AGENDA

DALNET Collection Development Committee Wednesday, April 22, 1998 2:00-4:00 pm

Approval of minutes
AccessMichigan steering committee
DALNET Finance Committee request for statement on DALNET's future role regarding electronic resources
Ameritech offer re: Silver Platter dajabases
Procedures for database trials
Evaluation criteria/form

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Other business

Next meeting

Procedures for DALNET Electronic Resources Trials (DRAFT 3/98)

- 1. An opportunity to pursue an electronic database is presented to the DALNET Collection Development Committee (CDC) through contact with vendors, either initiated by the vendor or by a member of the CDC. DALNET institutions that are not represented on the CDC but are interested in pursuing a group license for a database will forward pertinent information regarding that database to the Chair of the CDC.
- 2. If more than one DALNET member institution is interested in pursuing a trial, the CDC will forward information to the DALNET office through the DALNET office liaison to the CDC. The DALNET office will contact the vendor to initiate a free trial
- 3. The DALNET office will notify Project Managers about the free trial, including the trial period and accessing the database (i.e., IP address, password, etc.).
- 4. The CDC will distribute an electronic resources evaluation form to Project Managers. Institutions are required to complete and return this formal evaluation to the CDC within one week after the trial period ends. At this time, institutions must determine whether they are interested in pursuing a group license.
- 5. The CDC will forward evaluation results and a list of interested member libraries to the DALNET office through the DALNET liaison to the CDC. The DALNET office will then pursue group licensing for the product.
- 6. Within two weeks from the time that the evaluations are received, the DALNET office will negotiate with the product vendor and respond directly to the Project Managers of the interested institutions.

MINUTES

DALNET Collection Development Committee Wednesday, April 22, 1998 WCCC-Downriver Campus

Members present:

Carole McCollough, WSU Nancy Skowronski, DPL Shawn Patterson, UDM

Jim Green, DALNET Carol Sims, WCCC

The meeting was called to order at 2:10pm.

1. Approval of the minutes

Minutes of the January 7, 1998 and February 4, 1998 meetings were approved.

2. AccessMichigan steering committee

Shawn Patterson read a copy of a letter from Margaret Auer to Marianne Hartzell, Executive Director of MLA, in which she offered DALNET's expertise to any of the ad hoc or subcommittees of the AccessMichigan Steerring Committee. It is understood that the members of the Committee are representatives from official organizations i.e.MAME, SLA. The letter was written to make it known that DALNET is interested in working on statewide projects and issues.

3. DALNET Finance Committee request for statement on DALNET's future role regarding electronic resources

Our committee discussed the following issues:

Right now the electronic resource environment is extremely unstable. Vendors don't know how to price or don't know how to deal with more than one type of institution. Institutions may have to have more than one 'partner' to get the best deal on electronic resources i.e. DALNET, MLC.

What will be MLC's role. Will MLC take over all of the purchasing agreements for electronic resources? Are there some products MLC would not broker? Will MLC always get the best price? DALNET's role with MLC might be to deliver a number of institutions for shared licensing agreements.

Concerns regarding vendors having the technological capabilites to deliver.

DALNET could become a vendor for local databases, those dealing with Detroit, and/or databases with an urban interest. Or perhaps a vendor for locally produced databases created with locally produced materials.

DALNET's role in all of this and the degree of its involvement is unclear at this point. The committee is unclear as to what the DALNET Finance Committee is asking.

4. Ameritech offer re: Silver Platter databases

Jim Green reported that DALNET has a provisional agreement with Ameritech to move forward with the Horizon project. Infoshare Silver Platter will come up with Horizon for UDM, because it can be used with NOTIS or Horizon. Purchase of it after that will become the province of the Collection Development Committee. Ameritech would like DALNET to purchase Silver Platter from them, but according to Silver Platter, that will not be an option if we are not already buying it from Ameritech.

5. Procedures for database trials

The committee reviewed the 3/98 draft of the Procedures for DALNET Electronic Resources Trials and made one minor change. The words 'contact the vendor to' were crossed out in number 2.

6. Evaluation criteria/form

A copy of the VIVA Electronic Resources Evaluation Form was reviewed by the committee members.

Changes made in the DALNET Evaluation Form were adding the word 'Stability' to item 6 and changing item 9 to read 'Should this be a high/medium/or low priority purchase?'

The committee expected to continue the discussion of this form at a subsequent meeting.

7. Other business

Jim Green will get an updated list of MDAS databases to compare with First Search.

8. Next meeting

May 28, 1998, Thursday, 2pm at Wayne State.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Sims, WCCC.