should be involved in decisions to move forward with this proposal
 - MOBIUS Board’s guidance is welcome.
- Next meeting will be on April 16, 2025.

 [20250411 E-Resources Committee Report to MOBIUS Board.docx](#)

X. Professional Development – David

David Morris reported that in the recent round of grant applications, MOBIUS was able to fund all five applications. The Professional Development committee is soliciting Wolfcon grants now. MOBIUS has allocated \$8500 to these grants, and expects to award at least ten grants. Applications are due on May 8th. Preliminary selections will go to the Board for a vote after May 15th.

XI. Cataloging – Jill

Jill Mahoney was not in attendance at the meeting, but submitted the following report after the meeting:

Consortial Holdings Bug

Many libraries have reported a bug in FOLIO where Instance records that DO have other libraries' holdings attached will sometimes display the text "The list contains no items". Currently, there is no way to consistently identify whether other libraries have holdings attached to a given shared Instance record.

EBSCO is aware of the bug, and it is expected to be resolved in the Ramsons release. Ramsons is in general release, but we have no date for when the update will be applied to the MOBIUS FOLIO tenant. The committee came to the following consensus: Until such time as the Consortial Holdings bug has been resolved, the Committee recommends that libraries not suppress or mark shared records for deletion. Vivian will write up a recommendation and submit it to the MOBIUS membership.

Rachel Utrecht will create a document detailing the instructions for identifying suppressed Instance records with attached local holdings; Vivian will post the document to the MOBIUS Wiki and disseminate the link to the membership.

Create documentation for 856 fields

Sarah Jones drafted the documentation and posted it to the Google group. No one had a chance to review it before the meeting, so discussion on the document was tabled for now. This is the proposed documentation:

When coming across 856 fields in a shared record, the Committee identified the following recommendations:

- Libraries in FOLIO may edit shared MARC/Instance records;
- Actual (character-for-character) duplicate fields may be removed without oversight;
- Fields that are essentially duplicates (same data; different format) may be edited or removed, using RDA standards;
- Institution specific information/access should be stored in a Holdings and/or Item record, rather than a shared MARC/Instance record;
- When there is some question whether to retain or delete a field from a MARC record, the field should be retained, pending further investigation;
- Libraries that have holdings attached to the same MARC record should communicate with each other when considering edits to the record.

In summary, if there is unique information contained in a 856 field in a shared record, the cataloger can either move that information to the correct field per RDA standards if applicable, or, if the information is institution specific or a link to a non open-access resource, they can contact the other institutions with holdings attached either individually if known or via listservs/Google Groups to make a shared decision on what to do with the links.

XII. FOLIO and OpenRS Enhancements Committee – Samantha Perkins

Samantha Perkins submitted the following report:

Last meeting was held April 9, 2025.

Three meetings have been held so far. Committee will continue to meet every two weeks.

Committee Responsibilities

- Tons of discussion has been had around what does this committee do, what will our process be, how do we receive enhancement requests, what do we do with requests once received, and addressing the backlog of requests.
- The Committee is charged with formulating procedures for the enhancement request process, including, but not limited to:
 - How enhancement requests are solicited from and submitted by the membership;
 - How enhancement requests are vetted and prioritized by the Committee;
 - How enhancement requests are submitted and processed, subsequent to Committee records (e.g. sent to EBSCO and/or K-Int; moved through the community Special Interest Groups (SIGs));
 - How enhancement requests are managed on the MOBIUS end;
 - How the status of enhancement requests is communicated to the membership.
- Discussion around FOLIO User Acceptance Testing (UAT) took place and how it relates to the enhancements we have requested

Receiving Requests

- Over the course of multiple meetings, we have discussed how to receive new requests
- Currently requests are submitted to MOBIUS Help Desk and put on a spreadsheet (not visible to membership)
- Committee has decided going forward we will track via a google form and sheet to be housed on the wiki
- Plans to create the form have begun, with a very bare bones rough draft to be presented at an upcoming meeting
- Goal is to make submitting requests accessible to the membership and provide them a place to view all the requests submitted in hopes of eliminating duplicate requests

Organizing Backlog

- As of 4/9/25 there are 119 enhancement requests in the backlog

- The committee will split into smaller groups based on members' expertise and interest areas to tackle the backlog
- Each request is unique and will have a unique process in which it moves forward (if applicable); there is not a clear path for requesting these enhancements
- Goal is to have subgroups organized by our next meeting on April 23rd

 [FOLIO and OpenRS Enhancements Committee Report April 2025.pdf](#)

XIII. Old Business

A. FOLIO & OpenRS Update/Discussion

Kim Kietzman noted that Altoona's patrons are asking them to leave MOBIUS. She attended a meeting with EBSCO and Knowledge Integration, and expressed our deep concerns with the fact that we are almost a year out from migration, and not all of our libraries are able to use the systems. EBSCO and Knowledge Integration appear to have a focus on future customers, and she reminded them that we are current customers and we need to have things working. The Help Desk has solved a big problem for Altoona. Donna Bacon noted that re-request could be working as soon as next week, and she will check in on that at a meeting on Tuesday. Emily noted that migrations are hard, but that right now it is difficult to tell what's just not working versus what's working but we don't know how to use it. Having to pull out data and work on it elsewhere and then load it back in, rather than being able to work on it in the system, is causing major problems for people who are not used to transferring and manipulating data among multiple systems.

B. Strategic Plan Approval

Eric Deatherage presented the strategic plan and noted that most suggestions have been incorporated into it. He met with all members of the strategic plan committee in small groups to discuss the plan. Some committee members have expressed a concern that the plan increases the workload for committees, but most of the committee requirements in the plan are already part of the committee charges. Eric noted that in the future, strategic plan leadership should probably be shared among Board members. Eileen agreed to compile any final suggestions or edits from Board members into the final draft, and prepare it for the Board to vote via email starting May 1st, to be completed by May 8th.

 [Strategic Plan Final Draft.docx](#)

C. 2025 MOBIUS Conference and Membership Meeting

Federal LSTA funding for the MOBIUS conference grant (\$10,000 for hotel rooms) is in question. The State Library has no idea whether they will receive this funding or not, and suggested that MOBIUS should put this expense on hold unless we know we can pay it without expecting reimbursement from LSTA funds. If MOBIUS covers hotel room costs, and the State Library later receives funds from IMLS, MOBIUS can be reimbursed for what it spent. The Board discussed the possibility of taking \$10,000 from contingency to pay for hotel rooms at the conference. There was a concern that we have been taking a lot of money out of contingency recently, and a suggestion that going forward, we need to plan more carefully for potential contingency expenditures during the budgeting process. Janet also noted that going forward we should make a funding request that has outcomes that can be more easily assessed than those tied to hotel room funding. Eric Deatherage motioned to cover hotel rooms for the MOBIUS conference with \$10,000 from the contingency fund, and Sarah Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote.

The rest of the conference funds are already in the MOBIUS budget.

D. Member Contracts

Donna Bacon presented the latest version of the member contract. It incorporates language from our attorney. Sarah Brown motioned to approve the contract as presented, and David Morris seconded. The motion passed by vote of the Board. The contract will be presented to the membership at the June meeting, and it will be sent out in July for the members to sign.

 [Form Services Agreement \(multiple services Vers 4\)-1.docx](#)

XIV. New Business

A. IMLS Funding Contract/Financial Effects

There is a great deal of uncertainty among all state libraries about what will happen with their federal funding. The state libraries in Connecticut, California, and Washington have had the entire grants to their states cancelled. Individual grants are also being cancelled. There has been no direct communication from IMLS. The Missouri State Library is doing contingency planning and has surveyed public libraries about their priorities. They have also had conversations with Morenet about whether REAL funds could be used for some of these priorities. In addition, they are looking at possibilities for state funding of library needs. There was a question about how public libraries are communicating with users about the loss of IMLS funding, particularly given the fact that most library users do not understand what IMLS is. Some libraries are being proactive and communicating in some detail about what is going on. The Missouri State Library has statistics available for FY24; however, the Secretary of State is being cautious about what data is marketed. Attorneys general in 21 states have filed lawsuits related to the IMLS executive order. Ed Walton noted that Springfield Greene County Library has a good relationship with local news agencies, and Ed has done interviews on the impact of the loss of funding. His library also has serious concerns related to a number of bills in the state legislature related to personal and real property taxes. If all of these bills passed, this would massively reduce public library funding.

Two proposed bills, SB 276 and SB 483, carry enhanced criminal liability for librarians. These bills are currently in committee.

The Museum and Library Services Act is up for reauthorization in 2025. This act funds IMLS, and if it is not reauthorized, IMLS will go away.

B. Executive Director Performance Appraisal Process

A brief survey regarding the Executive Director's performance will be distributed to Board members, library directors, and the MCO staff. The Vice President, President, and Past President will collaborate to write the appraisal, and then all three will be invited to meet with Donna Bacon.

XV. Membership Update

The Wichita migration has started, and they will likely go live in November. MCO is not aware of any status changes for members with OpenRS problems. A concern was expressed that we will lose more members if we cannot get all of the libraries working soon.

XVI. Executive Director's Report and Current Strategic Plan Update

Donna Bacon noted that she is preparing for a series of listening posts. The Library of Congress wants to work with MOBIUS on enhancements and local requesting. The University of Notre Dame is going to FOLIO and wants to work with MOBIUS.

XVII. State Librarian's Report

The Missouri Secretary of State issued a press release asking how Sora, the OverDrive platform serving K-12 schools, limits content based on age. This has been reviewed and there is confidence that Sora is classifying and limiting materials appropriately. It is not expected that the Secretary of State will withhold funding for Sora, and a press release about this is coming out soon. Through this situation, the State Library learned that patrons love Libby.

XVIII. Other Business

There there was no other business.

XIX. Adjourn Meeting

Bella Gerlich motioned to adjourn, and Sarah Smith seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:41 AM.