

**DALNET Steering Committee
Minutes
October 25, 1999: 8:30-10:00 a.m.
WSU, PK Conference Room**

Present: S. Muir, D. Adams, K. Bacsanyi, L. Bugg, R. Call, J. Flaherty, G. Libbey, P. Josc, H. Masek, M. Sheble

Review of Agenda/Minutes

One item was added to the agenda; minutes were accepted as distributed.

Update on Dalnet WAN Administrator Position

L. Bugg identified a candidate that could be hired on a temporary contract basis for the DALNET WAN Administrator position. This position is part of the DALNET contract agreement with DPL. DPL has a 1-year contract with Nu Vision Technologies Inc. (NUT) to provide support for the DALNET HelpDesk, manage the DALNET servers that are located at DPL, and provide support for other areas that are part of the DPL-DALNET contract. NUT will also provide all technical support for DPL's internal operations. The temporary WAN Administrator would work until NVT personnel are up to speed on Horizon and DALNET requirements.

Frame Relay Update

H. Masek provided an update on frame relay implementations:

OIL: The Ameritech router is in and functional. Instructions need to be provided for addressing the local router to interface with the Ameritech router and for configuring local workstations. If hired, the WAN Administrator could provide technical support for local site configuration work like this.

Beaumont Hospital, MCC, WCCC: Frame relay is operational.

DPL: The router is in and functional. The DPL LAN manager needs to do some additional work for DPL and McGregor to make the configuration operational.

DMC: The work order was submitted. H. Masek is waiting to hear from DMC ITS personnel before AADS completes additional work.

DALNET Board Meeting (w Meg Fisher)

S. Muir reviewed the outcome of the DALNET Board meeting discussion with M. Fisher (Ameritech):

System Performance: ALS continues to work with DALNET to improve system performance.

Firewall: The PO is in process at WSU. It has been delayed and L. Bugg is working with WSU Purchasing to expedite the PO.

Support Services: The majority of DALNET's questions have been answered in a timely manner. S. Muir recalled just one instance in which there was a long delay in providing requested information.

Release Upgrades: Several bugs in release 5.1 have been identified. Fixes are in 5.2.

Shared Patron Database: P. Johnson reported that it is currently possible to merge patron databases, but not in the form that meets DALNET requirements for the DALNET-wide

shared patron file. The merging capabilities will work on a more limited basis and address the needs of DMC and Beaumont to merge files from different library sites. Shared Authority File: Capabilities for the DALNET shared authority file will not be available until after Sunrise is implemented (targeted for 5/00). R. Call expressed concern because Horizon builds non-Marc authority records. Editing authority records before they are loaded to Horizon can eliminate building a file of problem records, but authority records are converted during the migration process and a file of problem records will be transferred to each library database. L. Bugg identified the authority file issues as a priority. A conference call with relevant DALNET and Ameritech personnel to discuss what can be done now to remedy some of the problems with the file has been scheduled for Friday (10/29). L. Bugg would like the DALNET conference call group to decide on a list of questions for Ameritech in advance. L. Bugg is working with DALNET Office personnel on reports to analyze authority file data to identify the extent of the problems. However, the only way to analyze the problems completely is through a comparison with NOTIS data. Information on the problems and possible solutions will be distributed at the 11/1 DALNET Project Manager's meeting.

RSS: Servers have been ordered and should be here in October or November.

Kid's OPAC: The Task Force is attempting to prioritize functionality specs and decide on a schedule for phasing-in enhancements. Design of the Kid's OPAC may be coordinated with Indianapolis Marian County.

Media Booking: Specs have not yet been sent to Ameritech.

Prediction Patterns: Ameritech can download prediction patterns to a file that can be uploaded to DALNET library databases. SC members are interested in finding out more about this capability. L. Bugg described the work that is being done at WSU to create prediction patterns.

D. Adams suggested distributing a biweekly update to the SC and Board about progress on these issues.

Implementation Update

Group 4: Libraries are progressing steadily.

DPL: Although a final implementation date has not been set, progress is steady.

WSU: The acquisitions migration was successful. Fund codes migrated and linked to the next FY fund codes. The Horizon server was reconfigured to maximize functionality.

All CPUs are being used on the server, and WSU volunteered to host Group 4 libraries until NUT staff are prepared to work with load sharing.

Other Announcements

The Steering Committee will meet monthly, rather than semi-monthly.

WCCC is experiencing problems with NOTIS session connections. L. Bugg will investigate.

Next Meeting: 11/22 at UDM.

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