

# Minutes of the MOBIUS E-Resources Committee

September 4, 2025, 11:00 am, Virtual

Members Present

* Laura Horne-Popp, Rockhurst University (Chair)
* Rose Adams, Park University
* Renee Brumett, Missouri University of Science & Technology
* Kristina Coley, University of Health Sciences & Pharmacy
* Doug Goans, Ozarks Technical Community College
* Annie Lazure, Ozark Christian College
* Jessie Park, St. Charles City-County Library
* Rhonda Whithaus, University of Missouri – Columbia
* Christina Virden, MOBIUS (MOBIUS Organizer)
* Donna Bacon, MOBIUS (Ex-Officio)

Members Absent

* Maud Mundava, A.T. Still University (Board Representative)

Guests or Proxies Present – N/A  
  
Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order and introductions – Laura led the meeting and called it to order around 11am. The meeting introduced members of the E-Resources Committee, including library directors and coordinators from various institutions across Missouri. The participants shared their backgrounds, roles, and experiences with electronic resources, highlighting their diverse expertise in access, licensing, and digital initiatives.
2. Adoption of the agenda – The agenda was adopted without changes.
3. Adoption of previous meeting minutes – N/A
4. Information Items - N/A
5. Unfinished Business – N/A
6. New Business – n/a
   1. Strategic Plan Discussion and Expectations - The meeting focused on discussing changes to committee operations within MOBIUS, particularly regarding communication and feedback mechanisms between committees, member libraries, and the board. Laura explained that committees will develop their own outreach and assessment plans to enhance communication and inclusion, with plans to be presented to the board through representatives. The E-Resources Committee, in particular, was encouraged to discuss its potential operation and consider sharing ideas or concerns with other committees, particularly in areas like professional development where this committee has done a great deal of work.
   2. Exploring E-Resource Membership Options - The group discussed different membership models for MOBIUS, including the possibility of creating a new tier focused on e-resource discounts for institutions that may not need full membership. Laura and Donna noted that this idea aligns with the strategic plan, and Donna mentioned that the Finance Committee is currently reviewing assessments and different membership levels. The committee previously had an affiliate membership option that was not utilized, but there have been recent requests to revisit it. Christina suggested looking at the Iowa Alliance's model for e-resource agreements as a potential framework.
   3. Library Digital Accessibility Compliance Deadline - The group discussed potential training and educational initiatives for members, with digital accessibility emerging as a key focus area due to upcoming ADA Title II standards in April. They explored the possibility of creating an explanatory session or webinar about accessibility requirements, which would be timely given the April deadline and could help libraries understand requirements for vendor contracts and website modifications. The group also discussed accessibility resources and tools, with Renee suggesting the creation of a shared list of websites and tools for checking accessibility issues.
   4. OER Strategic Planning and Initiatives - The E-Resources Committee was tasked with developing a 3-year OER strategic plan for MOBIUS, though there is already existing state-level OER work through the Midwestern Higher Education Compact. Rose, who is completing a certificate in OER librarianship, expressed interest in helping with the plan, while others, like Kristina, indicated they would contribute as needed. Donna suggested forming an informal working group to tackle the project, which would be assembled by the director or board for a specific timeline. They agreed to put out a call for people interested in working on a strategic plan through the OER listserv, with Christina offering to collaborate with Rose on crafting the message. The board will need to approve the request for a working group before this can be started on.
   5. Next Meeting - The committee decided to meet monthly on the first Thursday at 11am, with Laura planning to send out a call for agenda items in two weeks.
7. Adjourn Meeting – Meeting adjourned before 4pm.