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Objectives of a Governance Structure for DALNET

1. To set the direction for action, including establishing:
 - a. Purpose
 - b. Goals
 - c. Objectives

2. To establish basic procedures or principles for the network:
 - a. balance representation of diverse constituency
 - b. procedures for communication between members and "governance" and direct management
 - c. establish membership flexibly - to include for profits and various options for participation
 - d. who has authority to manage day-to-day, etc.
 - e. to coordinate cooperative planning, setting standards, etc.
 - f. responsive to constituency yet enough central control to run operations efficiently and make needed decisions quickly under pressure
 - g. to support programs
 - h. assure continuity of control
 - i. to plan for future

3. To protect the participants:
 - a. Establish ownership, e.g., hardware, software, databases, etc.
 - b. Establish responsibility of members.
 - c. Establish rights and privileges of members.
 - d. Limit legal liability of members.
 - e. Establish how initial costs and continuing expenses are to be proportionately divided to assure financial stability.
 - f. Establish procedures to dissolve network.
 - g. Protect initial participants from supporting later participants who did not share in start-up.
 - h. Procedures (penalties?) for withdrawal, non-compliance.

4. To establish an operating entity that can be recognized by others:
 - a. in order to contract with others
 - b. in order to seek and receive funds
 - c. in order to deal with "private sector"
 - d. in order to act on behalf of members and to shield members
 - e. to act as a vehicle for capitalization
 - f. for p.r.

5. To establish standards by which to measure effectiveness:
 - a. agreements must be able to be enforced in court
 - b. evaluation process
 - c. standards for participants must be able to be enforced outside of court first