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TO: DALNET Board Members
FROM: Patricia Senn Breivik *PSB*
SUBJECT: Focus Sessions this Summer
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It is indeed a pleasure to be here at Wayne State University as the Dean of Libraries. One of my new and exciting areas of responsibility is the DALNET consortium and Wayne's provision of services to our DALNET partner libraries.

While I have already met most of you at the May DALNET Board meeting, I would like to spend some time this Summer with you and your key staff in a series of focus sessions. These sessions will provide an opportunity for you to tell us your needs and expectations from DALNET and to tell us how well we are currently meeting those needs.

My goals for these focus sessions include educating myself about the DALNET libraries and institutions, getting your input to help us evaluate our services, and initiating some thinking about a new vision for DALNET in the years ahead.

The sessions are expected to last about two hours, during which time you will be asked to respond to these questions:

- 1) What concerns or suggestions do you have about our current DALNET services, including training, communications, and technical support? *Financial accountability*
- 2) Assuming money is no problem, what DALNET Online System enhancements do you need most within the next few years while we do our long range planning?
- 3) For the longer term, how do you envision our cooperative efforts (built around a shared online catalog system) as best benefiting your institution and your library users?

Please feel free to invite key members of your staff, for example, the Project Managers, to attend the focus sessions with you. We have arranged the sessions by library type, so that the groups will be smaller and better able to target the needs of each library type within our multi-type consortium. The results of these sessions will be available for discussion at our next Board meeting, which is scheduled for September 14th at MCC.

Please RSVP to Elizabeth Holcomb at 313/577-4020 at least one week before your session with your plans to attend. I look forward to seeing you soon.

DALNET SUMMER FOCUS SESSIONS

(To be held at Wayne State University, Purdy Library, Dean's Conference Room)*

**July 13, 1995 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
(Purdy Library Simons Room)**

**Oakland University
University of Detroit Mercy
Walsh College**

July 17, 1995 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Detroit Public Library

July 21, 1995 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Botsford Hospital
Beaumont Hospital
Harper Hospital
Children's Hospital
Oakland County Law
Detroit Institute of Arts**

August 8, 1995 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Macomb Community College
Oakland Community College
Wayne County Community College**

August 10, 1995 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Wayne State University

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