

NOTIS CONSORTIUM AND NETWORK DISCUSSION GROUP
September 28, 1989 - 1:15-2:45 p.m.

There were 22 people attending this meeting. Currently, 19% of NOTIS sites (26 sites) consider themselves to be Consortia. This translates into about 100 libraries served.

The major topic of discussion was the formation of a Special Interest Group (SIG). In the future, enhancement recommendations will come to NOTIS, Inc. through the SIGs. Those present agreed that the Consortia/Networks Special Interest Group should be formed.

There are four types of enhancements:

1. Those that are currently being developed by a NOTIS site -- which could be shared with other sites.
2. Those that are already on the NOTIS development list, e.g. location-based searching. We could give input reflecting the consortium viewpoint from our SIG.
3. Enhancements for future NOTIS lists or those which we wish to raise in priority on the NOTIS list.
4. Enhancements that members of the SIG might work on together to develop and share costs.

The major portion of the meeting was spent identifying desired enhancements, module by module. We want to gather consensus on consortia needs to maximize our influence on NOTIS' developments. The list of enhancements discussed at the meeting are attached to the minutes. The ones judged by those in attendance as most important are preceded by 1 or 2 asterisks.

The following people volunteered to work on gathering input reflecting consortium needs for location-based searching: Marsha Ra (CUNY), Geri Bunker (Texas A & M), Lizanne Payne (Washington). Michele Dalehite (FCLA) will be contacted to see if she is willing to work with this group.

The SIG Board was selected. Louise Bugg (DALNET) will be the Chair for the coming year. Alan Hagyard (CTW) will be the Chair for 1990/1991. The "Board" will consist of the following people:

Geri Bunker (Texas A & M)
Indra David (Oakland University, DALNET)
Helen Healy (Western Michigan University)
Greg Molica (UPRLC)
Marsha Ra (CUNY)
Charlene Wecker (DALNET)

Tom McGinn is the NOTIS liaison to our SIG.

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Chairs of all SIGs will be meeting at Midwinter ALA.

The question of how to get consensus from the SIG before the summer request for enhancements was discussed. The decision was made to send the list of enhancements to people to rank. After the initial ranking, the new ranked list could be sent around for refinement. Attendees wrote their names, phone numbers and BITNET addresses on a sheet that circulated. They will be sent the list of enhancements for ranking.

The importance of members of Consortia also working through the other NOTIS SIGs was stressed. We certainly want to give input from consortia libraries on MHI, LUIS screens, serials control, location-based searching, circulation, etc.

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