

LIBRARY AUTOMATION PLANNING GROUP

Progress Report

November 1984

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1. LAPG -

The Library Automation Planning Group met twice during the week of November to review the four systems demonstrated.

November 27 the Evaluation Subcommittees reported the points they assigned to each system demonstrated and their rankings for the four systems; the report from Dick Boss, the library automation consultant, was reviewed; reference calls to a few sites were presented.

November 30 more reference calls to sites were discussed; preliminary start-up cost information for the two top systems were reviewed; plans for site visits were tentatively made.

The Library Automation Planning Group identified the NOTIS and GEAC systems as the top two systems; with CLSI and BLIS ranked as three and four.

2. DALNET -

The DALNET Study Group met three times during November.

November 5 discussion of the Governance Report continued regarding legal options for and the purpose and goals of the network; the DALNET fund and proposed expenditures were discussed; members of the Site Visit Team were approved; F. Buckley and B. Johnson agreed to draft a letter to DALNET library directors requesting \$500.00 to pay for the site visit team members' airfare and lodging.

November 16 discussion of the Governance Report continued with the sections on network governance structure and membership options.

November 21 discussion of the Governance Report concluded with the section on cost sharing guidelines and the recommendations.

The Governance Task Force met once during November to complete its draft report. The entire Governance Report was re-written after the Study Group completed its discussion, in order to be distributed to DALNET library directors two weeks before their December 17 meeting.

3. RFP progress -

Two vendor demonstrations were held in November: GEAC on November 8 and 9 and Northwestern University's NOTIS on November 14 and 15. CL Systems, Inc., brought in a representative from Blackwell on November 12 to demonstrate the Perline serials control system they bid.

Dick Boss submitted his review of the four systems during the week of November 12. He ranked NOTIS as our best option, with CLSI as number 2, GEAC as number 3, and BLIS as number 4. In his opinion, any of the top three are viable systems for our project and their 5 year price tags are very similar. After many intensive meetings, each Evaluation Subcommittee submitted a written report and ranking of the points each system earned on its functional specification responses.

There were representatives from all types of libraries on each Subcommittee.

Subcommittee chairs were: Acquisitions - J. Houghton, WSUL; Circulation - L. Farynk, U of D; Online Catalog - C. Wecker, WSUL; Serials Control - J. Fleischmann, WSUL; and Technical Requirements - L. Bugg, WSUL.

The goal of identifying the top two systems by the end of November was achieved and plans were begun for site visits. The Site Visit Team is scheduled to report on December 12. A meeting presenting these findings to DALNET library directors is scheduled for December 17.

4. Site preparation -

A meeting was held on November 9 with representatives from architectural and engineering firms to discuss the preliminary computer room specifications and to examine two possible sites within the Purdy/Kresge buildings. These firms then submitted written proposals to do a study of the two site options.

5. Task Force on Grants -

This Task Force has not yet met.

6. WSUL Retrospective Conversion of Bibliographic Records -

During November, 5,669 monographic records were converted into machine readable form, bringing the total titles converted since March, 1984 to 38,040.

7. WSUL Archive Tapes -

Copying of the OCLC archive tapes of WSUL's cataloging for July through September 1984 was completed successfully.

Respectfully submitted by,

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