

DALNET BOARD MINUTES

November 8, 1991

Detroit Public Library

PRESENT: Jean Curtis DPL Peter Spyres-Duran WSU
Ann Sargent UDM Dick Beer OLL
Kul Gauri MCC Debra Adams Botsford
Teresa Chen WCC Sandra Martin Harper Hosp
Judy Murray OCC Joan Smith Beaumont Hosp
Sue Frankie OU Michele Klein Children's Hosp

GUESTS: Bob Harris WSU/DALNET Business Office
Louise Bugg WSU/DALNET Systems Office

MINUTES of last meeting were corrected (change date to 7/22/91).
Dick Beer moved approval of the minutes as corrected. Passed.

ELECTION OF DALNET OFFICERS:

The following people were nominated and elected:

Chair	- Kul Gauri	MCC
Vice Chair	- Michele Kline	Children's Hosp
Secretary	- Judy Murray	OCC
Treasurer	- Jim Flarhety	WCC

MDAS:

Background: NOTIS required that for DALNET libraries to have MDAS, WSU alone have a full license and maintenance fee and that for that fee, access to MDAS be restricted to the WSU user community. WSU has acquired and installed MDAS. For the other eleven members, NOTIS requires the purchase of one additional full license and annual maintenance fee. The MDAS software allows users to search periodical index files with the same protocols and search syntax as is used for LUIS (the public catalog). MDAS can be authorized to all terminals or restricted to designated terminals.

Access to specific indices is negotiated with each provider and includes loading each vendors tape file locally. Currently WSU has contracts with H.W. Wilson (Business Periodicals, Art, Applied Science, and Social Science Indexes); Current Contents (7 files which index 6400 journals, their abstract service will be tested); in January 1992 WSU will load CINAHL (nursing). WSU is negotiating for licenses with Psych Lit, ERIC, and Legal Resources.

Peter Spyres-Duran spoke to a new NOTIS proposal for an MDAS license for the DALNET members with files of less than 100,000. These institutions have been mailed a letter offering MDAS license fee of \$17,000. NOTIS is also willing to accept creative payments

over multiple fiscal years. With a commitment by December, 1991, they will accept payments interest free until the end of December 1992; and thereafter at 6-6 1/2% interest for 1993. The current single license fee is \$85,000 and will increase Jan 1, 1992 to \$140,000.

WSU has offered to be the negotiating agent with NOTIS and the other index vendors as well as the fiscal agent. Certain physical advantages in terms of computing hardware capacity accrue to the DALNET group as software and indices are loaded once.

Peter Spyres-Duran further committed WSU to providing a document delivery service to support access to indexed journal articles. WSU staff are working on a plan and proposal.

Additional NOTIS modules PAC-Link and PAC-Loan are being developed. The later being the ability of one host computer to communicate with another in order to search other NOTIS library catalogs, the former giving the user the ability to place a loan request for materials at another library. Both of these modules may be greatly enhanced with the acquisition of NOTIS by Ameritech Information Services.

DALNET BUDGET FY 1992/93:

Bob Harris presented the budget for next year which calls for a 15% overall increase prorated to each institution. Annual increases have been running 10% but due to the maintenance costs for new equipment, will be at this level at least for the coming year. It will more likely return to 10% the following year.

Peter Spyres-Duran spoke to the experience of a six member consortium whose budget is \$2 million+ because they have a stand-a-lone computing facility. DALNET's more modest budget is due to working in conjunction with the WSU computing center, sharing space, staff expertise, software licenses.

Dick Beer moved budget be accepted as presented. Passed

NEW CAPITAL FUNDING:

The newly installed DALNET mainframe and operating system software upgrade expenses were paid for out of a capital fund started five years ago to which members made contributions based on a projected mainframe capacity/life of five years. It was stretched to six. Bob Harris presented a proposal for the new capital fund assuming a need for replacement again in seven years. It provides for options: a. one time discounted payment; b. five year equal payment plan, or c. seven year equal payment including a 5% interest plan. Payment(s) are to be made beginning DALNET FY 1992/93 but will be accepted sooner. Money will be deposited to an interest bearing account. WSU would like each institution to indicate its payment plan preference by Jan. 1992.

NEW MAINFRAME UPGRADE:

Louise Bugg presented the 1991/92 Task Plan for Hardware (completed), Operating System Upgrades, NOTIS LMS Releases test and production, WSU NOTIS MDAS management and new release installation.

NEW BUSINESS/ISSUES:

Sue Frankie announced that OU was willing to enter into reciprocal borrowing privileges agreements with other DALNET institutions. This offer assumed some lessening of restrictions that may currently apply. The Macomb University Center arrangement has established a pattern for bi-lateral agreements. The DALNET patron file structure enhances this possibility. Patrons need to be required to register at their "home" institution first. Along these same lines, (ACCESS again), the metro area ROCs (Regions of Cooperation) are meeting next month to discuss borrowing rules; SEMLOL (Southeast Michigan League of Libraries) are also grappling with the issue. These two groups overlap geographically and DALNET libraries overlap both.

There was concensus that this should be pursued more vigorously and five institutions indicated interest in doing so with OU, details to be worked out between parties. The DALNET Access Committee is compiling the current policies. Not all DALNET libraries have submitted them. Phone numbers of all member libraries appear on the LUIS screens; with the new LMS release more flexibility in these screens would permit including policies.

NEXT MEETING:

Set for May 1, 1992 9AM at Macomb Community College. Map and room info to be sent.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Recorded by:

J. A. Murray, Secretary