# DALNET PROJECT MANAGERS MEETING

## March 7, 1994

### Minutes

Present: D. Adams, L. Bugg, G. Ellis, J. Flaherty, K. Gauri,
J. Hollier, I. David, W. Kane, M. Klein, H. Ma,
S. Martin, J. Murray, D. Roe, J. Smith, C. Wecker

## I.   STATUS OF 1993/94 PROJECTS

L. Bugg reviewed the "1993/94 Automation Project" document.

Gopher:   The Wayne State University Library Gopher now has
some test menus and data.  W. Kane is managing the data; Ana
Fidler is providing technical support.

Both Oakland University and Oakland Community College have
Gophers; OU already has a link to LUIS on its menu.

MRLT PACLink:   L. Bugg distributed WSUL's October-February
project reports and also the October-January reports for the
University of Michigan.   WSUL is currently working on
installing the PACLink software into the NOTIS test region and
the Tag software into the RS6000 Tag machine.  NOTIS Release
5.1.1 and VTAM 3.4, which needed to be in place for PACLink,
were implemented in February.   WSUL may be ready to test
PACLink in April.

The assumption is that the PACLink software will allow DALNET
sites to choose at which terminals they wish to list the other
MRLT libraries' online catalogs on their Navigator menus.

There was also discussion about whether DALNET libraries want
to review the names "LUIS" and "LUIS PLUS" as PACLink is
implemented.  Michigan State calls its system "MAGIC" and its
OPAC "LCAT"; University of Michigan calls its system "MIRLYN"
and its OPAC "MCAT."  We could call our system "LUIS" and our
OPAC "DCAT."  "DCAT" (for DALNET Catalog) would be consistent
with the other two institutions' OPACs.

Downloading:  W. Kane is working with NOTIS Systems, Inc. on
downloading from LUIS or MDAS databases, dialing in with
Kermit 3.1 software.  We had hoped that NOTIS Release 5.1.1
would fix the downloading problems.   It has not yet been
successful.   Theoretically, printing multiple citations at
LUIS terminals should work now, with a system printer (i.e.,
separately addressable).   W. Kane will test this printing
capability with Botsford Hospital.

ERIC Backfiles:  Next on the list to be loaded.

SASI:  The System for Automotive Safety Information records will be loaded as an MDAS database in the near future.

Business and Company Profiles:  The Business articles section is in the test region; the Company Profiles section will be loaded soon.

Hardware/Software/Networks

- **CICS Decision:**  We are working with IBM to diagnose and solve the problem with NOTIS function keys that prevents us from upgrading the staff mode region to CICS 3.1 (to be consistent with LUIS).  If the problem cannot be solved, this region will be upgraded instead from CICS 1.7 to CICS 2.1.

- **CPU Upgrade:**  We are in the process of seeking prices for the upgrade.  P. Spyers-Duran is sending a memo to DALNET Board members explaining this.  This upgrade will help system performance with at least a 66% increase in machine "throughput" and double the main memory.

- **Disk Additions:**  One to two new disk drives are added on an annual basis; one has already been added this year.

- **Controller Upgrade:**  This should be installed in the next few weeks.  It will include cache memory to improve performance of the disk drives.

- **Ethernet at Oakland University:**  This is being installed in the Kresge Library for the PACLoan InterCampus Loan staff workstation.

- **Location-based Searching:**  Following the CPU upgrade, testing and evaluation of location-based searching can be done.  This searching is very CPU-intensive.

II.  **DALNET COMMITTEE REPORTS**

   A.   WSUL Representatives/Chairs:  L. Bugg explained that the WSUL Unit Heads recently reviewed WSUL's representatives to the various DALNET Committees.  It was decided that WSUL representatives will serve two-year terms (beginning in January of 1994).  Two changes were made.  Birong Ho replaced Anaclare Evans on the Database Standards Committee and Paul Beavers replaced Karen Bacsanyi on the Screens Committee.  Paul will relieve W. Kane as Chair of the Screens Committee.

B.  Database Standards Committee:   The  third  Committee-
    sponsored Cataloging and Authority Users Group Meeting
    was held at the Detroit Public Library last Fall.   The
    Committee is currently developing a standard for holdings
    records  and  reviewing  fields  to  be  included  in  the
    Keyword  Index.    The  next  meeting  will  also  include
    information on DALNET's participation in the Library of
    Congress NACO (Name Authority Cooperative) Project.

    WSUL has recently become a NACO participant and will be
    trained April 25-29 to send name authority records to the
    Library of Congress using the Linked Systems Protocol
    (LSP).    B.  Lessin  will  send  letters  shortly  to  the
    Directors and Heads of Technical Services at the Detroit
    Public Library, Oakland University, and the University of
    Detroit Mercy describing the Project and inviting their
    authority staff to the April training session.   WSUL's
    participation in NACO is part of a "funnel" project that
    enables other DALNET libraries to submit records also, if
    they wish.   Other DALNET libraries could be involved
    later.   We will learn during training if any changes or
    additions  to  the  current  authority  process  will  be
    necessary for NACO participation.

C.  Circulation Standards Committee: Recent agenda items for
    this  Committee  have  included  Bill  and  Fine  Archive
    (completed January 1994), input to NOTIS on the Release
    5.2 Circulation Rewrite, and planning for a future Patron
    Record Purge.   The Committee is also starting to plan for
    PACLoan  InterCampus  Loan  (ICL).    A  pilot  team  will
    include WSUL and Oakland University Library staff--the
    two libraries involved in the initial testing of ICL.
    The Circulation Standards Committee will be involved in
    the procedural aspects of ICL implementation.

D.  Access Committee:   This Committee will recommend DALNET
    policies for ICL implementation.  The Committee has asked
    DALNET  libraries  to  keep  statistics  for  interlibrary
    loans among them during March and April to document pre-
    PACLoan  activity.    The  Committee's  Access  Directory
    should be issued shortly.

E.  Acquisitions  and  Serials  Control  Standards  Committee:
    This Committee is planning its first Users Meeting to be
    held at Oakland University on May 12.   The Committee is
    also   revising   the   1990   "Consistent   Display   of
    Acquisitions/Serials Information in LUIS" document to
    accommodate NOTIS Release 5.1.1.  The Committee reviewed
    NOTIS's new serials control system (LSER).   Botsford
    Hospital's implementation of it is on hold until Fall.

F.   Screens Committee:   This Committee will review DALNET
     screens for the MRLT PACLink implementation. Presumably,
     DALNET screens will be the ones DALNET users see when
     searching the holdings of all three MRLT libraries.
     There may be times, however, when it would be helpful to
     view the U of M or MSU screens when their records are
     displayed.

     This Committee is also working on ways to help users find
     information in LUIS about the holding DALNET library
     (e.g., policies, hours) -- the type of information that
     will be available in the printed DALNET Access Directory.

## III. NOTIS REPORT SCHEDULE/REQUEST PROCESS

QuikReports:   There are currently 52 QuikReports available
from  NOTIS:    22  Acquisitions,  12  Cataloging,  and  20
Circulation. All of these reports were tested and reviewed by
the appropriate DALNET Standards Committees.   During this
review, Committee members identified many modifications that
were necessary to make these reports really useful.  In some
cases, currently available SAS reports were as good as or
better than the QuikReports.

C. Wecker distributed sample pages of all 52 reports with a
summary of each to DALNET Project Managers.   The summaries
include the Committees' evaluations of their usefulness and a
section on "desired improvements."   NOTIS Systems, Inc. is
currently making modifications to these reports and will
deliver a new QuikReports release later this year.  Recently,
C. Wecker forwarded the list of "desired improvements" to
NOTIS.

In the meantime, the Systems Office asked DALNET Project
Managers to review the available reports and tell C. Wecker
the following information by April 15th:

- the QuikReports they want to receive on a regular basis,
  and with what frequency, e.g., quarterly;
- the QuikReports they would like to have available "on
  demand";
- which, if any, QuikReports they want to receive via
  distributed printing.

The Systems Office will then review the requests and develop
a schedule for running the desired reports on a regular basis.
The "on demand" reports should be able to be run with two
weeks' notice.

SASI:   The list of available SAS (and other) reports is not
yet completed.   In the meantime, libraries can continue to
request them from L. Bugg, W. Kane, or C. Wecker.   It is
important that DALNET Project Managers indicate the urgency
(date needed) of these reports.

IV.   **FUTURE NOTIS PRODUCTS/RELEASES**

LMS Release 5.2 (Circulation Rewrite):   Release 5.2 is
scheduled to go to Beta test sites during the fourth quarter
of 1994; plans are to ship it to NOTIS sites during the first
quarter of 1995.   The very earliest that it could be
operational at DALNET sites would be Fall 1995.
Implementation of Release 5.2 will require many changes,
including changes to all patron tape loaders, as well as
extensive Circulation staff training.

Two concerns about development of Release 5.2 are its support
of more than 75 Service Units and the possible requirement of
a single item file.  L. Bugg is writing a letter to Jane Burke
about the Service Unit limit.   As a minimum, DALNET would
like source code available so that DALNET programmers can
increase the limit (as they had to do for the current
release).  L. Bugg is also providing input about the impact on
DALNET of requiring a single item file.

InfoShare:   L. Bugg had mailed a press release to Project
Managers explaining that the Silver Platter search engine will
be used for InfoShare and that the 60 databases offered by
Silver Platter will be the ones available for use on
InfoShare.  Silver Platter will be writing the loader programs
and handling pre-loading for these databases.   Project
Managers expressed concern about the possible lack of
consistency of searching between InfoShare databases and
LUIS/MDAS databases and about the availability of non-Silver
Platter databases for loading on InfoShare.   The Systems
Office will continue to share information as it becomes
available.

Horizon:   L. Bugg will send Project Managers materials on
planning for migration to Horizon (from a NOTIS session at
Midwinter ALA).  These materials should help us determine what
steps we can begin to take now, if any.

A discussion ensued about planning for other NOTIS products in
the near future, such as PACLoan, ProPAC, and InfoShare.  the
next Project Managers meeting (May 2) will be devoted to
reviewing the hardware, software, and network requirements for
these products (e.g., Ethernet and client workstations).  This
session will be geared to project Managers.  A later, more

technical session may be scheduled to include computer staff from the DALNET institutions. H. Ma offered use of the DPL's Explorers' Room for this meeting. L. Bugg may invite some WSU Computing Center staff to serve as resource people at this meeting.

L. Bugg will also try to schedule a meeting with NOTIS representatives on June 1 (the day before the Michigan NOTIS Users Meeting). John Florian (our NOTIS Marketing Representative) and Don Riley (technical support for NOTIS marketing) could help us plan for these future products.

L. Bugg will talk to P. Spyers-Duran regarding Board-level discussion of DALNET's plans for future NOTIS products and possible migration to Horizon.

V.   **PLANS FOR MDAS DATABASES**

W. Kane updated Project Managers on discussions with various MDAS database vendors.

CINAHL:  Will be coming to WSU on Thursday, March 10, to talk about their database, including pricing for DALNET. An option to consider is one license fee for WSUL and a second license for the rest of the DALNET libraries together.

Current Contents (ISI):  Has extended its free trial to the end of June 1994. Libraries not currently participating in this trial should contact W. Kane if they wish to begin. We are still waiting for ISI's price proposal for DALNET following the June trial period.

Wilson:  We are still waiting for a response to our suggested price of one license fee for WSUL and a second license fee for the rest of the DALNET libraries.

Books in Print:  Proposed a very high price for all DALNET libraries. One possibility is to have libraries with campus bookstores share the database and its cost with their bookstores. Project Managers suggested asking for a price for a "limited" number of users and then limit use of BIP to staff terminals at DALNET sites.

L. Bugg had been considering imposing a moratorium on adding databases until after the CPU upgrade. But, in reality, if we begin to negotiate for additional databases now, the process would probably take until after the CPU upgrade is in place.

VI.  **OTHER**

<u>Michigan NOTIS Users Meeting</u>:  Will be held at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti on June 2.  Jane Burke will be the Keynote speaker.

<u>Other Systems--April 18 Meeting</u>:  The Michigan Library Association's Automated Library Services Division is sponsoring a workshop called "Emerging Technologies and Trends" at the Kellogg Center at Michigan State University on April 18th.  Several major automation vendors will discuss their latest products.  H. Ma will send registration information to Project Managers.


The next meeting will be held on **Monday, May 2, at 1:00 p.m. in DPL Main Library Staff Lounge.**


Notes by Charlene Wecker
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