DALNET Database Standards Committee

Minutes - October 30, 1990

Present: C. Audia, A. Evans, A. Pogany, A. Sargent, T. Shen,
    C. Wecker

Absent: A. Bondar, H. Ma, K. Zinterhofer

A. Evans distributed the final draft of the Name and Series and LC
Subject authority policy documents to the group.   These policies, as
well as the one on provisional records (which the Committee modified
following suggestions from the Board), will be on the agenda for
approval at the next DALNET Board meeting.   C. Wecker distributed to
the group the current DALNET database statistics.

C. Wecker reported that beginning in September, monthly MARCIVE tapes
will include more records since GPO has begun to create minimal level
records for some titles. These records will be identified as minimal
via the "7" in the "Enc Lvl" field.

As mentioned at last month's meeting, DALNET libraries will begin to
be charged for printed output (since the WSU UCC is beginning to
charge for this). Details regarding costs will be on the agenda of
the next Project Managers meeting.   In discussing Cataloging-related
products, the Committee decided that the frequency of production of
the standard number index output could be decreased to once a week.

C. Wecker reported on progress in test loading the LCSH records and
testing the AOVL/BOVL (derive/overlay) capability. A. Evans and
C. Wecker are continuing to work on testing the LCSH load. No precise
date can be given for making this operational, but it is hoped that it
will be sometime before the end of the year. AOVL/BOVL is working
successfully in test. The Committee agreed that, to begin with, only
the BOVL command should be used. Use of the ACU capability by
authorized staff can accomplish the same thing as the AOVL command;
this seemed preferrable to utilizing the AOVL command. A. Evans and
the WSU Database Management Section will analyze whether there is a
reason to use the AOVL command. C. Wecker is planning on forwarding
to Project Managers a document detailing the procedure for utilizing
the BOVL (Bibliographic Overlay) command in the near future. This
will be on the agenda of the next Project Managers meeting on November
5.   Project Mangers will also need to inform C. Wecker of the security
categories to which the BOVL capability should be added.

The Detroit Public Library, Oakland University, the University of
Detroit, and Wayne County Community College have all successfully
installed the OCLC Passport software.   Libraries are reminded that
the M105 printer translation needs to be selected. With the GTO, all
terminals will need to be within 50 feet of the microcomputer that is
serving as the GTO machine. The group discussed the fact that for
those libraries utilizing the Acquisitions Module, catalogers will
usually be transferring only when doing original cataloging or
database management activities.

A. Evans, A. Sargent, and C. Wecker all attended NUGM 1990 in Chicago last week. Reports from the meetings will be distributed to DALNET Project Managers in the future. A. Evans reported on the meetings she attended. Some key items presented included:

1. 5.0 Changes in LUIS: CCL (Common Command Language) commands will be accepted; the search request will be repeated at the top of the index screen; each installation will decide on the content and order of fields for the new labelled bibliographic displays (full and brief) -- this can vary from format to format; call number searching (except for unlinked item records) will be available in LUIS -- the call number index will be browsable backwards; there will be an indication ("MFHD") on copy holdings records when there is a MARC Holdings Record for a specific copy.

2. Global Changes: The current global change capability will be improved and will work on all types of headings. A new global change ("glch") utilizes a workform and handles embedded terms, changes tags, adds subject headings, etc.

3. Conflict and Error Report: This report will be improved and should include accurate reporting of Type 15 and 16 errors.

4. Use of MeSH records in NOTIS: Tony Olson from Northwestern (NUL) discussed utilizing these records in NOTIS. The MeSH tapes consist of 400,000 records, of which 15,000 are for main headings, 7,000 for subheadings, and the remaining for main and subheadings combinations. NUL loaded the first two categories into NOTIS and is moving over records from the third category on a selective basis. NUL is also creating some original records. The LCSH loader was modified and used to load the NLM tapes. The NLM number is mapping to the 035 field. Tree numbers are being indexed. The records are in a separate processing unit. There is some mis-tagging. NUL has a grant to study the use of multiple subject authority files in a single dictionary index. Tony Olson and Gary Strawn (NUL) hope to design an algorithm which will deal with conflicts which occur because the headings differ.

A. Evans reported on the DALNET model for authority control at a NUGM session. H. Ma and C. Wecker were on a panel describing staff training models. C. Wecker was on a panel discussing "Shared Online Catalogs."

A. Evans reminded Committee members that the AMC format could be useful for material in all DALNET libraries. It can be used at the summary level, e.g. 1 box, 1 folder. There is a limit of about 10 screens for a bibliographic record. At the NUGM meeting, a panel of archivists discussed the AMC format; the panelists felt that the AMC format was not satisfactory for their needs.

A. Evans reviewed the new LC guidelines for cataloging priorities.
Four levels have been identified. Titles in level 1 will have full
cataloging; titles in levels 2-4 may have minimal level cataloging.
Minimal level records may not have a classification number or subject
headings. A. Evans will forward copies of these guidelines to
Committee members.

A. Evans announced that Oresta Biloskurska will be filling M. Lacy's
position. She will begin working in the Database Management Section
next Monday. The Committee decided to send a retirement present to
M. Lacy.   A. Evans will buy a present (a pin?) and she will bring a
card for Committee members to sign to the next Committee meeting.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held preceding our annual
Holiday lunch. This year, the Acquisitions Task Force will be joining
us for lunch. The meeting and lunch will be held either
December 13 or 14. C. Wecker will poll those who did not attend
today's meeting as well as the members of the Acquisitions Task Force
and profs everybody with the final date. The meeting will be held at
Wayne County Community College. Prior to that meeting, A. Evans and
C. Wecker will work on guidelines for copy holdings records. They
will also work with other members of the Committee on creating a
sample listing of volume holding statements.

Notes by C. Wecker