Annual Report to the MOBAC Administrative Council

Fiscal Year Reporting on: 2023-24

Committee Name: Technology

Committee Chair: Glenn Tozier (MPC), Stacy DeMatteo (NPS)

Active Committee Members: Deborah Stephens (Hartnell), Eva Nottage (Watsonville), Miguel Jimenez Politron (MCFL), Stacy De Matteo (NPS), Glenn Tozier (MPC), Kim Smith (Monterey), Aubrey Young (Harrison), Bjorn Jones (Santa Cruz)

Date: Sept. 12, 2024

1.   **What did your committee accomplish during the last fiscal year?**
 During the 2023-2024 year we planned and presented a hybrid workshop in fall of 2023 "Library of Things" on the circulating of nontraditional library material. We had presenters from Hartnell College, MPC, Salinas Public Library, and a panel discussion. This was our first hybrid workshop and we utilized an OWL camera. Partially based on our experience with our fall workshop, we asked MOBAC Admin to purchase two OWL cameras for broader MOBAC use. The cameras were delivered towards the end of the 2023-2024 fiscal year and are housed at Monterey Public Library and Watsonville Public Library.

2.   **What activities, workshops, etc. are you planning for the current fiscal year?**
The MOBAC Technology committee is putting on a joint workshop with the MOBAC Reference committee on October 25. The workshop will be hybrid using a MOBAC owned OWL. The focus of the workshop will be on the use of AI tools in libraries along with a demonstration and hands-on training with the new MOBAC owned OWL cameras. We also plan to develop a process for the circulation of the MOBAC owned OWL cameras to streamline their use by other MOBAC libraries.

3.   **Are there any obstacles/issues/challenges you wish to convey?**
 The biggest challenges that we have experienced over the past year have been meeting attendance and finding representatives from member libraries. Members have also found updating the MOBAC website to be unintuitive and hope to have time to devote to updating the Technology Committee presence there.

Estimate funding need for current FY: $200