

DALNET Steering Committee  
Minutes of 3/22/99

Present: L. Bugg, K. Bacsanyi, J. Houser, P. Jose, S. Muir, M.A. Sheble, H. Masek  
Absent: D. Adams, J. Flaherty

Meeting was called to order by Interim Chair Bugg at 8:47 am.

1) The group welcomed Scott Muir.

2) Minutes of the March 8, 1999 meeting were approved as corrected (per emails from Bugg & Sheble). Bugg will get final copy from Adams for distribution. Bugg reviewed the items on today's agenda. The Committee concurred with the agenda as distributed.

3) ACRL Conference...

a/1: Bacsanyi reviewed staffing assignments. Needs UDM names from M. Auer. DPL & Botsford will not be participating. Bacsanyi will provide Masek with a list of names for exhibit passes. Masek reviewed Ameritech staffing plans (areas: Horizon/RSS/NOTIS 2/DALNET).

a/2: Bugg & Callaway will work together on the brochure. This is a piece on DALNET - not Horizon. Bacsanyi will bring copies of WSU publicity and marketing pieces. Discussion followed on Im@gine name. Houser again raised his concerns on using this name with the "@" symbol. Bacsanyi distributed information on "IMAGIN" group in Michigan. (NOTE: Draft Board minutes from March 8th, indicate decision to use Im@gine, but do not indicate an actual vote.)

a/3: Bugg will get press release from last fall from Callaway and have available at booth.

a/4: Consensus of the Committee was not to use the 4 minute video at the booth.

b: Will have a small demo sample of the Image Module, with "cheat sheets" available to assist volunteers at the booth. NOTE: Steve Nielsen/Ameritech will be on site at UDM March 30 & 31 for training and implementation of a prototype of the Image Module.

c: Subject Resource Link - WSU staff link to DALNET prototype. "Cheat sheets" will be available of what's accessible.

d: "Cheat sheets" showing neat features will be available. Bacsanyi will compile for the booth using examples from UDM, Botsford & WSU. Houser will work on DPL WebPage prototype for demonstration at the booth.

e: Trying to clean up UDM files to look as good as possible. Sheble reviewed several issues.

4. DALNET Horizon Enhancement status...Reviewed email from March 17th.

1. 5.1 Release: DPL is planning to begin using Acquisitions module in July. Version 5.2 has fiscal year rollover.

2. WebPAC 1.3: Unsure when available. While some items have been included in version 1.2 - we still do not have the broadcast searching feature. This is a major disappointment.

3. Shared Patron Database: Will be discussed at the Tuesday, 3/23 conference call.
4. Authentication System: RPA information is needed, authentication is key piece.
5. Shared Authority File: No alternative date set - still an open point.
6. Children's OPAC: Ameritech & DALNET need to develop plan with deadlines.
7. Ad-Hoc/Mgmt & Statistical Reports: Needs clarification. Still an open issue.
8. Booking Module: Possibly in 5.2. Would like to become beta partner. Survey done.

9. ILL/Doc Delivery: Discussed number of servers and location. OCLC will be part of. Working on DOCLINE.

10. Image Module: Draft contract amendment has been received. Still under discussion/open issue. Muir indicated he had used NetPublisher and had developed comments for Ameritech. Muir will discuss these with Steve Nielsen/Ameritech.

#### 5. DPL Service Implementation:

Help Desk server is up, SQL server and Help Desk software ("Remedy") are loaded. Beginning to test. Problem is lack of staff. Hope to fill positions soon. Looking a hiring contract employees.

#### 6. Migration Update:

a: Botsford - Migration date: March 29th. Going with version 5.1. Everything on track. Production load this week.

b: DPL - Using version 5.1. Doing test of database - most parts going well. Only one major concern - diacritic (accent marks) not showing. Houser distributed copies of the DPL training schedule. Priority will be given to DPL staff, but possible for some Group 3 libraries to send staff as well.

c: WSU - Migration date: March 29th. Doing final gap tape loading. Staff training almost completed. Using version 5.0. In May, will use test server to test migration to 5.1. (Possibility of being down for 5 days when converting.) Publicity is up, letters sent to Faculty & Deans, article in campus news. Bacsanyi noted that in the brief view it shows the building location and call number, but not the collection (reference, closed stacks, etc). The full record does show this information. If this cannot be corrected (and indications from Ameritech are that it cannot) - WSU may not show the call number in the brief record. Consensus of the Committee was that this should be referred to the WebPAC TF and a DALNET-wide recommendation should be made.

d: WebPAC 1.3 - When? Soon? Can we get for testing? DALNET needs the broadcast searching feature of 1.3! Houser noted that DPL may not come up if broadcast searching feature is not available...needs to prototype 1.2 to see if DPL can make it work. Sheble noted that lack of qualifiers is a problem for UDM. Consensus was that this needs to be a continuing agenda item including when information will cease to be available via LUIS.

e: Group 3 - Will be loading test data. Flaherty had asked for discussion of possible training changes - will hold till next meeting when he is present.

f. Frame Relay Network - WSU tested ok. At UDM will program router to point accordingly.

7. Other

a: Orientation for Muir...

- visit group 3 libraries
- review RSS tape & binder
- March 30 & 31 - training and meetings on Image Module at UDM
- participate in ACRL Conference
- training in Provo
- Bugg will chair next Steering Committee meeting, Muir will take over chairing the meetings on April 26th.

b: Meeting schedule & locations...

- continue to meet on 2nd & 4th Mondays
- locations to be set at the April 12th meeting

Next Meeting: Monday, April 12th, 8:30 am, WSU Purdy Conference Room.

Phyllis Jose  
Secretary  
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