

DALNET Steering Committee Meeting Minutes November 23, 1998

Present: D. Adams, K. Bacsanyi, L. Bugg, J. Flaherty, J. Houser, H. Masek, and M. Sheble

Minutes for 11/9/98 approved.

1. DALNET Board meeting

L. Bugg reported on the DALNET Board meeting of 11/13/98. The Board approved the Grant Writing and ILL committees. The Board approved the purchase of authority files as requested. The question of how and where to load the authority files was referred to the Shared Authorities Task Force. The board also approved the service agreement between DPL and DALNET (covering both Help Desk and server management services).

2. Product Enhancements

- a. The Ameritech contacts for the various enhancement projects were distributed. They are as follows:
Patron database: R. Ferrante
Authentication: S. Bate
Shared authority file: E. Boyce
Children's OPAC: Lisa Godfrey
Statistics: may not be needed
Media booking: R. Ferrante
RSS: John Bodfish
- b. The Steering Committee is still waiting for the DPL Children's OPAC representatives to be determined.
- d. L. Bugg reported that discussions with Ameritech have suggested that no letter to OCLC asking for cooperation in conforming to the ILL standards supported by the RSS is needed.

4. Horizon Migration Projects

- a. UDM – M. Sheble said that migration is generally going well, but that the Frame-Relay network is still not up. UDM's network support people still need to make some programming changes on their router. Ameritech is ready to make corresponding changes on their router as soon as UDM has finished. Also, some re-indexing is needed due to changes in the MARC maps. Changes are generally to come into conformance with the DALNET-wide indexes. Serial holdings are still a problem. M. Sheble suggested that a January meeting with Jeff Olson would be helpful. Another question regards the setting of fine thresholds.

- c. DPL – J. Houser reported that data entry has started at DPL on the configuration and conversion tables, but the process has been delayed by the need to complete a circulation policy review. DPL has requested and received a number of changes to the NOTIS item-mapping table in order to accommodate conversion of collections of materials with varying item types and inconsistent use of the subfield k. (as of 11/30/98, DPL has defined 563 different collections and nearly 5700 entries in the NOTIS item-mapping table.)
- d. WSU – L. Bugg reported that WSU has decided not to use the stop list table at all. Testing of WSU's test database is ongoing. The database is now accessible via Wayne's test WebPAC. Wayne State wants to move the production load back by a week or so to allow for additional testing. One problem reported by both Wayne State and UDM is that items given a status of "on order," and "In processing" are converting to "On shelf."
- e. L. Bugg reported that she is still trying to get manuals for the next group of libraries to migrate to Horizon. She proposed that we hold a Horizon briefing for the next group of libraries scheduled to migrate (DIA, Oakland County Law Library, Walsh College, WCCC, and the VA Hospital) instead of the December 7, Project Mangers meeting. This group is due to come up in June 1999.
- f. H. Masek reported that Ameritech is developing plans to allow DALNET libraries to download the latest client software from a server at Ameritech. Randall Jones is working on this project. The expectation is that eventually the Help Desk will download from Ameritech and then provide assistance to Libraries in acquiring and installing the latest version.
- g. WebPAC 1.3 is available only in the NT version, currently. H. Masek said that no firm date has been set for the Solaris version (what DALNET needs.) Ameritech has announced that no IBM version will be developed.
- h. L. Bugg reported that she has been trying to arrange system administrator, ReportSmith, Sybase and WebPAC training. She mentioned that some training might be planned for December. J. Houser requested that the training sessions be planed farther in advance because many people's calendars fill up a month or more before scheduled events. L. Bugg and H. Masek agreed to look into what could be done, either delay until January or schedule the training a second time for those unable to attend in December.

5. Information Hub Showcase

- a. The Steering Committee discussed adding Z39.50 links to the big Michigan universities to the demonstration plan.
- b. The group did not have enough information to determine whether RSS or NetPublisher demos might be possible. J. Houser mentioned that DPL will add a link to its African-American Inventors database.

6. Other

- a. J. Houser indicated that a person had been chosen to participate in the ILL Task Force by DPL.