Report of the MOBIUS E-Resources Committee
May 19, 2022

Submitted by: Bryan Carson, Chair, and Rhonda Whithaus, Past Chair

This annual report covers tasks and activities undertaken during the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, and provides an overview of scheduled activities for this period (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022).

The Committee consisted of the following members:

- Dr. Bryan Carson, 2020-2022, Chair. Director, Missouri Valley College.
- Rhonda Whithaus, 2021-2023, Past Chair. Head of Information Services, University of Missouri – Columbia.
- Eric Deatherage, Board Representative. Library Director, Crowder College.
- Brandy Brady, 2020-2022. Assistant Library Director: Information Services, Northwest Missouri State University.
- Ellen Cline, 2021-May 5, 2022. Research Librarian, Missouri University of Science and Technology.
- Theresa Flett, 2021-2023. Library Director, St. Charles Community College Library.
- Megan Phifer-Davis, 2020-2022. Assistant Manager of Reference, St. Louis County Library.
- Christina Virden, MOBIUS Organizer. E-Resources Coordinator, MOBIUS.
- Donna Bacon, Ex-Officio . Executive Director, MOBIUS.

Date of last meeting: May 5, 2021
Date of next meeting: TBD

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Meetings Held:

The committee held all of its meetings online via Zoom on the following dates:

- May 5, 2022
- March 2, 2022
- January 11, 2022

- November 15, 2021
- September 1, 2021

Recommendations to Board of Directors:

- The Board requested input from the Electronic Resources Committee after being approached for a donation by the Sustainability Coalition for Open Science Services (SCOSS). SCOSS is a network of organizations that work to secure the infrastructure that supports the movement towards open access publishing of scientific research. They have helped to fund the Directory of Open Access Journals which is vital to the indexing and discovery of open access content, and are looking to MOBIUS for support for SherpaRomeo, which is a tool that aggregates and analyzes Open Access policies from publishers around the world. After discussing the donation request, the committee recommended that the Board of Directors support SCOSS up to a maximum of $5,000. The Board accepted this proposal and provided the funding.

- Due to the SCOSS donation request, the Board requested that the Committee create a recommendation of criteria that should be considered when funding open access initiatives in the future. The Committee members searched for other consortia or institutions that had created such a list of standards, but were unable to find any. It appears that MOBIUS is in a leadership position to help articulate clear principles for the funding of open access projects. This document has been submitted to the Board for their June 2022 meeting.

Action Items Completed:

- Since February 2022, Christina has been sending a newsletter to the membership which consists of available e-resource opportunities. The purpose is to provide better communication about potential proposals and deals. Additionally, this newsletter will help reduce piecemeal emails concerning vendor opportunities.

- The committee discussed an initiative by MIT Press for open access materials. Christina met with a representative from MIT Press to learn more about this initiative. It is not a good candidate for central support at MOBIUS due to the expense involved. However, this project will be offered to the members on an opt-in basis with MOBIUS supporting central billing and licensing.

- Christina presented at the 2021 OverDrive Digipalooza Conference about consortium processes for loading MARC records for that collection. OverDrive also allowed MOBIUS to send representatives from several member schools to that event at no charge.

Action Items In-progress/Pending:

- The committee has developed a resource to help members stay updated on platform issues and outages. We have been working on a shared spreadsheet that will provide information about where to go for each vendor when tracking this information. The spreadsheet will also include each vendors' preferred method for sharing this information. There will be a form available to help keep this information updated.

- SWANK, MOBIUS, and the Colorado Alliance's Project SILLVR program are conducting a pilot project to test Interlibrary Loan of SWANK videos. At this point the test appears to be successful.

- The Committee is interested in working with Christina and the Professional Development Committee/Training Committee to identify vendor training opportunities. The first training sessions were for the EBSCO*host* Administrative Module and EBSCO EDS.

- The Committee will hold an open forum at the MOBIUS Conference on Tuesday, June 7, 2022. Topics will include a recap of committee activities and current plans for future projects. In addition, the committee will guide open discussion about membership needs and interests related to Open Access.

- The SCOSS donation and recommendation of factors to consider led the Electronic Resources Committee to a broader discussion about Open Access projects. The Committee has suggested that working with open access at a consortium level should be revisited after the new Professional Development Committee is established.

Announcements:

- N/A

Questions for the board/larger group:

- N/A

Other Notes:

- N/A