

Annual Report to the MOBAC Administrative Council

Fiscal Year Reporting on: 2020-2021

Committee: Technology

Committee Chair: Katie O'Connell (HML)

Active Committee Members: John Brady (CSUMB), Deborah Stephens (HCL), Kris Amaral (MCFL), Glenn Tozier (MPC), Kim Smith (MPL), Stacy DeMatteo (NPS), Katharine Dixon (SPL), Mayra Ortiz (WPL)

Date: September 2021

1. What did your committee accomplish during the last fiscal year?

With the ongoing pandemic crisis and the impacts on staff both personally and professionally, our focus this year has been on being a space for committee members to come together for relief and support. The opportunity to share changes in library services, reopening plans, challenges faced and lessons learned has allowed committee members to maintain a wider view of regional library services, while receiving support, feedback and validation.

In addition, committee members were active in the Pacific Library Partnership's (PLP) website working group. They provided design recommendations and assisted with content cleanup for the new MOBAC website, which went live in July 2021.

2. What activities, workshops, etc. are you planning for the current fiscal year?

As the challenges of the pandemic continue, the Technology Committee is committed to providing support to its members. We anticipate that our main focus will be on maintaining a space for committee members to network with peers, share ideas and challenges, and seek a caring and supportive community.

We also intend to revisit plans for trainings and/or workshops on the topic of web accessibility, with a potential workshop to focus on PDF accessibility.

3. Are there any obstacles/issues/challenges you wish to convey?

A year and a half into the pandemic, the effects of budget cuts and staff shortages among MOBAC member libraries continue to make themselves known. Library staff throughout MOBAC are exhausted and overextended, which has led to lower committee membership and attendance, despite our members' best efforts. This continues a pre-pandemic trend, in which committee members had ample ideas to support the technological knowledge and needs of the MOBAC member libraries, and the will to implement them, but frequently lacked the staff capacity and time to further the committee's goals.

Estimate funding need for FY21/22: \$0