



Special Board Meeting Minutes

MOBIUS

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Attendance

Present:

Members: Donna Bacon, Brandy Brady, Maegan Bragg, Janet Caruthers, Jill Mahoney, David Morris, Maud Mundava, Jennifer Nutefall, Samantha Perkins, Keli Rylance, Sarah Smith

Absent:

Members: Sarah Brown, Kim Kietzman, Kara Whatley

I. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM.

II. Adoption of the Agenda

Sarah Smith motioned to adopt the agenda. Brandy Brady seconded.

III. Old Business

A. Vote on Renewals

Brandy Brady motioned to resume renewals. (I could not see or hear who seconded in the recording). The Board voted to turn renewals back on, allowing 28-day loans with two 28-day renewals.

B. Missouri State Library Grant

One option was to apply the \$20,000 grant towards Hyku, but that only uses \$10,000. The other option is to apply to FOLIO hosting, which would use the entire amount. Janet Caruthers says the grant period starts April 1, but can push out to April 15th to give us 4 weeks to fill out the application. It would run through August 1st, with the final report due September 18th. The MOBIUS webpage needs to acknowledge the grant. Sarah Smith motioned to apply the grant money to FOLIO hosting. Samantha Perkins seconded. The motion passed.

C. Committee Chairs Session (Brandy)

Brandy asked for feedback on whether anything was missing from her document on what Committee Chairs might need (attached). Also, how does the board want information reported back from the chair to the board. David suggests a hybrid approach--reporting through the year through the board reps, and also a Trello with updates relating to the MOBIUS strategic plan.

 [Tasks of MOBIUS Committees.docx](#)

D. Sunflower Review and Looking Ahead

Most libraries have reported the update to Sunflower going smoothly. One issue brought up was related to cataloging in foreign languages, and that has been conveyed to MOBIUS.

E. Listening Sessions: Review and Assessment

Samantha Perkins reports about the session at Evangel. The tone was positive and attendees did not have much to say. Brandy Brady reported on the session in Kansas City, where 12 directors were present. There was discussion on library budget cuts, and the general consensus was no one could manage more than a 3% increase. Brandy said after going to these sessions she feels two things will need to be addressed--how to manage the current membership and a different plan to move forward with new members. Donna went to all of the sessions and felt most members understood the difficulty with the assessment model, and would rather try to stay the same rather than introduce large increases to some libraries. Brandy suggested we do a summary of what we learned from the sessions to send out to members.

The board discussed three key action items for MOBIUS: conducting a detailed survey of membership usage, establishing institutional research capacity, and developing messaging for directors.

David suggested conducting a survey of the membership, in terms of what they are using through MOBIUS, how many are using MOBIUS for systems and tech support. He also suggests a permanent institutional research capacity (MCO, the board, a committee). One suggestion from the listening sessions was to use budgets instead of enrollment as a variable for the assessments, but that information is harder to get, especially with IPEDS getting rid of the Academic Libraries survey. David emphasized the need for institutional research to track enrollment and revenue trajectories of member institutions, particularly in light of potential state legislation affecting funding. Inflation impacts and state budget reallocations could significantly affect MOBIUS members, with potential 40-50% budget cuts at some institutions. Jennifer Nutefall discussed a connection with MLA's Legislative Committee. Janet Caruthers offered to track relevant legislation and connect with the MLA Legislative Committee.

The board agreed we should have some sort of script for library directors. David and Sarah Smith will work on this and try to have something completed by the end of the fiscal year.

David will prepare a write-up and summary of notes from the listening sessions before the April 10th meeting.

IV. New Business

A. Budget Savings (Donna)

Donna presented cost-saving measures totaling approximately \$176,000, including the decision not to replace Scott Angel's position and reducing office space by moving to a smaller location that would save \$48,600 annually. She also outlined a proposal from Blake to move their servers to the cloud, which could save an additional \$11,000 annually on internet costs while eliminating the need for server replacements. The team is working on finalizing the office move contract for July 1st and will consider the server transition options at that time.

The group discussed transitioning to cloud hosting, with Donna explaining that MCO currently uses Google and Amazon for Evergreen hosting and Google for ArchivesSpace and Omeka. Janet asked about the value of DPLA and OER memberships, particularly since there appears to be limited MOBIUS member engagement with the OER platform.

 [MOBIUS Office Server cost analysis.xlsx](#)

B. Spring Conference Travel Grants (Brandy)

Brandy reports the committee was a little frustrated because many of the applications were incomplete. The committee discussed revising the application form to make requirements clearer. The committee also looked at whether applicants had received grant funding in the past. The board will vote by March 26th through email.

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 [Fall26apps.pdf](#)

V. Executive Director's Report

Donna shared positive updates about potential new members, including the return of Missouri State University and Tulsa City County Library. EBSCO is offering a deal to libraries who left because of OpenRS, no implementation fee or hosting fee if they return by July 1st.

VI. State Librarian's Report

VII. Other Business

Janet mentioned the State Library's work on digital accessibility compliance ahead of the April 24th deadline.

VIII. Adjourn Meeting

Sarah Smith motioned to adjourn. Brandy Brady seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:40.