

Minutes of the DALNET Collection Development Committee January 26, 1999

University of Detroit McNichols Library

Meeting began at 9:30

Present: Bob Holley, Mary Anne Nagler, Jenny Nolan (Chair) Teresa Prince, Jeff Trzeciak

Minutes were approved from last meeting

Bob Holley brought his latest publication, fortuitously entitled: Cooperative Collection Development: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow from *Collection Management*. At the meeting, copies were made and passed out to committee members.

The third draft of the committee's statement to the Board was discussed, and revisions suggested. It was thought that the last paragraph does not fit in with the charge of the committee. Jenny will make the revisions and bring to the next meeting

Although previously the thoughts of the committee had leaned toward abdicating to MLC the electronic database collection duties, Mary Anne brought up that OCC had procured a better price through DALNET than through MLC. Once again, the volatility and confusion of the market has led to disparate and illogical pricing... Galenet's price to Dalnet was \$13,000, with unlimited users, but from MLC would have been \$20,000 for 2 or 3 users.

It was mentioned that there is some confusion on the procedures to be followed for purchasing databases and by the committee and then Dalnet. It was thought that Adriene Lim would be the point person from Dalnet to work with the vendors, after recommendations from the committee. The chair will review the procedures document and make appropriate changes for review by the committee.

A suggestion was made and enthusiastically agreed to by the committee to compile a comprehensive list of databases subscribed to by Dalnet libraries, who the vendors and suppliers are, what the restrictions are (ie #of users,) and if possible, prices. With such a list, the committee could make more informed decisions, not duplicate efforts, compare with MLC, and hopefully obtain the best pricing from the vendors. Means of obtaining this list were discussed, with Mary Ann volunteering to see if one of OCC's staff, who had performed a similar project, would be willing to undertake the survey. It was thought that it would be best to send the list to the project managers. Mary Anne and Jenny will compose a statement of intent, and Mary Anne will produce the form and statement for the next meeting.

The next meeting is set up for the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February at 9:30am

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Nolan