Charge Statement: DALNET Technology Advisory Committee
(Approved at September 2002 DALNET Board meeting)

Scope

The Technology Advisory Committee investigates technologies with current and future application to DALNET goals, objectives, initiatives and projects, including their integration with Horizon and the Gateway. The charge of this group is broader than the technical needs of an integrated library system, or specific digital initiatives; it includes investigation of tools for communications, online collaboration, workflows, and knowledge management. In conjunction with DALNET Staff, the committee will provide leadership in the assessment of a wide range of new technologies, and will engage in evaluation and testing of all technologies that are implemented within DALNET. A member of the DALNET Staff shall chair the Committee.

Charge

- Evaluate technologies and products related to DALNET projects and initiatives

- Recommend strategies and advise the DALNET Project Managers on technical staff, as well as technical policies and issues, associated with new initiatives

- Facilitate communication and collaboration between DALNET committees, task forces, working groups and DALNET Staff involved in the evaluation and implementation of projects and initiatives requiring technology

- Establish working groups and task forces, with specific charges and short-term timelines (e.g. under six months) as needed to fulfill the Committees technology advisory role.

- Design, coordinate and evaluate education opportunities to keep members informed about, and to develop expertise in, technologies relevant to DALNET goals, objectives, projects and initiatives.

- Conduct periodic assessments of member technology needs and make recommendations to facilitate and encourage the use of technologies to improve communication among, and increase quality and efficiency of collaboration between, DALNET members

- Facilitate establishment and dissemination of effective practices among DALNET members, with respect to the appropriate use of technology, including facilitation of regular reports of progress. Research potential grant opportunities, in collaboration with DALNET staff with other committees, as appropriate.

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Projects

2002-2003 Projects include: 1) Horizon Upgrade, 2) iPac Implementation, 3) DLXS and DigitaLink Beta Test, 4) Digitization Projects, 5 Federated Searching (Gateway) and, 6) Footprints Problem Tracking System

Other Research Activities include: 1) Digital Libraries, 2) Peer-to-Peer Tools for improved communication, on-line collaboration, workflows, and knowledge management, 3) Peer-Reviewed Web Tools, e.g., MEL, Infomine and Connexion, and 4) Resource Sharing

Membership

Initial members of the Committee are listed below, however, additional members may be added. At their first meeting, members will draw straws for 1, 2 and 3-year terms, to avoid having the terms of all five at-large members end simultaneously.

Bruce Bett
Shengfan Chen
Jim Flaherty
George Marck
Leo Papa, Chairperson
Mary Ann Sheble
Jackie Wrosch
Jeff Zachwieja