

DALNET Circulation Standards Committee Minutes

Meeting:

11/30/99, Purdy/Kresge Conference Room, 10:00-12:00

Present:

Bradd Burningham (WS), Joan Emahiser (WBH-RO), Carol Sims (WCCC), Becky Riesterer(WC), Anaclare Evans (DALNET), Joyce Zurel (OCC), Janice Miller (MCC), Ruth Ewald (MCC)

Scott Muir –DALNET

Anaclare informed the committee that Scott Muir was ill and would be unable to attend the meeting as planned. Bradd said he would invite him to the next meeting.

Update on Horizon Implementation

DPL is scheduled to go live as of tomorrow. Anaclare filled in members on the progress that had been made towards making this happen. She hadn't heard anything which would prevent them coming up as of tomorrow. The other libraries are proceeding according to schedule.

Report on Horizon Users Group Meeting in Kansas City.

Bradd and Anaclare reported to the committee on what they had been told about future plans for Horizon, as well as DALNET-specific information they had learned at meetings at the user group. They described the Ameritech decision to withdraw WebPac 1.3 for unix-based servers, and what this meant for DALNET. They discussed Sunrise and the direction that Ameritech was moving in. Bradd described a couple of interesting new modules for Horizon which he had seen. Anaclare outlined the progress which had been made in working towards creation of a unique identifier for use in a shared patron database. Essentially, Ameritech appears unwilling to devote the resources to come up with this identifier at this stage, given that Sunrise will use a different programming language and any work done would have a short-term value. The issue of using the SSN as the common, unique identifier has reemerged. It may be possible to mask the SSN so that it is stored and used centrally but is not displayed in a commonly accessible patron record. The whole issue is being revisited.

Patron Note Conventions List

Anaclare is still working on redrafting this from previous discussions. She will bring it to a later meeting.

Patron Record Conventions List

Given the uncertainty about the SSN, this issue was table for the immediate future.

Reports from Member Libraries

Representatives reported they were on schedule as far as implementation goes. Anaclare noted there was a limited window for any reports libraries might wish. On the question of using mailers for notices, Anaclare said that Dody Fox was experimenting with using mailers in Horizon 5.12.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is Tuesday, January 11, 2000, 9:30-12:00 in the Purdy/Kresge Conference Room.

Bradd Burningham
Dec. 21, 1999