



# MOBIUS Board Meeting Minutes

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## **Attendance**

### **Present:**

Members: Donna Bacon, Brandy Brady, Maegan Bragg, Sarah Brown, Kim Kietzman, Jill Mahoney, David Morris, Maud Mundava, Jennifer Nutefall, Samantha Perkins, Keli Rylance, Sarah Smith, Kara Whatley

### **Absent:**

Members: Janet Caruthers

#### I. Call to Order and Introductions

#### II. Adoption of the Agenda

Sarah Smith moved to adopt the agenda. Sarah Brown seconded.

 [MOBIUS Board Meeting Agenda, 2-13-26.docx](#)

#### III. Approval of December 19 and January 23 Meetings

Samantha Perkins motioned to approve the minutes from the December 19th meeting. Brandy Brady seconded.

 [MOBIUS Board Meeting Minutes, 12-19-25.docx](#)

#### IV. Treasurer's Report

There are no financial reports at this time. MOBIUS staff have received drafts with some errors that need to be corrected and are hoping for a final corrected report soon. Commerce investment accounts statements are available through January 2026. Our investment account market value is just over \$1,660,000, an increase of around \$17,000 since our December 2025 report. Since July, the account is up around \$90,000. Our current yield is averaging 3.06%.

 [Investment Statement January 2026.pdf](#)

#### V. Committee Reports

##### A. Bylaws (Kim)

No report.

##### B. Circulation & Courier (Jennifer)

The last meeting was January 8th. There was discussion about the Locate display for OpenRS items, walk-in borrowing and looping issues. The committee will be hosting an open hours on March 5th at 2:00pm.

C. Digitization (Keli)

The committee met on February 4th and discussed three topics: planning for the DPLA summer meeting, ongoing issues with Hyku, and a desire of the committee to come up with a document outlining preferred rights statements for institutions that are adopting digital platforms/services.

D. E-Resources (Maud)

No report.

E. Professional Development (Brandy)

The committee sent the first call out for grants and are working on a survey for membership to explore the needs in terms of professional development. The committee is also trying to figure out a way to market the calendar that lists professional development opportunities.

F. Cataloging (Jill)

The committee last met February 4th. The committee is working out the peer mentor survey and how they want to handle connecting connecting the mentors to those requesting. The guidance document on the maintenance of shared book records has been updated and is on the Wiki. There was a lot of conversation about electronic resources and OpenRS. There is now a field that can be used to suppress the digital records. The committee wants guidance from the board on who should be suppressing the records. If it is a shared record, should the person who finds it suppress it, or should there be a procedure to follow. Also discussed was an enhancement request for a mapping update so there is a way to distinguish print and e-books. Kara Whatley brings up how to treat lendable ebooks in this catalog environment. David asks if there is a way to make this distinction. Sarah Brown says catalogers may need to agree on a field to use to distinguish this.

Donna says MOBIUS can work with MU to figure out which ebooks are lendable and then batch suppress all of the ebooks that are non-lendable.

Kara moved that any items that can not be borrowed consortially be suppressed in the Locate catalog by the MOBIUS staff. Samantha Perkins seconded.

G. FOLIO & OpenRS Enhancements (Samantha)

The committee has had two meetings since December. They debriefed from their open hours session. A primary area of work for the committee has been formalizing procedures. Draft Stage 1

guidelines were reviewed and refined, and work continues on documenting the Stage 2 process. These procedures will clarify how requests move from submission through prioritization and escalation.

 [FOLIO and OpenRS Enhancements Committee Report February 2026.pdf](#)

VI. Old Business

A. Sunflower Status Check

Donna reports that MOBIUS has had several meetings with EBSCO for status checks and to make sure we are ready for the update. MU will not update to Sunflower until March, and Kara brought up leaving renewals off until the MU upgrade takes place, due to extra workflows they would have to create. Jennifer Nutefall moved to leave renewals off until the UM system

upgrades in March. (Could not hear or see who seconded on the recording). The motion passed.

## B. Assessment Model

The Finance Committee has been working on the assessment model to determine whether we want to stay with the current model for current members, as well as a potential model for new members. The MOBIUS office came up with a few different scenarios based on the Carnegie model. This model gives several libraries major increases in their assessment, which is untenable for smaller libraries. David suggests sharing this information with the membership, and explaining why the "status quo" might actually be the best option.

 [FY27-28 Assessment Proposal.xlsx](#)

## C. Arkansas

The Finance Committee worked on what the University of Arkansas should be charged to join MOBIUS as a new member. It was decided their assessment would be \$15,000. EBSCO is charging them \$10,000 for OpenRS. Courier for them would be over \$10,000 a year. MOBIUS made that offer, but Arkansas turned it down. They would like for MOBIUS to come back in a few years when they don't have as many projects going on.

## D. Record of the January 20th Meeting

Attached below is a summary of the MOBIUS-EBSCO meeting on January 20th.

 [Summary of MOBIUS-EBSCO Meeting, January 20, 2026.docx](#)

## E. Listening Sessions

Sarah Smith suggested using the listening sessions to get feedback from members on any ideas to increase the value of a MOBIUS membership. The Board discussed sharing the spreadsheet of assessment fees and the possible new models at the listening sessions, as well as the spreadsheet showing drops in enrollment in many MOBIUS member institutions. Names of institutions will be hidden when showing the spreadsheets at the listening sessions.

## F. Issues with Rapido & OCLC

Donna has not asked for a quote for Rapido yet, she would like to wait until after the visit to Kansas libraries and the upgrade to Sunflower. Donna feels apprehensive visiting libraries about joining MOBIUS promoting OpenRS while getting quotes for other products at the same time. OCLC also does not do consortial pricing.

## G. SLU & WashU

David is still waiting to hear back from Mimi Calter from Wash U. SLU has agreed to their assessment fee for the courier and we are waiting to receive contract proposals from them.

## VII. New Business

### A. Review of Risk Assessment

The Board made the following changes:  
Loss of Revenue-Members and Customers; add additional payment options like an installment plan, looking for additional funding from philanthropic organizations  
Vendor consolidation leading to reduced choice; change risk to medium  
Changes in value of resource sharing among members; change risk to medium

Brandy Brady moved to adopt the changes to the risk assessment. Sarah Smith seconded. The motion passes.

 [Board of Directors Risk Management & Mitigation 2026213.xlsx](#)

**B. Call for Open Board Positions**

In February we need to put out the call for open board positions. There is no template document in OnBoard for the call. We can create a template for future calls that can be used in the future.

**C. Kansas Libraries Meeting**

MOBIUS met with 6 Kansas libraries that report to the Board of Regents-- Emporia, KU, Kansas State, Fort Hays, Washburn and Pittsburg. They presented information about MOBIUS, FOLIO, OpenRS, e-resources. The group of libraries has looked at joining Prospector or MOBIUS. Donna talked to Kirk from EBSCO about their quote to Pittsburg being too high and asked for EBSCO to give her the best quote they could for 4 of the libraries to migrate to FOLIO, while still having another ILS contract, as well as a payment plan. Kirk will talk to his boss about this and see what they can do.

**D. Proposal from E-Resources Committee**

The proposal from the E-Resources committee was shared with the Board. There was discussion of whether this should be an associate membership or just a contractual service offered to non-member libraries.

 [Mobius E-Resource Tier Proposal.docx](#)

**E. Joint Committees Meeting**

**1. Overview**

The meeting was on February 10th. Cataloging and E-Resources committees are both working on training and instruction opportunities and David wanted to them to coordinate these opportunities with the Professional Development Committee. There was discussion of platforms to use for committee communication.

**2. Action Item: June Meeting of Incoming Chairs**

David asked the board if we want to consider having all of the incoming committee chairs and their MCO and Board reps meet at the MOBIUS conference in June. The committees also want training on expectations of them.

**F. Creation of AI Working Group**

At the listening sessions an announcement will be made about the idea of an AI Working Group.

**VIII. Membership Update**

No report.

**IX. Executive Director's Report**

Donna has 15 people on the MOBIUS-EBSCO working group and they are scheduling the first meeting for sometime in the next few weeks. Donna got the conference keynote set up with EveryLibrary, as well as a speaker for the Director's symposium. It is \$2,500 and Donna believes we can get vendors to cover the

cost. Donna asked the leasing company about a new contract and they sent a contract with a 3% increase.

X. State Librarian's Report

The state library still has \$20,000 budgeted for MOBIUS for this fiscal year.

XI. Other Business

XII. Adjourn Meeting

Brandy Brady moved to adjourn. Sarah Smith seconded.