DALNET Study Group
10/28/85

Present: J. Williams (WSU) Chair, F. Buckley (DPL), J. Flaherty (WCCC),
         N. Skowronski (UD), J. Smith (WBH), A. Walaskay (UD), E. Hitchingham (OU).

1. WSU's Computer Services site visit to the University of Illinois-Chicago was
   reported "good." The OCLC interface is not working there. They advise WSUL
   can't come up on their timeline, but would need six months more.

2. Codex modem representatives visited WSUL, were given DALNET data, and will
   come up with ballpark costs for all. Codex offers a 30% discount on group
   purchase. Codex, which is associated with Motorola Corp., will look into
   radio operated modems for those interested (e.g. DPL's Bookmobiles).
   Question: Will WSUL repair modems? Answer: Probably not, but would have
   backup equipment available, according to J. Williams.

3. J. Williams announced there will be a pre-installation meeting with NOTIS
   on Friday, Nov. 1, 1985. For this all day session, a DALNET representative
   and Tapes Committee representative are requested. F. Buckley and N. Skowronski
   are chosen representatives.

4. WSUL will set up a Screen Display Committee and needs representatives from
   DALNET libraries. It is suggested we use the OPAC committee as the core group.
   The following reps are suggested: Helen Ma (DPL), Edna Jolliff (Harper),
   Linda Hildenbrand (OU), and Anne Walaskay (UD). DPL may wish to send a
   Public Service Reference person.

5. Discussion on Draft of DALNET ONLINE SYSTEM AGREEMENT:
   Suggestions
   a) Two types of members - Investors, Subscribers. Investors would have a
      weighted vote, Subscribers could be on advisory committees. Thus, the
      agreement throughout would be phrased "Wayne State and DALNET." For Investors,
      the first several year's expenses could be considered capital investment
      for budget and fund-raising purposes.

      E. Hitchingham suggests costs be as real as possible.

   b) P. Duran's suggestion regarding Investment: For two disk drives and the
      IBM 4381, there would be a total of $755, 872 to invest. WSU would retain
      a 51% investment of $385,495, while DALNET would have a 49% investment of
      $370,377. P. Duran feels WSUL must protect its automation investment.
      Discussion of this suggestion followed.
      Two major concerns were raised regarding P. Duran's suggestion: Voting and
      System Capacity Share. How can other DALNET investor/voters protect their
      interests, and how can any DALNET member obtain their needed share of the
      system capacity?
   c) VOTING SUGGESTIONS:
      - Two-thirds vote be required to pass all owner/investor actions.
      - Reshuffle original investor percentages as future investors come into DALNET.
      - Separate voting weight from investment percentages.
      - WSUL and DPL have proportionate voting balance because they represent the
        largest database contributors.
      - All voting require a representative mix of DALNET members, e.g. Academic
        large, Academic medium, Public, Medical.
      - Voting be weighted according to current DALNET percentages, with "use data"
        after start-up determining future percentages.
      - Split voting according to fiscal and non-fiscal actions. Voting on fiscal
        actions to be according to investment percentages, voting on non-fiscal
        actions to be on another basis. Problem: Most every operational action is
        a fiscal matter.

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c) VOTING SUGGESTIONS (continued):
   - Allow WSUL to retain 51% vote advantage for first two years. When system
   expansion comes, new capital investment would then adjust this percentage
   to reflect all investors' percentage/vote. DALNET members, apart from WSUL,
   would be doing some implementation during these first two years, but would
   have to cut back, perhaps on terminals, until the system expansion comes up.
   Thus, there would be baloon style payments which could be attractive.
   Voting would be fixed for two years only.

d) SYSTEM CAPACITY CONCERNS:
   If WSUL gets 51% of system capacity, then other DALNET members must split the
   remaining 49% of capacity. Since the system with NOTIS, at present, will
   support 350 terminals at a guaranteed response time, WSUL would have 179 terminals,
   other DALNET members would have to divide the remaining 178 terminals. This
   would mean the other DALNET members would not get the percentage of terminals
   each requires according to their current implementation plans. For example,
   DPL, for circulation alone, needs 135 terminals. Thus, under the Duran plan,
   other DALNET members would have to cut-back implementation plans until a
   system expansion comes up.

e) FURTHER QUESTIONS:
   - Will all costs be lumped and shared? J. Williams is not sure.
   - Who will own the NOTIS software license? WSUL will purchase the license.
   Future sharing of this ownership is not clear.
   - Where would Subscribers be placed in implementation priority? J. Williams
   believes that because Subsfibers would probably be small and/or similar
   (e.g. Medical libraries), they could come up soon.

6. A request was made by N. Skowronski, namely, that U of D is thinking of
   possibly being a Subscriber for the first two years and then becoming an
   investor. U of D would like a preferred status when it requests investor
   status in respect for its involvement in DALNET phanning work.

7. More from University of Illinois/Chicago: They advise not to purchase
   Telex terminals because they require use of too many function keys.

8. ACTION: J. Williams is to revisit Draft Agreement to create an "ownership
   organization." This incorporated group is to include "owners, subscribers,
   dial-access subscribers." This agreement should include first two year's
   cost plus the manner of figuring system expansion costs.

Next Meeting: November 11, 1985.

Minutes prepared by J. Flaherty (WCCC)